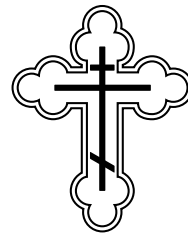


Parish Services & Activities December 18 - 26

- ◆ **Saturday, December 18** Saturday Before Nativity
 - 3pm Brotherhood of St. Herman
 - 6:30pm **Cathedral Vigil** (Broadcast) / 7:30pm Confessions
- ◆ **Sunday, December 19** Sunday Before Nativity
 - 9:30am **Divine Liturgy** (Broadcast)
 - 11:10am Children's Sunday School
 - 11:30am Fellowship Hour w/Team D (Bradshaw)
 - 12pm Bread Ministry (Anna, Hannah)
 - 4-7pm Girls Group Christmas Party
- ◆ **Monday, December 20** *St. John of Kronstadt*
 - 11am Akathist to St. John of Kronstadt
 - 11:50am Confessions
 - 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- ◆ **Tuesday, December 21**
 - 6:30pm Pre-Feast Vespers at St. Nina Mission
 - 7:20pm Confession/Lenten Snacks
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 22**
 - 6:30pm Pre-Feast Vespers (Broadcast)
 - 7:20pm Confessions in the library, while cleaning takes place around the church
 - 8:30pm **Small Compline** / 9pm Confessions
- ◆ **Thursday, December 23**
 - 10am **Royal Hours** (anticipating Nativity)
 - 11:20am Confessions
- ◆ **Friday, December 24** Nativity Eve (a strict fasting day)
 - 10am **Vespertal Liturgy**
 - 6:30pm **Vigil for Nativity**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 25** Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 8am **Liturgy for Nativity Feast**
 - No Vespers at Church Today
- ◆ **Sunday, December 26** 2nd Day Nativity / Sunday After Nativity
 - 9:30am **Divine Liturgy** (Broadcast)
 - NO Children's Sunday School
 - 11:30am Fellowship Hour w/Potluck
 - 12pm Bread Ministry (Bradshaws & Skees)

NOTE: BROADCAST SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON YOUTUBE OR

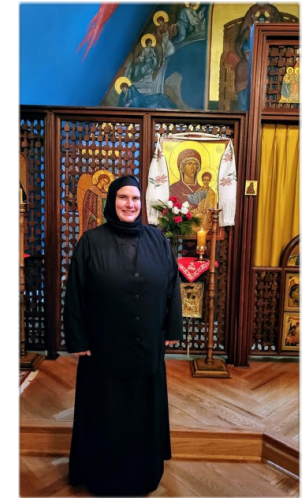


Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 19 , 2021 — 26th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday Before Nativity



Our annual "Christmas Collection" for Holy Cross & Holy Transfiguration Monasteries, where our parishioners Brother Ivan and Sister Sarah are novices respectively, continues through today. We love both of them and want to support their monastic path and new home. Please give generously and then sign the card for each of them. All funds collected will be divided 50-50 between the two monasteries.

His Beatitude Tikon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Dallas and the South

His Grace Bishop Gerasim, Bishop of Ft. Worth, Diocesan Administrator

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Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church!

Today is the 26th Sunday after Pentecost.

Visitors are encouraged to participate at their comfort level (*sit, stand, kneel*), and feel free to ask questions of our greeters and doorkeepers.

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

Parish Council will meet at 7:30pm on Monday. All parishioners are welcome. The 20th Anniversary Committee will provide an update of the plans for Jan 28 - 30, 2022.

Services Leading us to the Feast for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ!

- * Monday, Dec 20.....Akathist to St. John of Kronstadt at 11am/Confessions 11:50
- * Tuesday, Dec 21.....Pre-Feast Vespers at St. Nina Mission at 6:30pm w/ confessions and a light meal following
- * Wednesday, Dec 22...Pre-Feast Vespers at St. Athanasius at 6:30pm w/ confessions following in the library, *while cleaning takes place around the church*
Small Compline at 8:30pm w/ confessions at 9pm.
- * Thursday, Dec 23.....Royal Hours at 10am w/ confessions at 11:20am
- * Friday, Dec 24.....Vespertal Liturgy at 10am
Vigil for Nativity at 6:30pm
- * Saturday, Dec 25.....Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus at 8am
There will be no Saturday night service at the church.

Note: If you have not made confession during this Nativity Season, please contact Fr. Justin for an appointment if the above times do not work with your schedule. It is important that all Orthodox Christians make confession before communing at the Christmas Liturgies.

We continue to pray for our fellow Kentuckians affected by the recent storms. You can give through the **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** to support the Commonwealth by giving at: support.iocc.org.

A Glance at the Last Week of 2021!!!!

- ❖ **December 25 thru January 4 is a Fast Free Period.**
- ❖ On Sunday the 26th after Liturgy we will have a potluck for Fellowship Hour.
No SS this day.
- ❖ On Tuesday the 28th, Vespers and then a Festive Meal at St. Nina Mission.
No Adult SS this night.
- ❖ On Wednesday the 29th, Vespers at 6:30, but no Christian Ed Class. Men of the parish will meet at Carl's for a "Men's Night."
- ❖ Friday the 31st, Father will lead an Akathist to the Lord's Nativity at 11am and then be available for confessions.
- ❖ Also on Friday, a Vespertal Liturgy for the New Year/Feast of Circumcision & St. Basil will be served at 5pm.
- ❖ We end the year with a New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance that is family oriented.

If you wish to purchase tickets for the 20th Anniversary Banquet, here is the link:
<https://athanasius20.company.site>

Below is a "tentative schedule" for the weekend Friday the 28th - Sunday the 30th.

- ❖ Friday (Jan 28) 6pm Informal Council/Leadership Dinner with Bishops & Clergy Guests
- ❖ Saturday (Jan 29) 10:30am Saturday Young Adult Brunch with Bishops & Clergy Guests; 2pm Youth Group Q&A at church w/Bishop Gerasim; 3pm Vigil for 3 Hierarchs (2 hours); 5:30pm Drinks&Mingling before Banquet at Copper Roux; 6:15pm Banquet Begins
- ❖ Sunday (Jan 30) 9:30am Greeting of Bishops for Pontifical Liturgy; 12pm Fellowship Brunch at church

PLEASE REACH OUT TO FR. JUSTIN IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS A DISCOUNT IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE BANQUET.

Date	Bread Ministry (12-12:30pm)	Greeters	Prosphora	Fellowship Hour
12/19	Anna Rij, Hannah Kamau	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther. Rebecca Wilson	Lourie Family	Team D/Bradshaw
12/26	David/Mary Bradshaw, Steve/Sandy Skees	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul & Linda F.	TBA	Potluck
01/02	Audrey Wagner, Naomi DeHaan	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther. Rebecca Wilson	TBA	Team A/Lourie
01/09	Mat. Tamara, JP, Ian, Rebecca Wilson	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul & Linda F.	TBA	Only Coffee To Go