

Falling Asleep, You Have Not Forsaken the World

At the time of her death, so it is believed, the Mother of God was living in the house of St. John on Mount Zion. The Twelve were preaching the Gospel in different parts of the world. But so that they might see the Virgin once again before her death, all of them except Thomas were carried miraculously on clouds to the Holy City. Besides the Twelve, the Apostle Paul, together with the bishops Dionysios the Areopagite, Hierotheos, and Timothy, were also present at her bedside. As they stood round her, the Holy Virgin commended her spirit into the keeping of her Son and God. He Himself descended from heaven and took her soul up with Him in His arms. Led by Peter, the apostles sang funeral hymns in her honor, and carried her body down to the valley of Cedron, close to Gethsemane, where she laid in a tomb specially

prepared for her. The Jews tried to interrupt the funeral procession, one of them even attempting to upset the bier. His hands were cut off by an angel, but he was subsequently healed. Thomas arrived on the third day after the burial. Since he was anxious to look for a last time on the Theotokos, the apostles opened the tomb – and found it empty.

Without insisting on the literal truth of every element in this account, Eastern tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul.

Bishop Kallistos of Diocletia

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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August 13, 2023 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	13	11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Tuesday	15	Dormition of the Theotokos 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Helen Gazzolo by Anne & Cathy Gazzolo ~ <i>Blessing of Flowers</i> ~ 
Thursday	17	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Genevieve Pivoris by the Krown Family
Saturday	19	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Anthony & +Alice Eterovich by Karen Eterovich Maguire 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	20	12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

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	Sally Hughes
Steve Bieniek	William Horne	William Davis

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 Dormition of Theotokos

Tuesday, August 15th

Divine Liturgy - 7pm

Followed by the blessing of flowers and prairie

When the apostles returned to the grave where they laid Mary, her body and soul had been assumed into Heaven and the only thing that remained was the aroma of flowers.

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Vespers - 6pm

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The Lial Retreat Center
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Dormition of the Mother of
God Byzantine Catholic
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Mary's Helpers

Ukrainian Village

Thursday, August 24th

Depart Annunciation at 9:15

This trip to Chicago's famous Ukrainian Village will include a visit to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, followed by lunch and finally a tour of the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or talk to Georgia for more details.



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FR. THOMAS LOYA

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Eparchy of Parma's Annual Marian Pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Mariapoch Shrine**

August 19th & 20th
Burton, Ohio

Bishop Kurt will be the guest speaker and celebrant at the Hierarchical Liturgy on **Sunday, Aug 20th at 3PM**
Bishop Edward from the Cleveland Diocese will be the homilist

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