

Services & Activities: Sept. 13 - 20

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, September 13	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:10am - Sunday School 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 6:30pm - Vigil for Cross Exaltation 8:30pm - Confessions	9:30am - Divine Liturgy, All-Mission Annual Meeting & Pizza @St. Nina
Monday, September 14 <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - Strict Fast</i>	7:00am - Festal Liturgy	
Tuesday, September 15		6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, September 16	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Christian Education: Fall Catechesis with Fr. Giorgi	
Thursday, September 17	7:00pm - Choir Practice	
Friday, September 18	11:00am - Akathist to the Precious Cross 11:45am - Confessions	
Saturday, September 19	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	4:30PM - MERCER CHAPEL VESPERS 6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @St. Nina
Sunday, September 20 <i>Annual Parish Meeting Sunday</i>	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:15am - All-Parish Meeting (Childcare provided) 12:20pm - Pizza in Fellowship Hall 12:00pm - Bread Ministry	

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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September 13, 2026 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT ATHANASIUS
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Join us tonight and tomorrow for services
for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

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.

Parish Council Nominations

We have formally received 5 names of 5 candidates for the 5 open seats on the parish council – Collins Kamau (running for re-election,) Emily Starr, Adam Chisholm, Beth Walter, Kevin Peter Hendren. At the Annual Parish Meeting on Sept. 20, we will be confirming these 5 candidates as members, as well as hearing various reports and approving the proposed budget. **All members of the parish are asked to plan to be present at the Annual Parish Meeting.** Childcare and food for children will be provided in the hall. Stay tuned for more announcements.

Children’s Sunday School

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



Fr. Giorgi’s Wednesday-Night Fall Catechesis Series begins on Wednesday, Sept. 16 (this week!) The class will take place directly after vespers. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially our visitors and enquirers. Attendees are welcome to bring fast-appropriate refreshments to share.

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!



August Financial Update

August 2026		
Category	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Budgeted Income:	\$30,593.25	\$1,720.83
Actual Income:	28,090.41	\$4,889.00
Over / Under:	(\$2,502.84)	\$3,168.17
Actual Expenses:	\$35,854.72	\$2,283.17
Actual Over / Under:	(\$7,764.31)	\$2,605.83

See above the financial update for the month of August!
(These numbers reflect the month, not the church year as a whole.)

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



Fr. David recently hosted an Orthodox table at Centre College for our Mercer County chapel!

2026 Annual Parish Meeting Agenda (Draft)

Sunday, September 20 (11:15am-12:15pm) childcare provided.

- Prayers for the Annual Meeting (Short Moleben to St. Athanasius)
- Welcome & Confirmation of Number of Parish Members Present
- (Announcement of Quorum) Mary Cook, Secretary
- Vote to Approve Minutes (Yes or No voice) from the 2025/6 APM
- Oral Reports
 - Rector Report–Archpriest Justin Patterson
 - Warden Report–Stephen Adams
 - Treasurer Report & 2026/7 Budget Proposal–Collins
- Auditing Report - TBD
- Vote to Accept Report / Motion to Confirm Slate for 2026/7 Auditing Committee
- Marking & Collection of Paper Ballots
 - (Budget Vote / Council Vote / “move to move” Lay Diocesan Representative Election)
- Review of Ministry Report Packet and Thanks to Ministry Leaders–Fr. Justin
- Announcement of Election Results & Installation of New Council for 2026/7
- Dismissal & Blessing of Food (pizza in hall provided by parish)

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

Matthew 5:4 Fellowship Group

The Memory Eternal Ministry is offering an eight-week contemplation of grief, beginning on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026. It will be a small group 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 4:00-5:30pm. 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

Next Thursday Vespers in Lexington is on September 24 at 6:30 PM. This time, the service will be celebrated at Veterans Park, Shelter 4. We’ll keep you updated regarding the future times and locations.

Online Giving...

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

