Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & <u>St. Nina</u>

| Saturday, March 8 | 6:00pm - Great Vespers at St. Nina & Confessions 6:45pm - 40 Martyrs Activity & Potluck at St. Nina 6:15pm - Memorial Litya 6:30pm - All-Night Vigil & Confessions |
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| Sunday, March 9 | 9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:30am - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 12:30pm - Girls' Group 5:00pm - Orthodox Vespers at St. Andrew |
| Tuesday, March 11 | 6:30pm - <u>Vespers & Catechesis at St. Nina</u> 6:30pm - Parish Council |
| Wednesday, March 12 | 5:45pm - 9th Hour & Typika6:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts7:20pm - Soup & Salad Lenten Dinner |
| Thursday, March 13 | 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm - Adult Sunday School |
| Friday, March 14 | 10:45am - 9th Hour & Typika 11:00am - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |
| Saturday, March 15 | 9:00am - Memorial Liturgy 11:00am - St. Herman Brotherhood Gathering at Louries 4:30pm - Mercer County Vespers 6:00pm - <u>Lay Vespers at St. Nina</u> |

 ${\it Calendar\ Updates\ can\ be\ found\ on\ the\ Parish\ Website-blue grassorthod ox.org}$

9:30am - Divine Liturgy

12:00pm - Bread Ministry

Sunday, March 16

6:15pm - Memorial Litya for Departed Monastics

6:30pm - All-Night Vigil & Confessions

11:30am - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School

8:30am - Baptism of Paul McClure

March 9th, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Great Lent





Triumph of Orthodoxy Sunday

This **Sunday** we commemorate the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against iconoclasm.

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

Welcome to all Visitors! 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.

Be Ready for our Icon **Today** Procession for Sunday of Orthodoxy Following a tradition in our Church since AD 843. Christians Orthodox bring for favorite icons our Procession at the end of the Liturgy.

The Annual Pan-Orthodox **Vespers Service** to be held at St. Andrew's This Sunday at 5pm Join the Orthodox of Kentucky as we gather to celebrate our faith and enjoy a Lenten reception after the service. At least 7 Orthodox communities will be represented!

We Welcome John Corum as Part of our Church Office Staff In January, the parish council announced a job search to fill a new parttime position of Parish Administrative Assistant. We had a number of applications submitted to our hiring team consisting of Fr. Justin, Fr. Giorgi, Parish Warden Steve Adams, Council Secretary Mary Cook, & Parish Treasurer Collins Kamau. Our team decided to interview two outstanding candidates. After careful consideration, we have invited John -- and he accepted -- to take this

position. This new position is less "office-based" and more "hybrid," and will involve graphic design, making of bulletins and church publications, assisting with website and treasury needs, and more.

Our Lenten Guide for Lent 2025 is printed and ready for vou to take. Note that the interior of this calendar is basically our March-April calendar up through Pascha. And is very helpful for planning out which services you try to attend.

Welcome to the New Parish Administrative Assistant



Diocesan Leadership

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Dallas and the South His Grace Bishop Gerasim, Bishop of Ft. Worth, Diocesan Administrator



Our Thanks to Fr. David and Mat. Karen!

Matushka Karen as they mark preparing to move our one full vear with us in Outreach Center over to the Kentucky! We are so glad you new facility in March and will are here. What a blessing the Thatchers have been to our moving furniture and other growing community(ies.)

Needed Volunteers **Lexington Rescue Mission** For anyone with some very basic remodeling skills, we will soon need people to lay carpet tile, install ceiling tiles (not the grid, just the tiles), and paint trim on our second floor. Folks with more advanced skills might inquire if there are any other ways to assist with the remodel

Many Years to Fr. David & if they so desire. We are need people to assist with items from people's offices. If you are interested or have any at questions, please contact Jacob Kavlor.

> Check out our Soup & Salad Sign-up for our weekly Wednesday night dinners in Lent, following our weekly Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies.

Would vou be Able To Correspond with a Few Prisoners Who Reached Out To Us? In the midst of his pastoral duties. Fr. Justin has visited a prison in Laurel County (London, KY) and -through the man inquiring into our Faith -- has had a few inmates reach out for spiritual support and prayer. Fr. Justin is looking for adult men (18+) and older ladies (50+) to take a letter and reply to one inmate (and pray for a month or so for him.) Your reply may or may not lead to more correspondence. Let Fr. Justin know if you are willing to do this.

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 bluegrassorthodox.org/ministri es. For quick access, please use

OR code:

Printed schedules are

in the narthex and downstairs on the bulletin board.

Parish Leadership

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