

Services & Activities: March 1 - 8

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, March 1 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:15am - Children's Sunday School 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 5:00pm - Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers @ St. Michael's in Louisville	
Monday, March 2		
Tuesday, March 3		6:30pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Potluck @St. Nina
Wednesday, March 4	5:45pm - 9th Hour & Typika 6:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:15pm - Lenten Soup & Salad Dinner	
Thursday, March 5	8:00pm - Adult Sunday School	
Friday, March 6	10:45am - Hours & Typika 11:00am - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
Saturday, March 7	10am - St. Elizabeth Sisterhood: Food Pantry Service Project 6:30pm - All-Night Vigil 8:10pm - Confessions	4:30PM - MERCER COUNTY VESPERS 6:30pm - Lay Vespers @ St. Nina
Sunday, March 8 <i>St. Gregory Palamas Sunday</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy & Moleben of 40 Martyrs 11:15am - Children's Sunday School 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 12:30pm - Girls Group	

March 1, 2026 - First Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of Orthodoxy



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Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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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.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers

Today is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. This year, St. Michael's parish in Louisville is hosting PanOrthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy. Our clergy and faithful will join them. Vespers will start at 5:00 PM. The address is 3701 St Michael Church Dr, Louisville, KY 40220.

Meal Train for Holly and Aaron, who have welcomed a beautiful and healthy daughter to their family! Please consider signing up to bring them a meal as they transition to becoming a family of 4!! They live in Wilmore. Find the Meal Train at this QR code:



Soup & Salad Sign Ups

Every Wednesday after Presanctified Liturgy until Holy Week, we are gathering in the Fellowship Hall for a Lenten Soup and Salad meal. Please find the sign up here to bring something or help clean up afterwards:



Lenten Guides are 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.

Foster Parenting Presentation

Join us for a special presentation on foster parenting on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30pm (after the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, during our lenten soup and salad dinner.) Our presenter is Alycia Johnson, a Foster Family Liason from the organization "All God's Children" in Nicholasville. "Since 1999, AGC has been providing care, treatment, and education to parents and their children. Our foster care program equips and supports carefully recruited, highly trained foster parents who are ready to offer their very best."

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the church during Clean Week!



Lent started last week with Forgiveness Vespers.

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.

The St. Elizabeth Sisterhood invites ladies of the parish for a brief encounter with the book *The Art of Myrrhbearing* by Elissa Bjeletich Davis. On the Sunday of St. John Climacus (**March 22**), we will gather after Liturgy in the conference room while we have some coffee and food to discuss the book. About the book: "As Christians, we strive to come closer to Jesus during our time on earth. In *The Art of Myrrhbearing* by Elissa Bjeletich Davis, the author details how this can and has been done through serving others. "When we enter into communion with one another serving humbly and in selfless love, we find God is there inside every one of us..."

Mid-Liturgy Catechesis: Sunday Schedule

Upcoming--> TODAY, 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 Lenten period, 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.



Diocesan Leadership

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