

### *Christ and the Law*

When Christ says to him, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments," the man expects Him to add immediately, "my commandments." "Which ones?" he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for "no one is justified by the law," as it is written, but because the life lived according to law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. "For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ."

The law is the starting point for social justice.

Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in "eye for eye, tooth for tooth."

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance with a view to the greater good, teaching that "if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well."

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Prophet Samuel — August 20th*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### August 20, 2023 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	20	<b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	24	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Brian Paulson by GCU Lodge 271
Saturday	26	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Judith Feltner by Connie Purcell 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	27	<b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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
William Horne	William Davis	Claire Resuta

### 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!

LOCKPORT YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

SUMMER SERIES 2023

7 PM - DOORS OPEN  
7:15 PM - TALK BEGINS

MONDAY  
EVENINGS

EMBER'S TAP HOUSE  
LOCKPORT, IL

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

QUESTIONS? Contact: Kristin Kay at [kristinkay@gmail.com](mailto:kristinkay@gmail.com) Lockport Young Adults

**THE COURAGE  
TO BE  
MYRRH BEARERS**

**November 10th -12th**

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**Where:**

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



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*The Eparchy of Parma and  
Dormition of the Mother of  
God Byzantine Catholic  
Church are proud to sponsor  
a women's renewal.  
A weekend of empowerment,  
spiritual reflection and  
community fellowship.*

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.*

## 2023 LIFE CONFERENCE

**Life: The Political, Medical, Moral, and Philosophical**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

**Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall**

**506 East Main Street**

**Marblehead, Ohio**

### SPEAKERS

(In alphabetical order)

**Doctor George Delgado**

**Father Thomas J. Loya**

**Mr. Peter Range**

**Professor Janet Smith**

Tickets \$60.00/Student tickets \$30.00

Scholarships available

Registration at 8:00 am

Conference 9:00 am-5:00pm

Continental breakfast and lunch included

**Deadline to register Wednesday September 27, 2023.**

**Call 419-626-0375. Please leave name and number.**

Additional info: [www.stmarymarblehead.com](http://www.stmarymarblehead.com) or

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## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

*Our Holy Father Theophanes - August 19th*

### The Prologue from Ochrid - Lives of the Saints

When some unexpected trouble falls upon us guiltless, we should not immediately bemoan the fact, but seek God's providence in it, which can, through this trouble, bring us something new and helpful. The great Theophanes, abbot of Docheiariou, one day received the shocking news that the Turks had seized his sister's son, forced him to embrace Islam and then taken him to Constantinople. Theophanes immediately went himself to Constantinople and succeeded, with God's help, in locating his nephew and taking him secretly to his monastery on the Holy Mountain. There, he brought him back to the Christian faith and made him a monk. But the brethren grumbled against their abbot and his nephew, from fear of the Turks, for they were afraid that the Turks would hear of it and would come and destroy the monastery. Not knowing what else to do, St Theophanes took his nephew and withdrew secretly, not only from Docheiariou but from the Holy Mountain, and went to Berea. The later activities of Theophanes in Berea and Naousa prove how useful misfortune can be to the Church. That which Theophanes would never have achieved on the Holy Mountain, he achieved in these other places to which he had fled: he founded two monasteries in which, in due time, many monks found salvation and many people were upheld. Also, added to this, his holy relics among the people became a source of healing, for the strengthening of the Faith in unbelievers and in those of little faith. Thus God, in His wisdom, guides the destinies of men through unexpected ills, which seem to men at the time to be for their loss.

## 89th Annual Pilgrimage

### Theotokos: Seeker of the Lost September 2 & 3, 2023



This Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling.

The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.

**Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great - Uniontown, PA**

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