

Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

Saturday, April 5	10:00am - Church Ground Cleaning Day
	6:00pm - <u>Lay Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	6:15pm - Memorial Litya
	6:30pm - All-Night Vigil & Confessions
Sunday, April 6	9:30am - Divine Liturgy
	11:30am - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School
	12:00pm - Bread Ministry
	12:30pm - Girl's Group
Tuesday, April 8	6:30pm - <u>Vespers & Catechesis at St. Nina</u>
Wednesday, April 9	5:45pm - 9th Hour & Typika
	6:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	7:20pm - Soup & Salad Lenten Dinner
Thursday, April 10	7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
	8:00pm - Adult Sunday School
Friday, April 11	10:45am - 9th Hour & Typika
	11:00am - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	6:30pm - DeVita Baptism & Chrismation
	7:30pm - Compline & Canon for Lazarus Saturday
	7:00pm - Mercer County Vespers & Confessions
Saturday, April 12	8:00am - Baptisms & Chrismations
	9:00am - Lazarus Saturday Liturgy
	10:20am - Pancake Breakfast
	11:00am - Children's Confession
	6:00pm - <u>Great Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	6:30pm - Palm Sunday Vigil
Sunday, April 13	9:30am - Divine Liturgy (Palm Sunday)
	11:30am - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School
	12:00pm - Bread Ministry
	6:00pm - <u>Bridegroom Matins at St. Nina</u>
	7:20pm - <u>Fish Dinner for Students</u>



Saint Athanasius
ORTHODOX CHURCH



St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

The doors to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, where St. Mary of Egypt experienced her own personal conversion on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross at some point in the sixth century.

**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.

**New St. Athanasius Members
Being Received around Lazarus**

Saturday Please pray for AND consider offering welcome gifts to the following people who are being received into the Church this Lazarus Saturday. Baskets will be placed in the conference room starting this week and will be given to the newly-illuminated on Palm Sunday. Daniel DeVita and his infant daughter Anna the Friday before Lazarus Saturday; and on Lazarus Saturday we will receive Samuel Gingerich, Jack (Augustine) Reynolds, Skylar (Patrick) Smith, Kienan (Adrian) Ramlee, Anthony Marino, Jacob (Athanasius) Pappas, and Cole (John) Forrester.

Remember: Holy Week & Pascha are our BEST EVANGELISM in the Orthodox Church! If any of your friends have ever expressed interest in visiting, pick a service or two and invite them! They are welcome!

Prayers Requested for Trip to St. Vladimir's & St. Tikhon's in NY & PA, respectively. About sixteen young parishioners, led by Fr. Justin & Fr. Giorgi, are visiting OCA seminaries and our flagship monastery. We appreciate Fr. David taking the lead in all pastoral needs this weekend. In the event of an emergency requiring a local priest, you can reach Fr. David at 209-765-7081.



Help Us Pick Up Chairs After Every Event in Hall! In an attempt to keep our hall cleaner, we are asking that chairs be picked up after every event in the hall. Our cleaner is on limited hours and has been forced to spend a lot of his time moving chairs around. Let's all chip in to make his job easier and to use his time well!

Lazarus Saturday Events & Needs: Lazarus Saturday is a very festive day, particularly in our parish. This year, we welcome new members, celebrate a Liturgy, do our usual pancake breakfast, crafts for kids, Children's Confessions, egg-dyeing, palm-folding, decoration for Palm Sunday, and more. Beth Walther is serving as our coordinator for these events 859-553-0268

The Young Men's Brotherhood of St. Innocent (18+) will have their second meeting discussing the topic of "The Pros and Cons of Online Orthodoxy" this Sunday, April 6th. The meeting will commence shortly after Divine Liturgy around 12:30, the same time as common meal and will meet at the fire-pit, weather permitting.

Last Call for Confessions With only one week left in Great Lent and Holy Week, the clergy encourage everybody (especially those who have not made Confession in this Lenten season) to schedule one at once. We traditionally ask that all adult Confessions be wrapped up the night before Lazarus Saturday (April 11.) We hear Children's Confessions on Lazarus Saturday as part of the events of that day. Check the calendar for open Confession times OR reach out to one of our priests directly and set up an appointment.

Flower Offering Part of our honoring the Lord during the sacred days of Holy Week & Pascha is the purchase, offering, and arranging of flowers. We invite people to participate in helping decorate the church on Lazarus Saturday and to help adorn the Lord's Tomb on Holy Friday (stay tuned for more details.) We certainly need donations to purchase beautiful flowers for these feasts and we have adjusted our online giving to show a "flowers" option.

Choir Rehearsal This Thursday This will be the last rehearsal before Holy Week and Pascha. We'll be going over the music for these services. It is imperative to come to practice to give our very best.

2nd-5th Grade Sunday School Class Pickup: As part of our parish's child safety policy, we need to ensure all kids are back in their parents' care before releasing them. As our class size has grown significantly, we are no longer able to walk the class through the downstairs crowds in order to find all of the parents. Therefore, at the conclusion of Sunday School, we will bring the students downstairs to the mailbox area next to the water fountain. Please meet us there in order to sign out your child each week. We will make an announcement when the students are downstairs, which will be twenty-five minutes after the students were dismissed from the nave. Thanks for being flexible as we seek to ensure the safety of the children in our parish and adjust to the growing number of students in our class.

The Lost and Found Will Be Emptied before Lazarus Saturday If you are missing items or set them in a place where they were likely to be picked, check the Lost & Found tote in the hall under the mailbox today. We are trying to keep our hall neat and tidy. Know that our current policy is that anything lingering in the hall will be taken to this tote and (within a few weeks) given away.

We are now using Square to process payments for the book ministry! This way we can more easily keep track of what is purchased, and will be more convenient for those who would like to pay with a card, as opposed to using Tithely or cash. In order for us to use this new tech we will need some volunteers to run it during Fellowship Hour and on Wednesday nights. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry, please contact David Derenge or Steve Bishop so that you can be added to the system.

Bring Candy for Pascha Egg Hunt We are collecting candy for our kid's annual egg hunt during the Pascha picnic. Please donate individually wrapped candy that can fit inside an egg. We will fill the eggs on Lazarus Saturday after the pancake breakfast. If you have any questions, contact Isaac or Diane Chisholm. (dianemchisholm@gmail.com)

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. Printed schedules are in the narthex and downstairs on the bulletin board.



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