

Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

Saturday, March 29	1:00pm - Parish Volunteering at Lex. Rescue Mission
	4:30pm - Mercer County Vespers
	6:00pm - <u>Lay Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	6:15pm - Memorial Litya
	6:30pm - All-Night Vigil & Confessions
Sunday, March 30	9:30am - Divine Liturgy
	11:30am - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School
	12:00pm - Bread Ministry
Monday, March 31	9:00am - Festal Matins for St. Innocent & Confessions
Tuesday, April 1	6:30pm <u>Liturgy of the Presanctified at St. Nina</u>
Wednesday, April 2	5:45pm - 9th Hour & Typika
	6:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	7:20pm - Soup & Salad Lenten Dinner
Thursday, April 3	8:30am - Matins w/ Full Canon of St. Andrew
	8:00pm - Adult Sunday School
Friday, April 4	10:45am - 9th Hour & Typika
	11:00am - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	6:30pm - Compline & Akathist to the Theotokos & Confessions
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



Saint Athanasius
ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday of St. John of the Ladder

This **Sunday** is dedicated to **Saint John Climacus**,
the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*.

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.

Prayers Requested for Trip

Fr. Justin & Fr. Giorgi are leading a pilgrimage/trip to the St. Vladimir's & St. Tikhon's Seminaries in NY & PA, respectively. They will be away with about sixteen additional parishioners from this Friday through next Wednesday. (April 4 - 9). Fr. David will be holding down the fort and celebrating the services at both St. Athanasius & St. Nina. Please reach out to him with any in-person pastoral needs. (Both Fr. Justin & Fr. Giorgi will be available for email and text correspondence during the trip.) fr.david@bluegrassorthodox.org

Special Half-Day Retreat with Matins This Thursday 830-1130am Every year, the 5th Thursday in Lent contains two important elements closely connected to our repentance – the full Life of St. Mary of Egypt (itself a work of great literary and spiritual significance) and the entire and unabridged Great Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. The Thursday Matins containing these two works is monumental and awesome. Join us starting at 830am. The service usually lasts about 3 hours. Confessions will follow with at least two priests at 1130am.

The Akathist To Be Celebrated This Friday at 630pm While the Church loves various Akathists, only ONE of them is prescribed to be chanted in the Church according to the Typikon and that is THE Akathist written by Saint Romanos the Melodist in the mid-6th century. Fr. David will hear Confessions afterwards.

New Members Last Weekend & Preparing for More on Lazarus Saturday Many Years to the newly-illuminated at our sister mission St. Nina! We received the Christian family: Dustin (James) & Ashley (Naomi), and their children Clark (Naomi) & Cole (Nicholas) (Baptism); along with Luis (John the Baptist) and Jonathan (St. John of the Ladder). There are baskets for them at St. Nina. Similarly, we'll be placing baskets out for those to be received into the Church: Daniel and his daughter Anna the Friday before Lazarus Saturday; and on Lazarus Saturday we will receive Samuel, Jack (Augustine), Skylar (Patrick), Kienan (Adrian), Anthony, Jacob (Athanasius), and Cole (John)

Check out our Soup & Salad Sign-up for our weekly Wednesday night dinners during Lent, following the Pre-sanctified Liturgies.



Last Call for Confessions With only two weeks left in Great Lent, the clergy encourage everybody (especially those who have not made Confession in this Lenten season) to schedule one promptly and with haste. 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.

The Lost and Found Needs to Be Emptied 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 mailboxes. We are trying to keep our hall neat and tidy and we plan to empty out this tote regularly. So check it and know that anything that lingers in the hall will be taken to this tote and (within a few weeks) given away.

Help Us Pick Up Chairs After Every Event in Hall! In an attempt to better sweep the floors, 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!



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.

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.



Diocesan Leadership

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada,
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