

## Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<b>4:30pm</b> - Vespers & Confessions in Mercer Co.
	<b>6:00pm</b> - <u>Lay Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	<b>6:30pm</b> - <b>Cathedral Vigil</b> & Confessions
<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	<b>8:30am</b> - <b>Public Proskomedie</b>
	<b>9:30am</b> - <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	<b>11:30am</b> - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School
	<b>12:00pm</b> - Bread Ministry
	<b>12:30pm</b> - Girl's Group
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>11:00am</b> - Akathist to the Theotokos: "The Inexhaustible Cup"
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> - <u>Vespers and Catechesis at St. Nina</u>
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> - <b>Great Vespers</b>
	<b>7:20pm</b> - Christian Education Class
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>8:00pm</b> - Adult Sunday School
<b>Friday, May 9</b>	<b>11:00am</b> - Akathist to St. John the Theologian
	<b>11:50am</b> - Confessions
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> - <u>Great Vespers at St. Nina</u>
	<b>6:30pm</b> - <b>Cathedral Vigil</b> & Confessions
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	<b>9:30am</b> - <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	<b>9:30am</b> - <u>Divine Liturgy at St. Nina</u>
	<b>11:30am</b> - Fellowship Hour & Sunday School
	<b>12:00pm</b> - Bread Ministry



# Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH



## Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

This **Sunday** the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Martha and Mary the sisters of Lazarus, and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

**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.

**Pray for the Monks of Holy Cross Monastery** and the new Abbot Gabriel and the soul of Schema-Archimandrite Panteleimon (Fr. Seraphim). May his memory be eternal!

**There will be a Bridal Shower** for Hannah Chisholm, May 10, 11:00 at St. Athanasius.

**Announcing the 21st All-American Council and May 25 Elect 2 Lay Delegates** Per the statute of the Orthodox Church in America, all the bishops, full-time priests, and lay delegates from every parish gather every 3 years to deliberate about, plan for the future, and share the Sacraments together in unity. These gatherings, known as All-American Councils, have become a regular part of Church life in our OCA. As St. Athanasius now has 2 full-time priests, the statute directs us to elect two lay delegates to the AAC being held July 14-18 in Phoenix. We will elect 2 delegates on Sunday, May 25, in a brief 5-minute Parish Meeting (secret ballot.) We invite nominations of qualified and engaged parish members to serve as our

lay delegates. These people need to be committed Orthodox Christians, regular communicants, and deeply embedded in the life of St. Athanasius—and be able to attend the entire AAC. The parish customarily provides for travel expenses and hotel room. Please submit all nominations to Fr. Justin via email and have the words "AAC Nomination" in the header.

**We are serving Public Proskomedia this Sunday!** Divine Liturgy starts with preparatory rites when the Priest cuts out the bread and prepares wine to be consecrated into Christ's Body and Blood. This Sunday the rite will be held in the nave so the faithful can witness what actions and prayers are included for the benefit of everyone.

**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



**We are Receiving a New Catechumen this Sunday** Please warmly welcome the newly enrolled catechumen Julianna Gunby. May God grant her great strength!

**Thank You to All Who Volunteered and Contributed to the KFM Fish-fry Fund-raiser** While we're still getting the official numbers in, we would like to thank those who attended the dance and

helped support the work of KFM; and to everyone who volunteered and helped prepare, as well as donate food and funds.

**New Icon & Prayers Today for the Theotokos Inexhaustible Cup** An anonymous donor has provided a beautiful icon and icon analogion in honor of the our Lady the Theotokos, the Inexhaustible Cup. This icon has a powerful history

manifesting the power of Christ through the prayers of his Holy Mother. We will sing a short Moleben at the end of Liturgy and will chant her Akathist at 11am Monday.

**Christian Education Class;** This Wednesday evening there will be a class after vespers: *Reading Saints' Lives in Scriptural Context*, Part 1

**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](http://bluegrassorthodox.org/ministries).

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



**Parish Leadership**

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