

Services & Activities: Dec. 21- Dec. 28

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, December 21 <i>Sunday before Nativity of the Genealogy</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	
Monday December 22	6:30pm - Vespers for Nativity Forefeast 7:10pm - Confessions	
Tuesday, December 23	9:00am - Royal Hours before Nativity 10:15am - Confessions	6:30pm - Royal Hours & Confessions @ St. Nina
Wednesday, December 24 <i>Nativity Eve – Strict Fast</i>	9:00am - Vesperal Liturgy for Christmas Eve 6:30pm - Vigil for Nativity & Carols	5:00pm - Vesperal Liturgy for Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25 <i>Nativity of Our Lord – (No Fasting)</i>	8:00am - Festal Liturgy for Christmas Day	
Friday, December 26 <i>Synaxis of the Theotokos</i>	9:00am - Synaxis Liturgy	
Saturday, December 27 <i>St. Stephen</i>	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @ St. Nina
Sunday, December 28 <i>20,000 Martyrs of Nikomedia</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:30am - Post-Christmas Potluck 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 5:00pm - Youth Group	9:30am - Divine Liturgy & Potluck @St. Nina

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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December 21, 2025 - 28th Sunday after Pentecost



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH



**Join us for services this week as we celebrate
Nativity Forefeast and Christmas!**

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.

End-of-Year Giving Priorities

Glory to God! Our general fund was in the green in November. We are still digging out from our \$4000 hole in September. We ask that everybody focus our giving in two directions:

- 1) **Strong general fund offerings for December**
- 2) **Alms gifts for those in need.** **Note: We spent \$4000 to help bury an indigent parishioner and exhausted our alms fund back in September. We are aware of many needs as Christmas gets closer!

Children's Sunday School on Break

Children's Sunday School will be on break Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, so our next Sunday School will be held in the new year on Sunday, January 18th.

New Church Calendars

Thank you to our annual anonymous donor who has gifted each household that attends our parish and mission parish one St. Tikhon's Liturgical Calendar. We will begin distributing them this week.

Confessions

There are just 3 days before Christmas! Everyone is encouraged to make a confession at least once during the Nativity Fast.

Fasting & Feasting

A note about our calendar: There will be a strict fast on Christmas Eve. There is no fasting on Christmas Day and the ten days of the afterfeast of Nativity & forefeast of Theophany that follow. There will be a strict fast on the Eve of Theophany (Jan. 5) and no fasting on Theophany (Jan. 6.)

Join us for our Christmas Eve Vigil and Christmas carols.



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



Men's Night at Carl's House

On Friday, January 2 at 7:00pm, there will be a men's night at Carl's house. All adult men of the parish are welcome to join. Carl will provide certain dishes but please bring favored meats, drinks, and sides.

Adult Sunday School classes are usually held online on Thursdays from 8-9pm via Google Meet. However, we are taking a break for Christmas and will resume again on Thursday, January 8th. Join us virtually via this QR code on Thursdays:



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



Parish Leadership

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