

### *Trust in Prayer*

A man sat in his luxurious hotel room and dialed room service. He marveled at the fact that at the other end of the telephone line was an individual waiting to respond to his every need. All he had to do was ask.

Many people believe that prayer is supposed to work the same way. For them, God is at the receiving end of their prayers and is expected to grant every prayer requested. "And why shouldn't it be?" they might ask. "Doesn't God want me to get this new job?" "Doesn't God want my marriage to work?" "Doesn't God want my surgery to be successful?" After all, don't we read in the Scriptures, "Ask and you shall receive?"

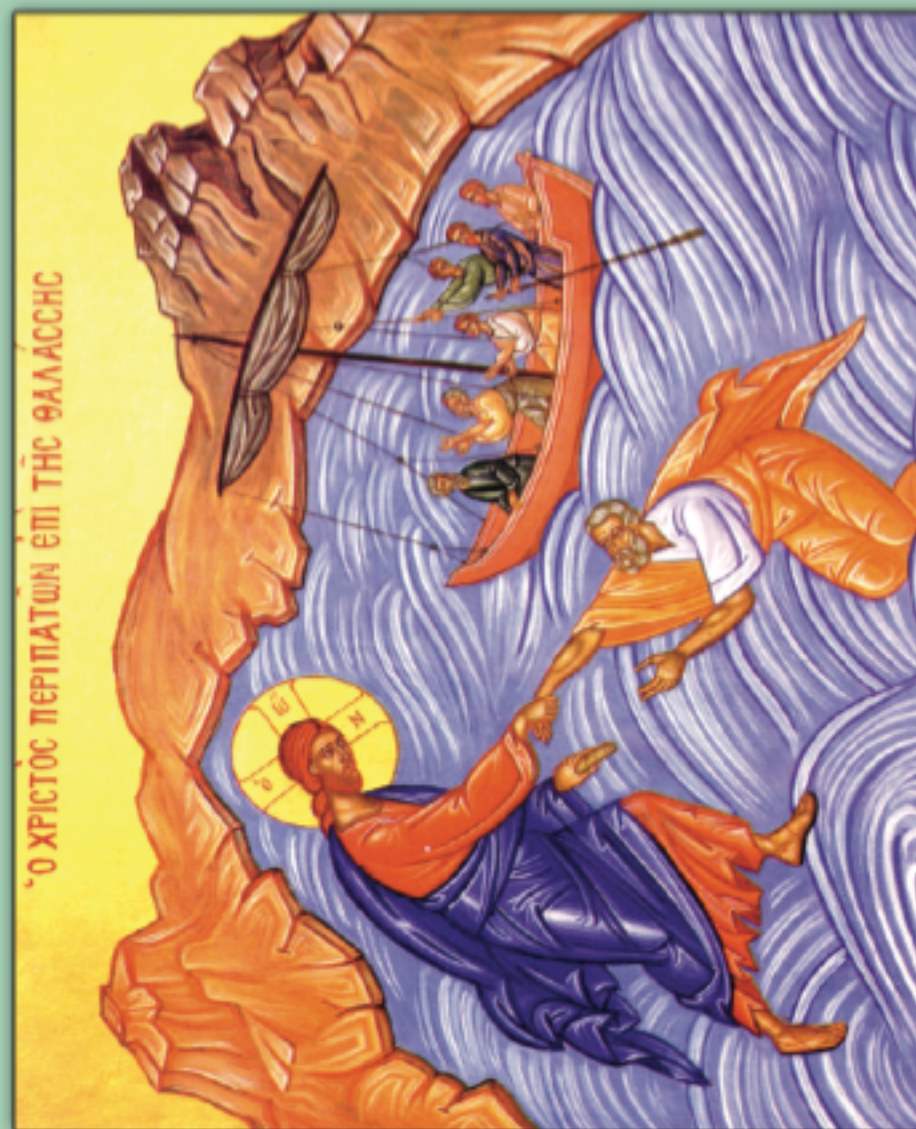
The answer is, yes – God always wants what is best for us, and every prayer is answered. But, not every prayer is answered as we expect it to be. In order to be able to accept God's answers

to our prayers, especially the unanticipated answers, we need to exercise patience, trust and openness to God's will and His wisdom.

We see Saint Peter exercise this kind of trust in God in today's Gospel lesson. While the disciples' boat was being storm-tossed on the sea, Jesus came walking on water toward them. Then, Jesus issued a most unexpected command to Peter. "Come," Jesus said and Peter actually began walking on water toward Him! It was only when Peter took his eyes away from Jesus and focused again on the perilous storm around him that he began to sink. The same is true for us. When we trust God, He will lead us to safety. When we take our eyes away from Him, we become overwhelmed by the storms of life.

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Walking on Water*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### July 30, 2023 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	30	<b>9th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	3	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Kay Kelly by Karl & Melissa Schudt
<b>Saturday</b>	5	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Mary Hambrick by Karl & Melissa Schudt  5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	6	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners <b>~Harvest Blessing of Fruits and Vegetables~</b>

#### We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak
Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Joel Super
Steve Bieniek	William Horne	William Davis
Sally Hughes		

### Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

*In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.*

**Parish Membership** is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

**The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony** are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

**A Biblically based stewardship** is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

**Couples who are planning to be married** at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

**Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages,"** as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

**Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound** should contact the pastor or parish business office.

**Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia** parish members should contact the pastor.

**No eulogies** or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

**Cremation is permitted but not encouraged.** Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

**Appropriate behavior and dress** are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

**Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday.** If this is not possible an equivalent penitential practice is to be observed.



## Annunciation's 2023 Raffle

Sunday, December 10th

**Grand Prize: \$5,000**

**Early Bird Drawings**

**Sundays, October 8th & November 12th**

Make sure to pick up your tickets from the narthex and get them back so you don't miss out on any of the drawings! Each ticket has three chances to WIN if returned by October 8th.

## The Annunciation Gator



Help us get a much needed Gator for our 10 acre property. This vehicle will allow us to easily access all areas of our property and take the stress off of Fr. Tom while he maintains our award winning Prairie.

We need your help to raise about \$8,000 to put toward the total cost of this very necessary vehicle.

If you would like to make a donation, please mark it as **GATOR**.

Thank you for any support you might be able to give!

## The Feast of the Transfiguration

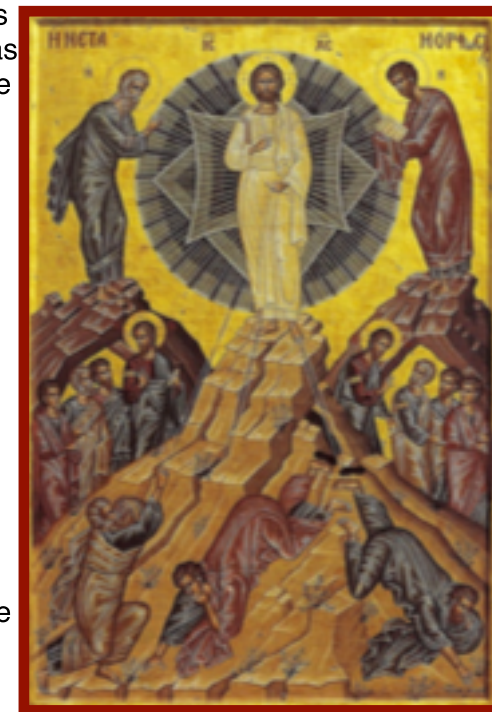
The transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His apostles as "the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God," He told them that "He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16). The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John "up to a high mountain" - by tradition Mount Tabor - and was "transfigured before them."

The Jewish Festival of Booths was a feast of the dwelling of God with men, and the transfiguration of Christ reveals how this dwelling takes place in and through the Messiah, the Son of God in human flesh. There is little doubt that Christ's transfiguration took place at the time of the Festival of Booths, and that the celebration of the event in the Christian Church became the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament feast in a way similar to the feasts of Passover and Pentecost.

The presence of Moses and Elijah is also of great significance for the understanding of the celebration of the feast. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: Moses for the Law and Elijah for the Prophets. And Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Mt 5:17). They also stand for the living and the dead, for Moses died and his burial place is known, while Elijah was taken alive into heaven in order to appear again to announce the time of God's salvation in Christ the Messiah.

Thus, in appearing with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah show that the Messiah Savior is here, and that He is the Son of God to Whom the Father Himself bears witness, the Lord of all creation, of the Old and New Testaments, of the living and the dead. The Transfiguration of Christ in itself is the fulfillment of all the theophanies and manifestations of God, a fulfillment made perfect and complete in the person of Christ. The Transfiguration of Christ reveals to us our ultimate destiny as Christians, the ultimate destiny of all men and all creation to be transformed and glorified by the majestic splendor of God Himself.

The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord!



**THE COURAGE  
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**November 10th -12th**

Where:

**The Lial Retreat Center  
5908 Davis Rd,  
Whitehouse, OH 43571**



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spiritual reflection and  
community fellowship.*



# The Fathers Tom Art Show

Inspiring Faith in God through Beauty

Sunday, August 13th

2:00pm - 4:30pm

**Original art by both priest artists  
Fr. Tom Loya and Fr. Tom Koys**

- Listen to short talks given by each Father Tom on how beauty can lead to a deeper longing for the Divine Artist!
- Opportunity to purchase originals and prints of art created by each Father Tom
- Enjoy light refreshments with a summer sangria/wine and cheese buffet

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# THEOLOGY ON TAP

SUMMER SERIES 2023

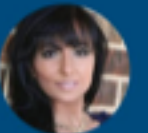
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MONDAY  
EVENINGS

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LOCKPORT, IL

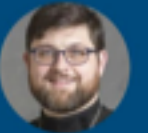
July 10 Red and White Martyrdom of the Iraqi Christians

JULIANA TAIMOORAZY



July 31 How to Live a Baptismal Life: Knowing the Difference Between the Jordan and the Chicago River

FR. ANDREW SUMMERSON



August 7 Death Is Not the End: Our Purpose in Life

FR. PETE JANKOWSKI



August 21 How and Why Is Catholic the Way? Can and Should the Church Change Her Teachings?

FR. THOMAS LOYA



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