

Services & Activities: August 2 - 9

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, August 2	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	9:30pm - Divine Liturgy & Potluck @St. Nina
Monday, August 3		
Tuesday, August 4		6:30pm - Paraklesis to the Theotokos & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, August 5	6:30pm - Vigil for the Transfiguration 8:30pm - Confessions (no class)	
Thursday, August 6 <i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	9:00am - Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration	
Friday, August 7	11:00am - Paraklesis to the Theotokos 11:45am - Confessions	
Saturday, August 8	2:00pm - Lexington Food Ministry Service Project 6:30pm - Vigil for Lord's Day & St. Herman 8:00pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @St. Nina
Sunday, August 9 <i>St. Herman of Alaska</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	9:30pm - Divine Liturgy & Potluck @St. Nina

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
Administrative Assistant, Haley Collins-Paine – haley@bluegrassorthodox.org

August 2, 2026 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost



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this Thursday, August 6th.

**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.

**Transfiguration of our
Lord**

The Transfiguration of our Lord takes place this Thursday, August 6th. On Wednesday, August 5th at 6:30pm, there will be a vigil and confessions afterwards (no class). There is a Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration on Thursday at 9:00am.

Bread Ministry

The Bread Ministry is looking for new volunteers! Our new volunteer would need to pick up the bread from Panera at Brannon Crossing in Nicholasville (once a month) on Saturday night or Sunday morning. Please see Laura Walther if interested: lawalther@gmail.com

Parish Council Seats Open

In September, we will have 5 open parish council seats to fill (with 3 members standing for re-election.) We invite parishioners to contemplate nominating solid candidates to serve a 3-year term. See Fr. Giorgi's email and possibly the website for more details about qualifications for those on the parish council. For those interested in serving or nominating someone to stand for election, please reach out to the rector, Fr. Justin, to begin that process.



12 years ago, St. Athanasius moved from our old storefront chapel on South Main Street to our current Phase 1 church in north Nicholasville. Be generous in helping to support the work we are called to do over the next 12 years!

**Lexington Food Ministry
Service Day**

In honor of the Dormition Fast, we are partnering with Kentucky Food Ministry for a service project this Saturday, August 8th, 2-5pm. All parishioners are invited to join us. The address is: 200 W High St. Lexington KY 40507

Please RSVP to Lexie Salvaterra if you plan to come: 859-397-0159!



Axios and Many Years to His Grace Bishop Gerasim, "locum tenens" of the Diocese of the South!

**The Dormition Fast has
begun!**

We celebrate the dormition of the Theotokos on Saturday, August 15th. “During the Dormition Fast, we have the God-given opportunity to escape the summer doldrums that drain our spiritual energy. With prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we can renew our tired bodies and souls. The Dormition of the Theotokos has often been called “Pascha in the summer.” It celebrates the victory of life over death—or of death as a translation into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Dormition Fast is our spiritually vigilant preparation leading up to that glorious celebration honoring the Mother of God and contemplate our own entrance into the Kingdom of God. “Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold; now is the day of salvation!” [2 Corinthians 6:2].” – [taken from oca.org]

If you have questions about keeping the fast, see a priest.

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 at bookstore@bluegrassorthodox.org with your inquiries.

Saint Celebration

Please join us on Saturday, August 22 at 5 pm for another Saint Celebration! We will be celebrating the Dormition, Transfiguration, St. Phanourios, and more with themed snacks and activities. This event is geared toward young children and their families but everyone is welcome. See Brooklyn Walters if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event.

Online Giving If you find it more convenient to give online, please scan the QR code and follow the instructions.



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

Parish Leadership

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