Services & Activities: Nov. 29 - Dec. 5

	St. Athanasius	St. Nina
Sunday, November 29	**9:30am - Divine Liturgy** **11:15am -** Children's Sunday School **11:30am -** Fellowship Hour **12:00pm -** Bread Ministry 5:00pm - **Festal Vespers & Reception** @ St. Andrew's for Altar-Feast	**9:30am - Divine Liturgy** & Potluck @ St. Nina
Monday, November 30	**8:30am - Festal Matins** @ St. Andrew **9:30am - Festal Liturgy** @ St. Andrew	
Tuesday, December 1	**10:00am -** Decorating the church for Pre-Nativity	**6:30pm - Vespers** & Catechesis Series @St. Nina
Wednesday, December 2	**6:30pm - Vespers** **7:20pm -** Christian Education-- Fall Catechesis w/ Fr. Giorgi **8:20pm - Small Compline** & Confessions	
Thursday, December 3	**7:00pm -** Choir Rehearsal **8:00pm -** Virtual Adult Church School Class	
Friday, December 4	**11:00am - Akathist to St. Nicholas** **11:50am -** Confessions	
Saturday, December 5	**6:30pm - Cathedral Vigil** **7:30pm -** St. Nicholas Day Activities	**6:30pm - Lay Vespers** & Confessions @ St. Nina
Sunday, December 6	**9:30am - Divine Liturgy** **11:15am -** Children's Sunday School **11:30am -** Fellowship Hour **12:00pm -** Bread Ministry **12:30pm -** Girls' Group	

Calendar Updates can be found on the Parish Website — bluegrassorthodox.org
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Join us for decorating the church for Pre-Nativity this Tuesday at 10am.

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.

Special Diaconal Collections

Sundays Nov. 29 & Dec. 6…

His Grace Bishop Gerasim has blessed the preparation for Ordination to the Diaconate of Subdeacons Rick Gideon Cook and Bert Athanasius Walther. God-willing, Vladyka will come on the weekend of February 20-21 to crown our 25th Anniversary Celebrations as a parish and to preside at TWO Hierarchical Liturgies (Saturday & Sunday.) In this journey, the candidates have incurred much cost (Diaconal Vocation classes, workshops, mandated psychological exams, diaconal vestments.) We are taking up a collection on TWO SUNDAYS (see above) to help share the load of this effort financially.

St. Andrew Altar Feast

St. Andrew Antiochian Church in Lexington has invited us to their "altar feast", the celebration of St. Andrew, TODAY AND TOMORROW. All parishioners are welcome to attend for services and festivities.

Sunday Nov. 29 (TODAY)

– 5pm - Festal Vespers for St. Andrew

Monday Nov. 30

– 8:30am - Festal Matins

– 9:30am - Festal Liturgy

Decorating the Church for Nativity Fast

This Tuesday, December 1st at 10am, we will be decorating the church for Pre-Nativity. Please join us in adorning the church – a fun and helpful activity to anticipate the approach of Christmas.

St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Annual Pre-Christmas Celebration

All women of the parish are welcome to join the St. Elizabeth Sisterhood for a Pre-Christmas celebration at Deb Bishop's home on December 12th at 11am. Please bring a fast-friendly dish to share. (See below a photo from last year!)



A photo from last year's St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Pre-Christmas Tea! Ladies are invited again this year to join the festive celebration.



Some of our parishioners packed thanksgiving food boxes for Jessamine County Food Pantry on Saturday.

Door Greeters Needed

This is a very important ministry! Parishioners interested in volunteering for the Sunday door-greeting ministry can reach out to Linda lindafrangedakis@gmail.com.

St. Nicholas Variety Show

Mark your calendars for St. Nicholas festivities at St. Athanasius! The St. Nicholas Variety show will be Saturday, December 5th - Festivities begin with Vespers at 630pm.

December- January Calendars Now Available…

in the Narthex. Each household should please take one for their fridge!

St. Lucia & St. Herman Saint Celebration

Join us at 1 pm on Saturday, Dec. 12. We will have some traditional St Lucia snacks and crafts and a cookie contest in honor of St Herman, so bring your best cookies! Please RSVP to Brooklyn Walters at 859-227-4662 by Dec. 5 so we have enough materials and snacks. This event is geared toward families with kids, but anyone is welcome! Let Brooklyn know if you can volunteer to help in any capacity.

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

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