

Services & Activities: Sept. 20 - 27

	St. Athanasius	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	
Monday, September 21	4:00pm - Matt. 5:4 Meeting 6:00pm - Memorial Service (Gabriel Zamora 10th Anniversary)	
Tuesday, September 22		6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, September 23 <i>Conception of St. John the Baptist</i>	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Christian Education: Fall Catechesis with Fr. Giorgi	
Thursday, September 24 <i>Holy New Martyrs of Alaska</i>	6:30pm - Lexington Chapel Vespers (Veterans Park Shelter #4) 8:00pm - Virtual Adult Church School Class	
Friday, September 25	(Akathist moved to St. Nina)	11:00am - Akathist to St. Sergius 11:45am - Confessions
Saturday, September 26	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions	6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @St. Herman Campout
ST. HERMAN CAMPOUT @ CUMBERLAND FALLS	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 5:00pm - Youth Group	8:00am - Divine Liturgy @ St. Herman Campout
Sunday, September 27		

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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September 20, 2026 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost



Afterfeast of Cross Exaltation &
All-Parish Meeting Today

**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.

Annual All-Parish Meeting

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.

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At the Annual Parish Meeting TODAY, 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.

Welcome to our new catechumens, Ash & Alice Helfinstine, and James & Jacquelyn Whitecotton, who are being enrolled today.

Fr. Giorgi’s Wednesday-Night Fall Catechesis Series

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.

Men’s Night tomorrow

Monday 9/21, at Carl’s house, which will start around 7pm. Contact Carl for more details!



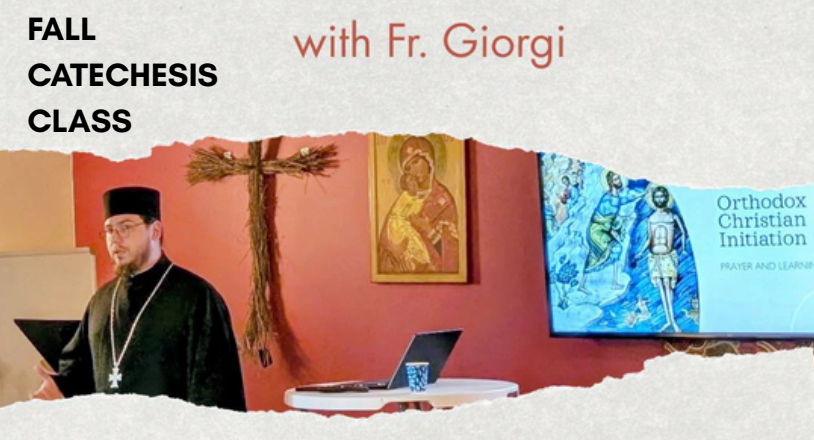
Recent photo from Children’s Sunday School! Children’s Sunday School will resume 10/4, after the St. Herman Campout!

St. Herman Campout
Our annual Kentucky Pan-Orthodox Campout is this Sept 25-27-- this coming weekend! Join us for a weekend of camping, hiking, and outside church services. See the QR code for the campsite-- cabins and rough campsites available!



Children’s Sunday School

Our Children’s Sunday School, will resume 10/4. You can register your child using this QR Code >>>



Join Fall Catechesis on Wednesdays with Fr. Giorgi and/or Adult Sunday School on Thursday evenings virtually.

Adult Sunday School

Join Bert Walther and Adam Chisholm for Adult Sunday School as we deepen our understanding of the Orthodox faith and prepare our hearts and minds for the Divine Liturgy and the Church’s liturgical year. Each week, we explore the Sunday Scriptures, the lives of the saints, and the feasts and seasons of the Church. Everyone is welcome! Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Online via Google Meet: (Also on the St. Athanasius YouTube Channel)



Sunday Catechesis Series

The schedule is as follows: 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.

Would you like to serve?

We need three volunteers to be part of a six-member team to serve breakfast on Saturday, October 10, 8:45-10:15 at the Lexington Rescue Mission, 535 W 2nd St., Lexington, KY. Volunteers may contact Mary Bradshaw-- mary.bradshaw81@gmail.com

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.



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