

Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

Saturday, February 22	6:00pm - <u>Great Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	6:15pm - Memorial Litya
	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil & Confessions
Sunday, February 23	9:30am - Divine Liturgy
	11:30am -Meatfare Potluck
	11:30am - Sunday School
	12:00pm - Bread Ministry
	5:00pm - Youth Ministry
Tuesday, February 25	6:30pm - <u>Vespers & Catechesis at St. Nina</u>
Wednesday, February 26	6:30pm - Great Vespers
	7:20pm - Christian Ed Class
Thursday, February 27	9:00am - Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
	8:00pm - Adult Sunday School via Zoom
Friday, February 28	11:00am - Akathist for Forgiveness Sunday
	11:50am - Confessions
Saturday, March 1	1:00pm - St. Elisabeth Sisterhood meeting
	4:30pm - Mercer County Vespers
	6:00pm - <u>Great Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	6:15pm - Memorial Litya for Departed Monastics
	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil & Confessions
Sunday, March 2	9:30am - Divine Liturgy
	11:30am - Cheesefare Potluck
	11:30am - Sunday School
	12:00pm - Bread Ministry
	5:00pm - Forgiveness Vespers



Saint Athanasius
ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday of the Last Judgement

This **Sunday** is dedicated to **the Last Judgement** and marks the final day of Meatfare week.

**Welcome to St.
Athanasius Orthodox
Church!**

A Special Welcome to all Visitors on the Visitor's Sunday! You should feel free to participate at your comfort level. Greeters and Doorkeepers are happy to assist you. As a reminder to all, Holy Communion is only given to Orthodox Christians who have kept fast, made recent confession, and are at peace with their neighbors. Following Dismissal from Liturgy, Visitors are invited to a short tour of the church and to come to the parish hall for a "Welcome Brunch" and fellowship.

We are asking our parish members to set aside enough food for the visitors.

We are welcoming a new Catechumen today! Jacob Pappas will be enrolled as a catechumen, taking the name Athanasius.

Special Cheesehare Wednesday Presentation by Haley Paine on Campus



February 23rd is Visitors' Sunday!

Ministry At the invitation of Fr. Justin, Haley Paine will be presenting on her campus ministry work with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Berea College. She will share stories and approaches to ministry with college students through Intervarsity (a para-church organization.) Haley enjoys the blessing of Archbishop Alexander in her work and the support of our clergy and lay leaders. Learn about her interesting work, straddling the boundaries of Orthodoxy, other Christian traditions, and the post-Christian university.

We will also explore ways you can support Haley as she does this interesting work of sharing Christ!

Bring non-meat treats and dishes and favorite beverages as we mark Cheesehare Wednesday

Night. The hall will be open for fellowship after Haley's Talk.

St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Hosting Mini-Retreat at 1pm on Saturday, March 1 @ at the home of Mat. Karen Thatcher, who will lead the retreat. Everyone is invited to stay for early Vespers

afterward. The ladies will be discussing helpful points from St. John Climacus' *Ladder of Divine Ascent*, including Steps 4 "Obedience-Cutting off One's Will," 8 "Freedom from Anger," & 9 "Malice-Forgetting of Wrongs." To prepare for this event, an email will be sent with links for options to download excerpts or order the book. Reach out to Deb Bishop or Matushka Karen if you have any questions.

Calendars for February and March are available in the narthex. The website is also updated for February, Great Lent, & Paschaltide:

- And the pre-Lenten Sundays – every weekend in February.
- Special classes on Wednesday nights after Vespers, social events, and much more on the calendar in February including;
- You can also see the March outlook—which has Lenten Services noted clearly.

Remember to Mark Your Calendars for Sunday Forgiveness Vespers at 5pm next Sunday, March 2 and for the many Clean Week services with 9 occasions for Confessions. It's very helpful to plan a Confession near the start of Lent and another towards the middle or end. Every adult Orthodox Christian is expected to make at least one Lenten Confession during this season.

Pre-Lenten Contra Dance Social at 730pm Friday, February 28 – RSVP Needed

Willie Ann and Zach Goodrode will be hosting a youngish-adult contra dance (18+) in the church fellowship hall. Contra dancing is a "called dance," similar to square dancing, with a more English-folk background. You'll be taught all that you need to know. Be ready to learn and dance. Wear comfortable shoes that

you can move in. Bring a snack and drink to share at intermission. We'll dance, have intermission with some chill waltz dancing, then go back to contra. End time is about 10pm.

(Search in YouTube for example video using terms "Crowfoot in Tacoma (Doug Plummer)

Hard RSVP's are needed by Sunday, February 23. Remember, the event doesn't work if we have less than 16 people. RSVP with Zach (270)-723-4589 or Ann (270)-734-2717.

Sunday Ministry Schedule Update: Going forward, the Sunday Ministry schedule will

be posted on the website instead of in the bulletins. You can find it at bluegrassorthodox.org/ministries. For quick access, please use **QR code:**

Printed

schedules

are in

the narthex and downstairs on the bulletin board.



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