Services & Activities: November 15 - 22

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, November 15 *Beginning of Nativity Fast*	**9:30am - Divine Liturgy** **11:15am -** Children's Sunday School **11:30am -** Fellowship Hour **12:00pm -** Bread Ministry	
Monday, November 16 *St. Matthew the Evangelist*		
Tuesday, November 17 *St. Gregory the Wonderworker*		**6:30pm - Vespers** & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, November 18	**6:30pm - Vespers** **7:20pm -** Christian Education: Fall Catechesis w/Fr. Giorgi	
Thursday, November 19	**6:30pm - Lexington Chapel Vespers** **8:00pm -** Virtual Adult Church School Class	
Friday, November 20	**11:00am - Akathist to the Theotokos** **11:50am -** Confessions **6:30pm - Vigil for the Feast** **8:20pm -** Confessions	
Saturday, November 21 *Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos*	**9:00am - Liturgy for the Feast of the Entry** **6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil** **7:30pm -** Confessions	**4:30pm – MERCER CHAPEL VESPERS** **6:30pm - Lay Vespers w/ Festal Hymns** @ St. Nina
Sunday, November 22	**9:30am - Divine Liturgy** **11:15am -** Children's Sunday School **11:30am -** Fellowship Hour **12:00pm -** Bread Ministry	

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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The Nativity Fast begins 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.

Welcome to our newest Catechumens,

Callen Crumbaker and Santana Alvarez! Good strength to you on your catechumenate journey!

Our Upcoming Archpastoral Visit

His Grace Bishop Gerasim has clarified the weekend he will visit the Bluegrass: February 19-22, with Ordination Liturgies on Saturday, Feb. 20 and Sunday, Feb. 21. He will also make an evening visit to St. Nina. Stay tuned for more information on the Archpastoral visit as well as events related to our parish's 25th Anniversary, which will take place throughout all of February 2027!

Special Collection for New Deacons

(to be taken up on the Sunday before and Sunday after Thanksgiving)

We rejoice that His Grace Bishop Gerasim has secured the Blessing of the Holy Synod of the Ordination of Subdeacons Rick Gideon Cook & Bert Athanasius Walther to be new deacons, serving our Bluegrass Orthodox communities. As we look to continue our mission work and pastoral care for our people, we want to fund new vestments for both future deacons, as well as incidental expenses tied to their preparation for Ordination.

Annual Nativity Retreat

at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Louisville this November 20 - 21. The speaker will be Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk. His areas of expertise include: Orthodox Liturgy, Biblical and Liturgical Symbolism, and The Relationship between Science and the Orthodox Faith. The retreat will focus on aspects of the Biblical story of Creation in the Book of Genesis from the perspective of modern scientific discoveries.

Please RSVP by TODAY to Angelica Fotos at angelica.fotos55@gmail.com or 502-939-3149. (Freewill Offering to Cover Speaker Fees)



Last week we had a Advent-wreath making activity in anticipation for the Nativity Fast!

October Financial Update

October 2026		
Category	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Budgeted Income:	$30,593.25	$3,765.96
Actual Income:	33,172.11	$2,874.25
Over / Under:	$2,578.86	($891.71)
Actual Expenses:	$31,296.13	$2,711.64
Actual Over / Under:	$1,875.98	$162.61

See our October financial update above!

Service Opportunity: 11/21 Thanksgiving Boxes

We're partnering with the Food Pantry to provide Thanksgiving food boxes for several families in our community who need extra support. Interested in volunteering? There are several ways to serve. Please contact Gena Conley (859-421-0441) for details! Monetary donations can be dropped off in the canister located in the bookstore.

Door Greeters Needed

Parishioners interested in volunteering for the Sunday door-greeting ministry can reach out to Linda lindafrangedakis@gmail.com.

St. Nicholas Variety Show

Those interested in performing a St. Nicholas or Nativity themed performance for the show can text Hannah Kozar at 423 972 5651 or email at hannah@bluegrassorthodox.org. It will be Saturday, December 5th - Festivities begin with Vespers at 630pm.

St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Annual Christmas Celebration

All women of the parish are welcome to a St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Christmas celebration at Deb Bishop's home on December 12th at 11am. Please bring a fast-friendly dish to share.

Choir Rehearsals

The next choir rehearsal is Thursday, December 3rd at 7pm. These help us prepare for various liturgical events and feasts. If you have an interest in joining the choir, reach out to Zoe Kaylor.

Children's Sunday School

Our Children's Sunday School continues! You can register your child using this QR Code -->

Adult Sunday School

Join us for Adult Sunday School. Each week, we explore the 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-->

Online Giving...

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

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

Parish Leadership

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