

Parish Services & Activities September 9 - 17

◆ Saturday, September 9 Saturday Before Exaltation

Synaxis Ss. Joachim & Anna

- 6:30pm **Vespers** w/Deacon Simeon — NO Confessions
- 8pm Budget Meeting via zoom

◆ Sunday, September 10 Sunday Before Exaltation

- 9:30am **Divine Liturgy**
- 11:10am Children's SS Begins
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour / Team B (Kamau)
- 12pm Bread Ministry

◆ Monday, September 11

- 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting (in the parish hall)
- 7-8:30pm Mt. 5:4 Fellowship (meeting at the home of Mary Bradshaw)

◆ Tuesday, September 12 *Leavetaking Nativity of the Theotokos*

- 6:30pm **Vespers** for St. Nina Mission (meeting at Memorial Park in Berea)

◆ Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30pm **Vigil w/Cross Rite**
- 8:30 pm Confessions (NO Class)

◆ Thursday, September 14 *Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross*

- 7am **Festal Liturgy** — strict fast day (w/o)

◆ Friday, September 15

- 11am Akathist to the Cross
- 11:50am Confessions

◆ Saturday, September 16 *Saturday After Exaltation*

- 6:30pm **Cathedral Vigil**
- 7:30pm Confessions

◆ Sunday, September 17 *Sunday After Exaltation*

- 9:30am **Divine Liturgy** (followed by Annual Parish Meeting)
- **NO** Children's SS
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour / Pizza provided by the parish
- 12pm Bread Ministry
- 3pm Choir Cookout

**NOTE: SATURDAY VIGIL, SUNDAY LITURGY, WEDNESDAY VESPERS
ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK.**



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 10, 2023 / 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Before Exaltation

Readings for Today: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle); Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle, Sunday Before); Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel); John 3:13-17 (Gospel, Sunday Before)



In 2010, Fr. Justin's spiritual father, Igumen Seraphim of Holy Cross Monastery, gifted a small reliquary containing a splinter of the True Cross to St. Athanasius. Charlen Walker, a self-taught carver and former parishioner of Fr. Justin's in Tennessee, offered to carve a wooden cross in which to set this precious relic. The cross she carved for our parish is unique. In the South, dogwood blossoms symbolize the death and resurrection of Jesus. Likewise, the relic is lifted up by baby hands, symbolizing Christ's free-offering of himself for the life of the world.

His Beatitude Tikhon, 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 on this 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Visitors should feel free to participate at their 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 neighbor. Everyone is invited to the parish hall for Fellowship Hour hosted today by Team B (Kamau).

Liturgical Services this Week at St. Athanasius

- ★ **Vigil w/Cross Rite on Wednesday** at 6:30pm followed by Confessions (NO Class)
- ★ **Festal Liturgy** on Thursday at 7am for *Feast of Exaltation of the Precious Cross*
- ★ **Akathist to the Cross** on Friday at 11am followed by Confessions

Parish Life Activities this Week

- ★ Parish Council on Monday at 6:30pm—All candidates running for election may want to consider attending this meeting.
- ★ Mt. 5:4 Fellowship on Monday from 7-8:30pm at the home of Mary Bradshaw, 2232 Lovell Ct. in Lexington (contact Mary B for more info (859) 608-7908).

St. Nina Mission invites everyone to a 6:30pm Vespers Service on Tuesday, September 12 at Memorial Park in Berea. Following we will have a potluck and reflect on our present feasts.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is next Sunday—The office would like to have the information packet completed by Wednesday so it can be shared via email for review before the meeting—BUT, several ministry reports have not yet been sent in. Your preview of the packet will be helpful in expediting the meeting. Please send in your reports.

Mark Your Calendars for these Important September / October Dates

- Sept 17 — Annual Parish Meeting—This meeting is required by the OCA ; we will be electing four new council members and voting to approve the 2023-24 budget.
- Sept 20 — Adult Sunday School Begins via zoom at 8pm
- Sept 22-24 —Annual Orthodox Campout
- Oct 1 — Fall Hike in Berea (more info next week)
- Oct 2 - 6 —Jessamine County Schools Fall Break

Please pray for the Child Esther, and her parents Rebecca and Stephen, who attend St. Nicholas Church (OCA) near Cleveland. Parish Alumna Rebecca McDaniel Hoffacker gave birth to her first child, little Esther, born prematurely and is NICU.

Emmaus Retreat 2023 - Saturday, October 14 — A Fall Retreat Idea!

This is an all-ages, all-parish retreat, held at Camp Belzer in Indianapolis, Indiana. We are excited to welcome Fr. Paul Jannakos, as this year’s speaker. There will be three speaking sessions, fellowship time, and afternoon recreation. Lunch will be provided as well as child care during the speaking sessions for children 2 thru 12. Camp Belzer is located just outside 465 in Northeast Indianapolis – a beautiful campus with hiking trails and natural beauty. For more information see flier on bulletin board downstairs.

++ Register by September 23rd for a 20% early bird discount! ++

The early bird rate is \$20 and runs through September 23, 2023! Standard registration is still a great price at \$25, and ends October 10th, 2023. Children 2 and under are free! **REGISTER NOW! It is OKAY if you cannot pay the full registration fee up front when you register**, as long as full payment is received by October 10th – **so don’t wait, register today!!**



Date	Bread Ministry (12-12:30pm)	Counting	Doorkeeper	Fellowship Hour	Greeter	Prospora
9/10	Audrey Wagner, Ashlee Harover	Mary Cook, Laura Walther	Michael Naughton	Team B / Kamau	Tommy Evans	Steve Bishop
9/17	Mat Tamara, Ian, Rebecca Wilson	Mary Cook, office asst/Kathy	Linda Frangedakis	Pizza / APM	Tommy Evans	Mary Bradshaw
9/24	Hannah Kamau, Eduard Syvstun	Michael Harover, Logan Sowers	Jeremiah Naughton	Team C / Sister	Rebecca Wilson	Steve Bishop
10/1	Bracshaws / Skees	TBA	Hannah Kamau	Team D / Bradshaw	Ronald McKinley	TBA

