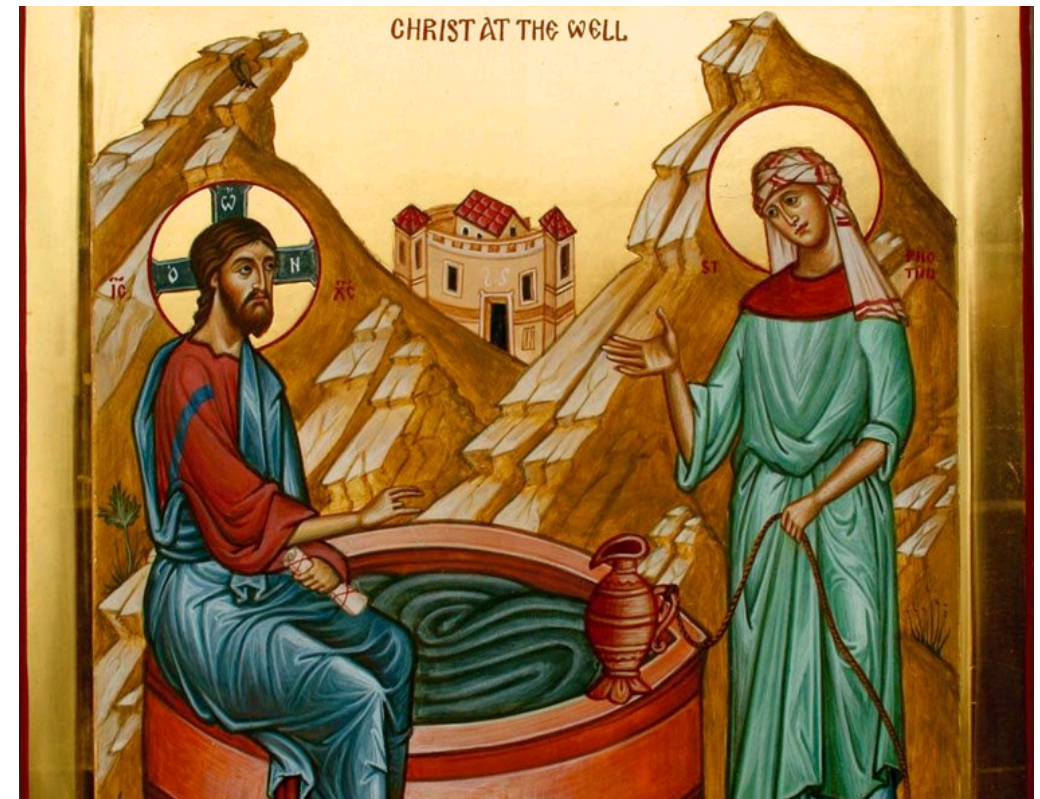


## Services & Activities: May 10 - 17

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
<b>Sunday, May 10</b> <i>Samaritan Woman Sunday</i>	<b>9:30am - Divine Liturgy</b> <b>11:15am - Children's Sunday School</b> <b>11:20am - Fellowship Hour</b> <b>12:00pm - Bread Ministry</b> <b>12:30pm - Girls Group</b>	<b>9:30am - Divine Liturgy &amp; Potluck</b> @ St. Nina
<b>Monday, May 11</b> <i>Ss. Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>		
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>		<b>6:30pm - Vespers</b> & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	<b>6:30pm - Lesser Blessing of the Waters</b> <b>7:30pm - Reading Saints' Lives in the Scriptural Context (Part 2)</b>	
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	<b>8:00pm - Adult Sunday School Online</b>	
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	<b>11:00am - Akathist to Ss. Constantine &amp; Helen</b> <b>11:45am - Confessions</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil</b> <b>7:30pm - Confessions</b>	<b>4:30pm - MERCER CHAPEL VESPERS</b> <b>6:30pm - Lay Vespers</b> @St. Nina
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> <i>Blind Man Sunday</i>	<b>9:30am - Divine Liturgy</b> <b>11:20am - Annual End-of-Sunday-School Picnic at Highbridge Park</b> <b>12:00pm - Bread Ministry</b>	



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**Samaritan Woman Sunday**

**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.

**Bulletin Requests**

Dear lay leaders and Sunday ministry leaders, our Administrative Assistant, Haley Collins-Paine, invites you to send her announcements for the bulletin by Tuesdays for the following Sunday. Email her at [haley@bluegrassorthodox.org](mailto:haley@bluegrassorthodox.org).

**Vacation Church School**

A Pan-Orthodox Vacation church school will be held at St. Athanasius June 15 - 29. All children are welcome to attend!

Register your child here----->



If you would like to volunteer, register here----->



**Highbridge Park Picnic**  
NEXT SUNDAY, May 17th is the last day of Sunday School. We will be holding our annual Sunday School Picnic at Highbridge Park Pavilion following liturgy. Bring a dish to share and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and relaxation. Yard games, board games and musical instruments are welcome!

**Happy Mothers Day to all our mothers!**

**Fr. Justin will be away May 7-28**  
With the blessing of Archbishop Alexander and the wonderful help of our clergy and lay leadership, Fr. Justin and Ian Patterson will be taking a cross-country road trip, visiting family, god-relatives, and seminary friends across the USA. Please lean on Fr. Giorgi as our primary administrator and pastoral connection in the absence of our rector. Fr. Justin deeply appreciates your patience as this trip finally happens!



**Last weekend, we had a lovely altar feast with a visit from our dean, Fr. Basil. There were new Catechumens, two Baptisms, a full Liturgy, and a wedding. Christ is Risen!**

**Assurance for Life Fundraiser**

Today, May 10th, is Mother's Day and the beginning of our Parish's participation in Assurance for Life Baby Bottle annual fundraiser. There will be two crates of empty bottles for people to take home and fill with their contributions, cash, coins, checks or you can give online at [Assuranceforlife.org](http://Assuranceforlife.org). On Father's Day-- June 21st-- all of the bottles are due back at Church, (filled or not). Any questions can be directed to Rebecca Wilson.

**The garden project**

is going strongly with the steady progress on our long term vision of a parishioner managed sustainable garden and a beautified campus to complement our future Phase II temple project. We are also establishing a routine of a couple garden work days a month, to which the whole parish is invited to help us with immediate tasks and long-term goals. Contact Jacob Bame or the Kozars for more details.

**Garden work days (9:00am - 12 noon):**

- May 23rd
- June 13th, June 27th
- July 11th, July 25th

**Bookstore Open Sundays**  
12-12:45pm. Everyone is welcome to browse new titles and restocked inventory including new seasonal icons & other merchandise. Contact Steve Bishop with your questions.

**New Catechesis Series**

On Wednesday May 6, Fr. Giorgi began his series of classes "Reading Saints' Lives in the Scriptural Context." The Classes will be focusing on the principles of Hagiography (biography of a saint) in the Orthodox Christian Tradition.

**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.



Pan Orthodox Vacation Church School  
**"Be Strong in the Lord"**  
June 15-19, 2026  Toddlers-5th Graders  
Sign Up: <https://bluegrassorthodox.org/>  
or  
<https://forms.gle/EM7PZn1BaiTuSYEv7>

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