

Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

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| Saturday, September 6 | 3:00pm - Community Clothing Swap |
| | 4:30pm - Mercer Co. Vespers (Location TBA) |
| | 6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil |
| | 6:30pm - <u>Lay Vespers at St. Nina</u> |
| | 7:30pm - Confessions |
| Sunday, September 7 | 9:30am - Divine Liturgy |
| | 11:30am - Fellowship Hour |
| | 12:00pm - Bread Ministry |
| | 6:30pm - Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos |
| | 8:10pm - Confessions |
| Monday, September 8 | 7:00am - Festal Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos |
| | 8:15am - Festal Breakfast |
| Tuesday, September 9 | 6:30pm - <u>Vespers and Catechesis at St. Nina</u> |
| Wednesday, September 10 | 6:30pm - Vespers |
| | 7:20pm - Catechesis with Fr. Giorgi |
| Friday, September 12 | 11:00am - Akathist to Sts. Joachim and Anna |
| | 11:50am - Confessions |
| Saturday, September 13 | 6:30pm - <u>Great Vespers and Confessions at St. Nina</u> |
| | 6:30pm - Vigil for the Exaltation of the Cross |
| | 8:30pm - Confessions |
| Sunday, September 14 | 9:30am - <u>Liturgy and Potluck at St. Nina</u> |
| | 9:30am - Divine Liturgy |
| | 11:30am - Fellowship Hour |
| | 12:00pm - Bread Ministry |



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH



There is a Vigil tonight at 6:30pm for the Nativity of the Theotokos as well as a Liturgy in the Morning at 7:00am

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.

Annual St. Herman Camping Trip will be happening Sept. 26-28, 2025; make reservations now using the QR code below. There are an assortment of accommodations from cabins to camping sites. This is a wonderful annual tradition where multiple Orthodox communities have the opportunity interact, become acquainted, and enjoy the pleasures of nature and company. Please join us!



Mailbox Re-Organization please familiarize yourself with the new alphabetical structure and email John Corum through his work email if any concerns or errors are present or if you would like to request for a mailbox.

Presentation on St. Ignatius of Antioch: On Sunday, September 14 (Feast of the Cross Exaltation), William Weber of St. Michael Orthodox Church in Louisville will give a 45-minute talk on St. Ignatius of Antioch (martyred c. AD 115). The talk, held in the nave at 12pm after lunch, will be followed by Q&A and a book signing for *Dying to Reach God: A New Translation of St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna*.

Choir Workshop: St. Paul Orthodox Church in Dayton is hosting its 4th Annual Choir Workshop on Friday & Saturday, September 19-20. The cost is free but you must register! Get with friends to share the cost of a hotel room (or simply drive up early on Saturday for the day.)



The New Kitchen Island and other additions were assembled by Matthew Hill Josh Lourie, Adam Chisholm, and JP Patterson. Many thanks for their dedication to improving the parish!

The Annual Parish Meeting has been on the calendar for Sunday, Sept. 21, for several months. This annual meeting of the whole community is required both by OCA Statute and by Diocesan requirement. The main tasks of this meeting is to review the past year, hear reports on parish health and parish finance, approve a parish budget for 2025-26, and hold elections for parish leadership for 2025-26. The full proposed agenda can be reviewed here. If you have any proposed amendments to this agenda, please reach out to Fr. Justin as rector by next Saturday, Sept. 13.

1). We have one open seat on our parish council. Steve Adams is running again for this seat. (The other six members are not up for re-election this year.) Terms for are three years and we have a term-limit system whereby a parish council member may only run for two consecutive terms. Nominations are due by Saturday, Oct. 13, to Fr. Justin. If you wish to run for parish council now or in the future, please be mindful of the



Many years to the Smith family!

following guidelines: The parish council members are elected from among parishioners of our parish community. Parishioners who meet the following criteria are able to be nominated for service on the parish council, he or she must:

- +Be an Orthodox Christian for at least 3 years and a full member of the parish for at least one year.
- +Be at least 18 years of age.
- +Make Confession regularly in the parish (or elsewhere with the explicit blessing of the rector.)
- +Receive Holy Communion regularly in the parish.
- +Be a tithing or pledging member of the parish.
- +Be engaged in some kind of service/support within the parish.
- +Receive the blessing of the rector to be considered for nomination.

2). Note that this meeting is important enough that we provide childcare so parents can attend. We will have more information about childcare and lunch plans next Sunday.

3). Note also that we will hold a Finance and Budget Info meeting via Google Meet on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7pm. This will be the chance to familiarize yourself with the budget, ask questions, and suggest any changes before the Annual Meeting. We try to avoid last-minute changes that could take significant time in the actual meeting.

Social Media Retreat at St. Michael's in Louisville: Children's Sunday School and ROCK at St. Michael's are excited to be welcoming Michelle Moujaes to speak to our entire community this Friday and Sat. She is the Executive Director of Faithtree Resources.



Online Giving If you find it more convenient to give online, please scan the QR code and follow the instructions on the website.



Sunday Ministry Schedule Update: Going forward, the Sunday Ministry schedule will be posted on the website instead of in the bulletins. 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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Parish Leadership

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