

Services & Activities: Sept. 6 -13

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, September 6	9:30am - Divine Liturgy 11:10am - Sunday School 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 12:00pm - Bread Ministry 12:00pm - Special Event "Old Testament Illustrations and Learning Resources for Children" by Sandro Asatiani	
Monday, September 7	6:30pm - Vigil for Nativity of Theotokos 8:00pm - Confessions	
Tuesday, September 8 <i>Nativity of the Theotokos</i>	7:00am - Divine Liturgy	6:30pm - Vespers & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, September 9 <i>Synaxis of Ss. Joachim & Anna</i>	6:30pm - Vespers 7:20pm - Special Presentation on the Role of Mary in the Church w/ Fr. Justin	
Thursday, September 10		
Friday, September 11	11:00am - Akathist to Ss. Joachim & Anna 11:45am - Confessions	
Saturday, September 12	6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil 7:30pm - Confessions 7:30pm - Budget-Finance Meeting (pre-APM)	6:30pm - Great Vespers & Confessions @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 & Potluck @St. Nina

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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September 6, 2026 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost



Celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos
with us this Tuesday!

**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.

Annual All-Parish Meeting

Please plan to be present for the Annual All-Parish Meeting directly after liturgy on Sunday, September 20th. We will hear updates from our clergy and lay leaders on important parish matters, and the new Parish Council will be announced. Pizza will be served afterwards.

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



We were blessed to welcome about 80 visitors for last week's Visitors' Sunday-- the most we've ever had!

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



Happy Ecclesiastical New Year! Our new church year always begins in September.

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

Online Giving...

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



Parish Leadership

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