

Services & Activities: Feb. 8 - 15

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, February 8 <i>Prodigal Son Sunday</i> + <i>Visitor's Sunday</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:15am - Children's Sunday School 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 12:30pm - Girl's Group	9:30am - Divine Liturgy & Visitor's Lunch @ St. Nina
Monday, February 9		
Tuesday, February 10		6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis @St. Nina
Wednesday, February 11	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Christian Education: Why Orthodoxy Matters	
Thursday, February 12	8:00pm - Adult Sunday School Online	
Friday, February 13	11:00am - Akathist for Departed 11:50am - Confessions	
Saturday, February 14	6:15pm - Memorial Litya 6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Lay Vespers @ St. Nina
Sunday, February 15 <i>Last Judgement Sunday</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	



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH



Welcome, Visitors!
Today we observe the Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

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.

Regular Saturdays for Pre-Lent Begin Saturday, February 14. Over the next 8 weeks, we will add a **Memorial Litya** (615-360pm) every Saturday. Stay tuned for additional Memorial Services during the season, as well.

Special Wednesday Night 1-st Time Class "Why Orthodoxy Matters" This class is designed for visitors who are trying to process Orthodox Christianity but also for Orthodox believers who wonder "what makes our Faith special?" This class might be especially helpful for our youth group-aged young people. The class follows 630pm Vespers on Wednesday and runs from 720-810pm. Join us!

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 if you have any questions.

Many Years to the newly illumined Julianna and Cody, who were received last week, and their sponsors!

Axios to our Rector, Fr. Justin, for being awarded with Epignation!



Today is Visitor Sunday!

Visitors, welcome to St. Athanasius! After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a tour of our beautiful church and opportunity to ask questions. We invite you to join us afterwards for coffee and a light lunch!

Mid-Liturgy Catechesis: Sundays

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

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



This week, young families spearheaded our second rebooted "Children's & Young Family Night." Parish kids heard stories of the 3 Hierarchs & the Carthaginian women Martyrs of the 3rd century.

Parish Council Update Over the past three months, we had two of our seven council members step down for different and blessable reasons. Eduard Svystun -- who has served faithfully for 18 months -- now has work hours that routinely conflict with evening meeting times. Oma Lopes has served for over a year but wishes to focus on her work as warden at St. Nina Mission in Berea. Per our uniform parish bylaws, I consulted with the council and I nominated -- and they approved -- two new candidates to complete terms through this September.

His Eminence our Archbishop Alexander has blessed Ruth Maria Sills & Ronald Basil McKinley to serve on council. They are both highly qualified to serve and should prove strong additions to the parish council. We will install Ruth and Ron NEXT Sunday, February 15.

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.

Parish Leadership

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Meatfare & Cheesefare Sunday Potlucks

are being held on Feb. 15 and 22. We invite everybody to bring favorite dishes to celebrate these two final Sundays that take us up to Lent. At the end of vespers/vigil on those two Saturdays, we ask that people not making confessions help with setup downstairs.

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.

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.

