

Parish Life December 22 - 31

Saturday, December 22

- 5:30pm Slavonic Akathist
- 6:30pm Vigil
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, December 23

- No Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy of Sunday before Nativity
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*team II*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Sue, Anna*)

Monday, December 24

- 9am Royal Hours
- 10:30am Vesperal Liturgy
- 6:30pm Nativity Vigil

Tuesday, December 25 **FEAST OF NATIVITY**

- 8am Liturgy for the Birth of Christ

Wednesday, December 26 *Synaxis of Most-holy Theotokos*

- 9am Liturgy 2nd Day of Christmas & Breakfast Potluck
- 6:30pm Great Vespers for St. Stephen
- No class

Thursday, December 27 *St. Stephen Feast*

Friday, December 28 *20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia*

- Youth Group Ice Skating @ 1pm in Lexington

Saturday, December 29

- 6:30pm Vigil
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, December 30

- No Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*5th Sunday Team*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Linda, Bethany*)

Monday, December 31

- 5:30pm Vesperal Liturgy for New Year, Circumcision, & St. Basil
- 7pm New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance/Bonfire



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 23, 2018

30th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Before Nativity

Today's Epistle Reading: Heb. 11:9-10,17-23,32-0

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:1-25



**His Beatitude Tikon, Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of All America and Canada**
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Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

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

Date	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Prospora	Counter
12/23	Sue Clark Anna Rij	Linda Frangedakis, Myra, Shannon	Rebecca Wilson	Team II Werner	Lourie Family	Ellie Sutter Mary Cook
12/30	Linda Frangedakis Bethany Sheldahl	Paul Frangedakis	Josh Lourie	5th Sunday Team Wilson	Maary Bradshaw	Tim Powell Anna Rij
1/6	Collins & Hannah Kamau, Karis	Jeff Hart	John Mize	Team III Bradshaw	Mary Bradshaw	tba
1/13	Ben Worthington Renee Smothers	Chris Naughton, Verity, Mandariah	Rebecca Wilson	Team IV Cook	Maary Bradshaw	tba

Many Years to Matushka Ashleigh Siskar who wrapped up a long program equipping her to be a Kentucky teacher! We honor Matushka Ashleigh not only for her academic accomplishment, but also for her steadfast support and help as Fr. Deacon Simeon journeyed through the Diaconal Vocations Program. Throughout it all, Matushka balanced her many personal, academic, and church activities. We appreciate our own "diakonissa" (and her husband) and wish their whole family "Many Years!"

Vesperal Liturgy

will be served on New Year's Eve at 5:30pm

Following we will celebrate *memories of 2018 and anticipation of 2019* with a dinner/dance in the parish hall. Meat will be provided by the Telos Project. Those attending are asked to bring sides and drinks to share. Weather permitting we will have a bonfire. Bring fireworks and champagne for midnight. Family & friends are welcome to share in this festive event, but please RSVP via the Facebook event or email Kathy at officeasst@athanasiusoca.org. Your RSVP will help in setting up the hall and ordering the meat.

Christmas Eve Services

- * 9am Royal Hours
- * 10:30am Vesperal Liturgy
- * 6:30pm Nativity Vigil



Liturgy for the Birth of our Lord

will be served at 8am on Christmas Day

On Wednesday the 26th, *Synaxis of the Theotokos, 2nd Day Nativity Liturgy* will be served at 9am & breakfast will follow in the parish hall.

Great Vespers for St. Stephen (*Feast Day is 12/27*) will be served on Wednesday the 26th at 6:30pm. The Christian Ed Class will not meet this night.

Youth Group will meet on Friday, December 28 to go ice skating in Lexington at 1pm.

Feast of Theophany is Sunday, January 6

Royal Hours at 9am on Friday, January 4/
Theophany Eve Liturgy at 9am on Saturday, January 5
w/Indoor Water Blessing at 10:45am

Vigil for Theophany at 6:30pm on January/
Divine Liturgy for Theophany w/Outdoor Water Blessing

The online houseblessing schedule will be emailed to you soon.

Date	Tray Offering	Tithely	wkly total	mntly total	Special Offering
12/9	\$2,917.00	\$731.73	\$3,648.73	\$6,852.85	\$121.21 (samp)
12/16	\$2,527.00	489.87	\$3,016.87	\$9,869.72	

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