

Parish Life February 23 - March 3

Saturday, February 23

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, February 24 **PRODIGAL SON SUNDAY**
FINDINGS OF HEAD OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*Team V*)
- 2:30pm Bread Ministry (*Ben, Renee*)
- 3-5pm Mission Training #3
- 6pm Girl's Group

Monday, February 25

Tuesday, February 26

- 7pm Men's Night

Wednesday, February 27 **ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN**

- 11am Akathist to St. Raphael
- 6:30pm **Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Education Class: *Exploring Life of Moses*

Thursday, February 28

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, March 3 *Meatfare Sunday – Visitors Sunday*

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*Meatfare Potluck*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Sue, Anna*)



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, February 24, 2019

39th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

1st & 2nd Findings of Head of St. John the Baptist

Epistle Reading: 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32



Diocese of the South Pastoral Conference 2019

with Fr. Chrysostomos of Kouloumousios Monastery on Mt. Athos in Greece and Archbishop Alexander (and greetings from many friends of our parish, like Fr. Patrick Pulley).

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Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

You are encouraged to participate (*sit, stand, or kneel*) at your comfort level. Greeters and doorkeepers are happy to answer questions and can provide you booklets to guide you through the Divine Liturgy service. **NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION IS ONLY GIVEN TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.**

Today, as we celebrate the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, we again hear the lenten hymn “By the Waters of Babylon,” as it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today’s Gospel.

Our Orthodox Youth Mission Team (OYMT) will meet this afternoon from 3-5pm. They are training for their mission service in Magoffin County, KY this July. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare to share the love of Christ in a poverty area right in our own state. Also, you can partner with them by making a tax deductible gift—any amount would be appreciated.

St. Athanasius Youth Group has been invited to join the St. Luke Roman Catholic youth at Sky Zone on Boston Road (Lexington) this Sunday 5-7pm. They will jump from 5-6pm and have pizza from 6-7pm. Cost is \$10 per youth. Let Fr. Justin know after Liturgy if you plan to attend.

MEN’S NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 26 7PM AT CARL’S HOUSE.

AKATHIST TO ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN AT 11AM ON WED. FEB. 27.

Join us for our weekly Vespers Service on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30pm. The weekly Christian Education Class that follows at 7:20pm will be part one of a two-part series on the *Life of Moses*. All are welcome to come and share in this mid-week reflection.

Visitors Sunday is Next Week—March 3!

A *Meatfare Potluck* is planned for Fellowship Hour, so plan to bring a dish to share if you are staying for fellowship. Remember, this is the last day to eat meat until after Pascha!!!

Printed copies of the **Lenten Guide 2019** are available on the credenza. This includes fasting guidelines and services beginning with Clean Week thru Pascha. Please share with friends, neighbors, co-workers!

Date	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Prospora	Counter
2/24	Ben Worthington Renee Smothers	Paul Frangedakis	Rebecca Wilson	Team V Kamau	Hannah Kamau	Patrick Mooney Ellie Sutter
3/3	Sue Clark Anna Rij	Chris Naughton, Verity, Mandariah	Josh Lourie	Meatfare Potluck	Alina Rizea Rusu	Mary Cook Tim Powell
3/10	Collins&Hannah Kamau, Karis	Linda Frangedakis, Shannon, Myra	John Mize	Cheesefare Potluck	Alina Rizea Rusu	Patrick Mooney Anna Rij
3/17	Bert Smith Teresa Hall	Paul Frangedakis	Rebecca Wilson	Team I Naughton	Sarah Holiday	Ellie Sutter Tim Powell



Fr. John Erickson, Former Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary will be visiting with us on March 15, 16, & 17. Fr. John holds degrees from Harvard University, Yale University, and St. Vladimir's Seminary where he taught canon law and church history from 1973 until retirement in 2009 although he stays busy speaking at conferences & serving on commissions of the Orthodox Church in America.

Young Adults will meet with Fr. John on Friday, March 15 at 6pm in the parish hall for dinner and discussion on “Contemporary Issues.”

On Saturday, March 16, Fr. John will offer a Day Retreat, *The Lenten Journey*, that will include 3 sessions beginning at 11am. Lunch will be provided and the day ends with Great Vespers at 3:30pm.

Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 17

- Fr. John will preside at our Divine Liturgy at 10am.
- At 5:30pm Father will preach at St. Andrew Antiochian Church for our Pan-Orthodox Vespers Service.

We are fortunate to have Fr. John share this first weekend of Great Lent with us. Hopefully, you will be able to attend at least one of these events.

GIVE SECURELY ONLINE AT ATHANASIUSOCA.ORG/GIVE.

Date	Tray Offering	tithe.ly	wkly total	mthly total	Special Offering
2/10	\$5,836.06	\$724.53	6,560.59	\$9,896.83	Bldg. \$225.00
2/17	\$1,224.00	\$382.59	\$1,606.59	\$11,503.42	Youth - \$40.00