

Services & Activities: August 30 - Sept. 6

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, August 30 <i>Visitor's Sunday</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	
Monday, August 31		
Tuesday, September 1 <i>Anniversary of Repose of Archbishop Nikon & Ecclesiastical New Year</i>	11:00am - Moleben for New Church Year & Memorial for Archbishop Nikon 11:45am - Confessions	6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, September 2	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Christian Education - Why Orthodoxy Matters w/ Fr. Justin!	
Thursday, September 3		
Friday, September 4	11:00am - Akathist Glory to God for All Things 11:45am - Confessions	
Saturday, September 5	5:00pm - Special Talk on "Jesse Tree Readings" by Sandro Asatiani 6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	4:30PM - MERCER CHAPEL VESPERS 6:30pm - Lay Vespers @St. Nina
Sunday, September 6	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 30, 2026 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome, Visitors!

**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 ^



Sunday Catechesis Series

begins again starting Sept. 6. The schedule is as follows: 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20... etc. This class is for enrolled catechumens or serious inquirers who have a blessing from one of our priests to attend. Space is limited.



Thank you to Steve and Emily Adams for hosting Lexington Vespers!

Parish Council Nominees

So far Fr. Justin has formally received the names of Emily Starr, Kevin Hendren, Adam Chisholm, Collins Kamau, 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.

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad to have you join us today! After Divine Liturgy, please join us for coffee and lunch downstairs during our “fellowship hour”, and stay tuned for a post-liturg church tour.



Our family event on the 22nd was full of joy and crafts related to the Dormition and the Transfiguration.

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 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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Diocesan Leadership

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