

Services & Activities: August 9 - 16

	St. Athanasius	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
Monday, August 10		
Tuesday, August 11		6:30pm - Paraklesis to the Theotokos & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, August 12	6:30pm - Great Vespers for St. Tikhon of Zadonsk 7:20pm - Christian Education: "The Law of God w/ Fr. Justin -- Part 7	
Thursday, August 13	11:00am - Akathist to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk 11:45am - Confessions	
Friday, August 14	11:00am - Paraklesis to the Theotokos 11:45am - Confessions 6:30pm - Vigil for Dormition 8:10pm - Confessions	
Saturday, August 15 <i>Feast of the Dormition</i>	9:00am - Dormition Liturgy 10:30am - Festal Potluck Breakfast in Hall 6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	4:30PM - MERCER CHAPEL VESPERS 6:30pm - Akathist for Dormition @St. Nina
Sunday, August 16 <i>Image "Not Made By Hands"</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:20am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	

August 9, 2026 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost



Today we celebrate the feast
of St. Herman of Alaska!

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.

Upcoming Visitor Sunday

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.

Saint Celebration

Please join us on Saturday, August 22 at 5 pm for a 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 with questions or if you'd like to help with this event.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place September 20th, and is coming up soon. The whole parish is encouraged to attend this meeting, which is held directly after Divine Liturgy.

One of the objectives of this meeting is to elect a full Parish Council for the upcoming church year. 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. Both the priest and the council itself function under the ...--->

... archpastoral care of Bishop Gerasim. The parish council consists of the rector and associate priest of the parish, 7 elected members from the parish body. Attached priests and deacons may sit on the council ex officio, but without a vote. (Note: Parish Council members may be elected to 2 3-year terms. After rotating off, they are eligible to run again in the future.) See the church email for qualifications for parish council candidates and see Fr. Justin if you would like to nominate a candidate (or if you are interested.)



Photo from our most recent July Parish Council Meeting!

Diocesan Leadership

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada
His Grace Gerasim, Bishop of Ft. Worth, Locum Tenens to the Diocese of the South

July Financial Update

July 2026		
Category	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Budgeted Income:	\$30,593.25	\$1,720.83
Actual Income:	\$31,462.58	\$3,839.50
Over / Under:	\$869.33	\$2,118.67
Actual Expenses:	\$32,602.50	\$2,290.74
Actual Over / Under:	(\$1,139.92)	\$1,548.76

See our July Financial Update above.

The Dormition Feast is this
Saturday!

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.”

Join us for Dormition Liturgy at 9am this Saturday and a festal potluck breakfast afterwards.

July Financial Update

Despite being slightly in the 'red' this July due to expected (high) expenses from the Diocesan Assembly, if August is a strong month, we are on track to end the church year 'in the green.' Help us end August (and our church year) with strength as we prepare for our Annual Parish Meeting this September.

Children’s Sunday School

Stayed tuned for an upcoming announcement with more details for our Children’s Sunday School, which is starting soon again.

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.

Upcoming Annual
St. Herman Campout

Our annual Kentucky Pan-Orthodox Campout is this Sept 25-27. We are staying in the *Sheltowee Trace Falls Creek Cabins & Campground* just past Corbin, KY, and just 5 miles from the beautiful Cumberland Falls. The whole parish is invited to 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*”) or contact Josh Lourie with your questions.

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



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