Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

- Saturday, July 5
 4:30pm Vespers & Confession in Mercer Co.
 6:00pm Lay Vespers at St. Nina
 6:30pm Cathedral Vigil
 8:00pm Confessions
- Sunday, July 69:30am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Fellowship Hour
12:00pm Bread Ministry
2:00pm Baby Shower for Aisling
- Tuesday, July 86:30pm Vespers and Catechesis at St. Nina
- Wednesday, July 96:30pm Vespers7:20pm Christian Education: Study of Haggai
- Friday, July 11 11:00am Akathist to Ven. Sophrony of Essex 11:50am - Confessions

Saturday, July 12

6:00pm - <u>Lay Vespers at St. Nina</u>
6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil
8:00pm - Confessions

Sunday, July 13

9:30am - Divine Liturgy11:30am - Fellowship Hour12:00pm - Bread Ministry







Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org Administrative Assistant, John Corum: john.fcorum@bluegrassorthodox.org

Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church!

Welcome to all Visitors! 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.

July-August Hard Copy Calendars are now available in the narthex. Additionally, the church and mission websites have been updated for July.

Special Wednesday Class on Prophet Haggai – July 9, 16, 23, 30 with Fr. David leading the exploration of this "minor prophet" in the Old Testament. Mark your calendars!



Pray for those who are going to the 21st AAC

Clergy Coming & Going in July will see both Fr. Justin & Fr. Giorgi in and out of Nicholasville, mostly due to the All-American Council in Phoenix July 14-18. They are both driving to Phoenix with their families.

+ <u>Fr. Justin</u> will be away July 10-26 (missing 2 weekends)
+ <u>Fr. Giorgi</u> will be away July 10-22 (missing 2 weekends)
+ <u>Fr. David</u> will be exercising pastoral care in-person during these weeks, assisted from time to time by Fr. Jan and Deacon Simeon.

Mercy Meal Trains for the Smiths - We are making some changes to the mercy meal ministry to allow for the option of bringing a freezer meal to church for expectant families, there are still options for delivering a meal or sending a gift card. The hope is this allows for families that live farther away to be able to participate easier. I will be trying to post a mercy-meal sign-up <u>BEFORE</u> the baby is born. Thank you for blessing each other through this

ministry. Please use the QR Code to sign up!

Alms Fund News: most Orthodox parishes have a benevolence or alms box, which we call our alms fund. Our faithful are often very generous in supporting our alms fund. This is used by our clergy to parishioners facing a financial hurdle or crisis. The clergy will also support important alms-related needs in our local area. This past month, our local Homeless Shelter had a cash flow problem (low donations and high expenses) so we chipped in \$500 from our alms fund to

help them keep their doors

open. Thank you for giving and making a difference in people's lives, in fulfillment of the Gospel!

There is a Baby Shower for Grace-Anna Siskar on July 20th at 3:00pm hosted by Emily Starr. More details to follow!

Exciting News Regarding Cemetery Space: We are moving closer towards being able to announce an Orthodox section at Calvary Roman Catholic Cemetery in Lexington. Keep your eyes peeled for further updates! Using Square for book Ministry Payments! This is a more convenient way to make purchases with a card instead of Tithely. To utilize Square consistently, we need some volunteers to run it during Fellowship Hour and on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Derenge or Steve Bishop.

Online Giving If you find it more convenient to give online, please scan the QR

code and follow the instructions on the websi



We thank those who have given generously to tithe and alms! instructions on the website.

SundayMinistryScheduleUpdate:Goingforward,theSundayMinistryschedulewillbepostedonthewebsiteinstead of in the bulletins.

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

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