

Services & Activities: July 26 - August 2

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, July 26 <i>St. Jacob, Enlightener of Aleuts</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	
Monday, July 27 <i>Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon</i>		
Tuesday, July 28		6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, July 29	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Christian Education: “The Law of God” (Part 6)	
Thursday, July 30		
Friday, July 31 <i>Procession of Cross Feast</i>	11:00am - Akathist to the Precious Cross 11:45am - Confessions	
Saturday, August 1 <i>Procession of the Cross</i>	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	4:30PM – MERCER CHAPEL VESPERS 6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @St. Nina
Sunday, August 2	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

July 26, 2026 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost



Our clergy & lay delegates from the Bluegrass region, who represented us at the 2026 Diocesan Assembly.

**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.

Return Baby Bottles

If anyone still has Assurance for Life baby bottles, please return them to Rebecca Wilson (in or near church office) filled or empty.

Wednesday Catechesis

Fr. Justin invites all to attend his special 10-part Catechesis class on Wednesday nights. It is different than his online Catechesis: It's a basic intro to Orthodox Christian Faith & Practice based on the classic Russian text "The Law of God." Catechumens are expected to attend, but we invite newcomers, inquirers, and youth to sit in, as well.

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. According to our bylaws and the general OCA tradition, the parish council is the executive body that works with the parish priest in administering the parish. The parish council consists of the rector of the parish, any full-time clergy, ... ----->

and a certain number of elected lay members -- 7 in our case -- from whom are chosen the parish warden, the parish secretary, and the parish treasurer (the officers.) 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.



From the farewell address of Archbishop Alexander: "In all our efforts we will fail. But, of course, Christians know no success but Christ's. We know no victory but His. We know no glory but Christ himself."

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



We recently welcomed Hannah back to church with her child Macrina, who was churched on the Feast of St. Macrina!

Today is Prison Ministry Sunday

Did you know that there are Orthodox Christians practicing their faith in prison? Or that there are prisoners who are ready to repent of their crimes and embrace the Orthodox Church? Who will minister to them? As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) supports prison' unique spiritual needs through longterm case management and provides resources and training to parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.

Bread Ministry

The Bread Ministry is looking for new volunteers! Our beloved Audrey is stepping down and we need to replace her. Our new volunteer would need to pick up the bread from Panera at Brannon Crossing in Nicholasville at either 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night or else on their way to liturgy Sunday morning (once a month). Please see Laura Walther if you are interested. You can email her at lawalther@gmail.com

Parish Leadership

- Archpriest Justin Patterson, Rector fr.justin@bluegrassorthodox.org/ 859-361-2823
- Priest Giorgi Lomsadze, Associate Priest / fr.giorgi@bluegrassorthodox.org / Cell: 914-267-7829
- Archpriest David Thatcher, Retired / fr.david@bluegrassorthodox.org
- Deacon Simeon Siskar / dcn.simeon@bluegrassorthodox.org

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.

