

Services & Activities: August 23 - 30

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, August 23 <i>Leavetaking of Dormition</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	Visitor's Sunday @ St. Nina 9:30am - Divine Liturgy & Potluck @St. Nina
Monday, August 24		
Tuesday, August 25		6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, August 26	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Christian Education: "The Law of God w/ Fr. Justin -- Part 9"	
Thursday, August 27	6:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, August 28	11:00am - Akathist to St. Job of Pochaev 11:45am - Confessions 6:30pm - Memorial Litya for Archbishop Dmitri & Great Vespers for St. John's Beheading 8:00pm - Confessions	6:00pm - Outreach @ Club Fair Booth at Berea College <i>(St. Nina folks, reach out to Fr. Justin if you'd like to help out!)</i>
Saturday, August 29	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Lay Vespers @St. Nina
Sunday, August 30 <i>Visitor's Sunday</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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August 23, 2026 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost



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Leavetaking of the Dormition

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.

Tips for Approaching
Communion

Our priests politely request:

- 1) Unless you are carrying a child, adults are asked to approach the Chalice with arms folded in the traditional way. (If you don't know this practice, simply ask someone.) Parents should encourage their children (old enough to be taught this practice) to fold their arms accordingly.
- 2) When you approach the Chalice, please remember to open your mouth fully, not part way. (Although, it is not necessary to tilt your head back.) It is also important for the communicant to close his or her mouth around the spoon as the priest removes the spoon.

Children’s Sunday School
Our Children’s Sunday School, which is starting Sunday, September 6, will be in session 9/13, take 2 weeks off, then resume 10/4. You can register your child using this QR Code ^



St. Athanasius is hosting a Visitors Table at Absury University this Thursday August 27, starting at 4pm. If you are able to hang out, bring some snacks to share with students, or otherwise support Fr. Giorgi and Fr. Justin in this effort, please reach out to either of them.



A photo from our recent outreach for our Mercer County Chapel!

Parish Council Nominees
So far Fr. Justin has formally received the names of Emily Starr, Kevin Hendren, Adam Chisholm, and Beth Walter -- as nominees for parish council. Any further nominations for the 5 open seats will need to be sent to Fr. Justin no later than August 31.

Visitor Sunday 8/30
Mark your calendars for our upcoming Visitor Sunday, taking place on August 30th. Plan to invite a friend to church for Divine Liturgy, coffee hour, and a church tour.



Thank you to Fr. Giorgi who has created these banners for us to use in the midst of peak “outreach season”!

St. Herman Campout
Our annual Kentucky Pan-Orthodox Campout is this Sept 25-27. We are staying in the Falls Creek Cabins & Campground near Corbin, KY, and just 5 miles from the beautiful Cumberland Falls. Join us for a weekend of camping, hiking, and outside church services (in place of St. Nina services). Find the Facebook Group for details (“St. Herman Orthodox Campout”). Reserve your camp-spot now!



Reminder about Narthex Being Part of the Church
We understand and appreciate that there is some separation of the narthex from the nave. Children who are being loud can and should be taken to the narthex when noise reaches a certain level. It is equally important that adults in the narthex not treat it as if it not sacred space. The narthex is, indeed, part of the temple and should not be a place for idle chatter during a service. Please remember this for yourself and gently remind others of this (if only by setting a good example yourself.)

Matthew 5:4 Fellowship
Group

The Memory Eternal Ministry is offering an eight-week contemplation of grief (the “Matthew 5:4 Fellowship”), beginning on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026. It will be a small group of no more than eight people, guided by prayer and discussion in the book “Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians” by Sarah Byrne-Martelli. We will meet regularly on Mondays at 7:00-8:30pm, possibly taking a couple of weeks off as needed. Our goal is to finish the series before the Nativity Fast. We will alternate between Mary Cook’s house in Wilmore and Mary Bradshaw’s house in Lexington. Participants need to purchase their own book. For more info or to sign up, contact Mary Cook mary.cook@bluegrassorthodox.org or Mary Bradshaw mary.bradshaw81@gmail.com

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