

Services & Activities: Feb. 15 - 22

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, February 15 <i>Last Judgement Sunday</i> + <i>Meatfare</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:15am - Children's Sunday School 11:20am - Installing New Council Members 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 5:00pm - Youthgroup Meatfare Banquet	
Monday February 16		
Tuesday, February 17	6:30pm - Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm - Semi-Lenten Vespers & Catechesis @St. Nina
Wednesday, February 18	6:30pm - Semi-Lenten Vespers 7:20pm - Special Meeting for Building our Church Temple 8:20pm - Festive Fellowship in Hall for Cheesefare	
Thursday, February 19	7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm - Adult Sunday School Online	
Friday, February 20	11:00am - Akathist for Forgiveness Sunday 11:50am - Confessions	
Saturday, February 21	6:15pm - Memorial Litya 6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @ St. Nina
Sunday, February 22 <i>Forgiveness Sunday</i> + <i>Cheesefare</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:15am - Children's Sunday School 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 5:00pm - Forgiveness Vespers	9:30am - Divine Liturgy, Potluck, & Forgiveness Vespers @ St. Nina

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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February 15, 2026 - Sunday of the Last Judgement



Saint Athanasius
ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgement

**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.

Today is Meatfare, Sunday of the Last Judgement...
Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

Lenten Guides are now available in the narthex. Each guide include fasting guidelines and liturgical explanations for the season, as well as a Lenten calendar and letter from Fr. Giorgi encouraging the faithful as the fast begins.

Cheesefare Sunday Potluck is being held next week, Feb 22, after Liturgy. We invite everybody to bring favorite dishes. At the end of vigil on Saturday, we ask that people not making confessions help with setup downstairs.

Welcome to Joshua and Gena Marie Conley, who are being enrolled this Sunday as Catechumens.

Choir Rehearsals

The next choir rehearsal is Thursday, February 19th. If you have an interest in joining the choir, reach out to Mka. Tamara or Zoe Kaylor.

The St. Elizabeth Sisterhood will volunteer at the Jessamine County Food Pantry, 104 S. 2nd Street, Nicholasville, on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10:00-12:00. We will be cleaning and organizing to help the pantry prepare for food distribution. Please let us know if you can help so we can plan.
RSVP to Mary Bradshaw, mary.bradshaw81@gmail.com.
Contact Mary Cook, cook4me@gmail.com.

Welcome to the newest Parish Council Members, Ron Basil & Ruth, who are being installed today!

A photo from the recent housewarming/ baby sprinkle for Bethany Tonglamun!



Over 20 guests joined our church tour after Liturgy last week. Thanks to everybody who helped with Visitor's Sunday!

Saturday, February 28 ----- a Lenten pan-Orthodox Retreat at St. Andrew, featuring Dr. Jeannie Constantinou, a bestselling Orthodox author and biblical scholar. As the first Saturday of Great Lent, St. Theodore Saturday, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated @ 9 AM to "kick off" the retreat. One can only benefit from Dr. Constantinou's timely talks on both "Thinking Orthodox" as well as "The Crucifixion of the King of Glory," which are based her most recent and popular works. Both books will be available with an autograph session that has been planned.

Since it is the Lenten season how we as Orthodox "think" and approach Lent has been integrated. This should be an enlightening and inspirational experience. Lunch is included in the \$10 registration fee. Limited space – registration required.



Walk for Warmth... This will directly support the Lexington Rescue Mission's *Homeless Intervention Program*. When: **Saturday, February 21, 2026** at 10am. REGISTER AT: www.walkforwarmth.com.

**Mid-Liturgy Catechesis:
Sunday Schedule**

Upcoming--> TODAY - Feb 15, March 1, 15, 29.
Catechumens are encouraged to attend these teachings to learn about Christ and His Church in their catechumenate journey.

Regular Saturdays for Pre-Lent began Saturday, February 14. Over the next 8 weeks, we will add a Memorial Litya (6:15-6:30pm) every Saturday. Stay tuned for additional Memorial Services during the season, as well.

Adult Sunday School classes are usually held online on Thursdays from 8-9pm via Google Meet. 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.



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