

Services & Activities: March 8 - 15

St. Athanasius

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	
Monday March 9 <i>40 Martyrs of Sebaste</i>		
Tuesday, March 10	8:45pm - Virtual Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Potluck @St. Nina
Wednesday, March 11	5:45pm - 9th Hour & Typika 6:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:15pm - Lenten Soup & Salad Dinner	
Thursday, March 12	8:00pm - Adult Sunday School	
Friday, March 13	10:45am - Hours & Typika 11:00am - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
Saturday, March 14 <i>Memorial Saturday</i>	9:00am - Memorial Liturgy 6:00pm - Chrismation of Susanna Dunlap 6:30pm - All-Night Vigil 8:10pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @ St. Nina
Sunday, March 15 <i>Sunday of the Cross</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:15am - Children's Sunday School 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	8:30am - Baptism of Sofiya Syronev 9:30am - Divine Liturgy & Potluck @St. Nina

March 8, 2026 - Second Sunday of Great Lent



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**Second Sunday of Great Lent:
St. Gregory Palamas**

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.

40 Holy Martyrs of Sebaste

On this Sunday we are anticipating the Feast of the 40 Holy Martyrs of Sebaste with a short Moleben before Sunday School with the Blessing of the special "mucenici" prepared by Rodica Iancu and Alina Rizea in honor of the 40 Martyrs.

Thank you Rodica and Alina!

Memorial Saturdays are a major feature of Great Lent for our people throughout the Orthodox world. We encourage everyone to consider submitting names and attending the Memorial Liturgy scheduled for this Saturday, March 14 at 9am.

Here is a code to submit names (Orthodox and non-Orthodox.):



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:



Chrismation of Susanna Dunlap

will take place on Saturday, March 14 at 6:00pm before Vigil in Nicholasville. A basket will be set out for her in the conference room starting this Sunday.

A scene from pan-Orthodox Vespers in Louisville last Sunday.



Meal Train for Holly and Aaron Mello, 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.



Meal Train for Bethany and Cyprian Tonglamun. Please consider making a meal for the Tonglamun family as they just welcomed their 5th! They live in Wilmore. Glory to God that Bethany and baby boy are both healthy.



Consider bringing a meal to the Tonglamun and Mello families!

Upcoming Feast Days...

- **St. Patrick's Feast Day** will be kept with special hymns at St. Nina on Tuesday, March 17. Join the community there for the Presanctified Liturgy and stay to celebrate. This day may be kept as a wine & oil day for those who commemorate St. Patrick.
- **St. Nikolai of Zhicha & South Canaan's Feast** will be kept at St. Athanasius on Wednesday, March 18. This day is also a wine & oil day.

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-Liturgic Catechesis: Sunday Schedule

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

Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming dates for Choir Rehearsal are March 19th and April 2nd. These help us prepare for various liturgical events and feasts. If you are interested in joining the choir, reach out to Zoe Kaylor or Mka. Tamara.

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

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada
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