

APRIL

The Great Fast Calendar of Lenten Services

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Chotki Knotting 7pm	1	2	3 Andrew of Crete 7pm	4 Pre-Sanctified w/ Akathist 7pm	5 Pysanky Class Young Adults
6	7	8	9 Pre-Sanctified 7pm	10	11 Pre-Sanctified 7pm	12 Divine Liturgy LAZARUS 8am
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18	19
GREAT AND HOLY WEEK <i>There will be a separate schedule for this week</i>						
20 PASCHA	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	<div data-bbox="567 1149 1655 1547" data-label="Text" style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer of Saint Ephrem (the official Byzantine Lenten Prayer)</p> <p>O Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter.</p> <p>Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.</p> <p>Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brother and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen</p> </div>				

Pysanky Classes

Learn the venerable art of Easter egg decorating

No experience required. You are welcome to come any time but do plan to stay for a couple of hours. Please also bring a lunch.



Sat, Apr 5th

10am to 5pm
(Rectory lower level)

Chotki Knotting

Learn the basic knot used to make your own chotki (prayer rope). Classes are limited to 3 people due to the complexity of the knot. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Mon, Mar 31st

7pm - 9pm



The Annual Cleaning of the Pews


Join us as we prepare the church for Pascha

Saturday
April 12th

starting at
10:00AM





Remembrance Liturgy
For Pregnancy and Infant Loss



Parents who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth or in early infancy are welcome to join us for a Divine Liturgy of healing.

— St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church —
 2011 Clark St., Whiting, IN
 April 6, 2025 | 3 p.m.
 Light reception to follow.

Registration is required.
 Register at: stmarywhiting.org

Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal

How are we using our gifts to build up the Kingdom of God? What treasure do we have stored here on earth that could be offered for the Kingdom?

Thankfully, we have an opportunity this Lent to help build that Kingdom of God in a particular way: by supporting the Eparchy's Stewardship Appeal.

Visit parma.org for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through their website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

Let's make our Stewardship Goal! \$20,400

You can an Appeal Pledge until May 15th



A Lenten journey into Bright Sadness

*The Great Canon of
 St. Andrew of Crete*

**Thur. April 3, 2025
 Begins at 7:00PM**

Annunciation Byzantine
 Catholic Parish
 14610 S Will Cook Rd
 Homer Glen, IL 60491

In the profoundly moving Byzantine Catholic service of St. Andrew of Crete, Biblical accounts of sin and redemption are chanted in hauntingly beautiful melodies as we immerse ourselves into the *bright sadness* of repentance through the gesture of full body prostrations.

The service will continue until about 11:00PM but we invite you to experience any part of its duration. The Sacrament of Confession will be available throughout the service. If 'giving up candy' for Lent just does not seem like enough then make your Lent a real conversion.

For more information visit: www.byzantinecatholic.com
 Visit us on Facebook: Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish
 or Call: 708-645-0241