

Parish Life March 3 - 11

Saturday, March 3 – Lenten Retreat w/ Fr. Stephen Freeman

- 11am Session I
- 12:15pm Lunch/Fellowship
- 1:15pm Session II
- 2:30pm Great Vespers
- 3:20pm Confessions

Sunday, March 4 *St. Gregory Palamas*

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12:00pm Fellowship Hour (*Team IV Cook*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Anna, Sue)

Monday, March 5

Tuesday, March 6

- 6:30pm OCF (at UK)

Wednesday, March 7

- 6:15pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- 7:30pm Lenten Meal w/Readings

Thursday, March 8

Friday, March 9 *40 Martyrs of Sebaste*

- 11am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS MONASTERY, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Saturday, March 10 Memorial Saturday

- 6:15pm Memorial Litya
- 6:30pm Vigil for the Cross
- 8:15pm Confessions

Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward 1 hour!

Sunday, March 11 *Sunday of the Cross*

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12:00pm Fellowship Hour (*Team V Kamau*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Carrie, Lisa)



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Today's Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12

2nd Sunday of Great Lent

St. Gregory Palamas



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Today we enter the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent known as the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas. "When we strive with diligent sobriety to keep watch over our rational faculties, to control and correct them, how else can we succeed in this task except by collecting our mind, which is dispersed abroad through the senses, and bringing it back into the world within, into the heart itself, which is the storehouse of all our thoughts?" St. Gregory Palamas

Lenten Almsgiving Idea!
 Monetary and Food Donations are needed at our local Jessamine County Food Pantry. Visit jfoodpantry.org for more information on ways to help.



Presanctified Liturgy will be served at 6:15pm on Wednesday, March 7. Join us in a soup & salad meal following Liturgy as we read from the book, *Everyday Saints*. A second **Presanctified Liturgy** will be served on Friday the 9th at 11am.

Note: Next Saturday, March 10 is Memorial Saturday. Memorial Litya will be prayed at 6:15pm and we will serve **Vigil for Cross** at 6:30pm. Also, **Daylight Savings Time** begins next weekend at **2am Sunday**. Move clocks one hour forward before going to bed on Saturday.

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Date	Lead Servers	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Hand-maidens	Prospora
Mar 3/4	Silas / JP	Anna / Sue	Jeff Hart	Rebecca Wilson	Team IV Cook	Suzannah / Karis	Lourie Family
Mar 10/11	Abial / Jared	Lisa / Carrie	Chris Naughton	Josh Lourie	Team V Kamau	Teresa / Nicole	Mary Bradshaw
Mar 17/18	Jared / JP	Linda / Bethany	Linda, Myra, Shannon	John Mize	Team I Frangedakis	Anya / Shannon	Mary Bradshaw
Mar 24/25	Silas / Abial	Collin, Hannah & Karis	Paul Frangedakis	Rebecca Wilson	Team II Werner	Becca / Myra	Geoff Whiteman

Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

- * Liturgy booklets are available to guide you through the service.
- * Please stand or sit at your comfort level.
- * If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask a greeter or usher. We are happy you are with us today!

NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION IS GIVEN ONLY TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.

Parish Work Days to prepare the parish for the *Feast of Pascha* are planned for Monday/Tuesday March 19 & 20. More info to follow.

Flowers for Lent, Holy Week, Pascha *One important piety among Orthodox believers is the loving adornment of icons of our Savior, his Mother, and the saints.* In general, we welcome people bringing in flowers that can be placed near the icon of their saint or on the tetrapod (table) in the middle of the church. Check with Father Justin to make sure the icon is set out and where is the best place to set your flowers. There is no real limit on which colors one might bring. *Another piety is the adornment of Tomb of the Lord and other icons during Holy Week.* The purchase of coordinated flowers and the decoration of the Tomb is overseen by Marijim Reeves. Please talk with her if you have questions about ways you can help. The best donations for Holy Week & the Tomb would be cash donations (designated "flowers") so that Marijim can know what we have and how it all fits together.

A Lenten Retreat will be offered on Saturday, March 10 at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Louisville. The day begins with Divine Liturgy at 9am and end with Great Vespers at 4:30pm. The schedule includes breakfast, lunch, and 3 sessions at 10:30am, 1:30pm, and 3pm. There is no charge for the retreat, but please make reservation. The retreat leader will be Father John Oliver, who is the pastor of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr Orthodox Church in Murfreesboro, TN. He is the author of numerous article, essays, and books, and also broadcasts the podcast, *Hearts and Minds* on Ancient Faith Radio.

Counters—***Please allow them to be 1st kissing the Cross & coffee/food line.	Tray Offerings	tithe.ly offerings	Month-to-Date Offerings	Weekly Budget \$3,330.00	Special Offerings
3/4 Tim/Ellie 3/11 Anna Rij/Tim 3/18 Rick/Ellie 3/25 Mary/Patrick	Feb. 25 \$3,12,000	Feb 25 \$ 358.37	February \$ 13,328.01	Monthly Budget \$14,432	\$120 Shrink the Mortgage