

A Word of Warning

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as difficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work

unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

St. Gregory the Great

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Parable of the Sower and Seed



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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October 15, 2023 - Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council Schedule of Services

Sunday 15 Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

9:00 AM Matins

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

No services scheduled this week;

**Fr. Loya will be attending the Clergy Convention
for the Eparchy of Parma in Ohio this week**

**Saturday 21 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Mercedes Rodriguez
by Heraclio Cabral**

5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday 22 21st 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 Home
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Sally Hughes
William Home	William Davis	Georgia Peceniak
Paul Kaderabek	Gloria Selvy	Claire Resuta-wc
Abbie Sheedy-wc	Marianne Horvath	Steve Bieniek

We pray for our Catechumens of our parish:

Lea Rodbarry	Kate Colome
Anthony Mazzeo	Stephen Beardsley

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

Grand Raffle Update

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 12th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 10th

Countdown - 57 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts... Don't stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(240)	(\$24,000)	68.57%
Unsold	110	\$11,000	31.43%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



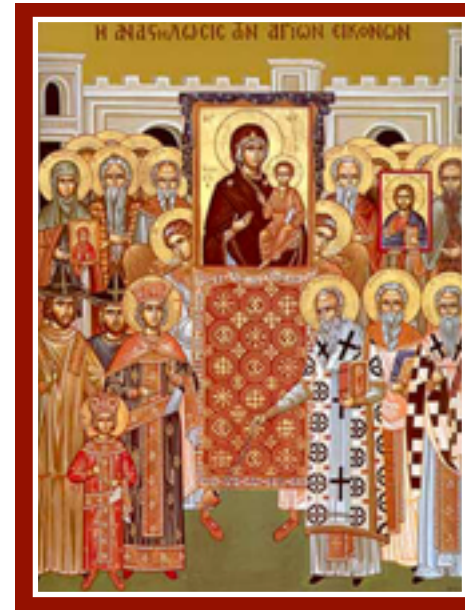
Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Matthew/Abbie Sheedy - \$250

Withers Family - \$150 / Jason/Courtney Smee - \$100

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, James & Stephanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Kathy Diiple, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey, Doshi, Jim Forkal, Rob & Debbie Gartshore, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Katie Gulas, Maria Gulas, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Sue Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Mary Kenes, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Julio & Sureia Martinez, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Diane Zelnick Milmont, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Cecelia Okonski, Jeff & Angela Okonski, John & Mary Oreluk, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Justin Orenic, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Gloria Paulson, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Mark & Melissa Porfirio, Brian & Donna Rusnak, Joe Schudt, Gloria Selvy, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snaidauf, Esther Thomas, Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske, Robert Zavada



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

The Son who shone forth from the Father, was born of woman in two natures. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form. Devoutly depicting it we honor it in faith. Therefore the Church, maintaining the true faith, venerates the icon of Christ's incarnation.

Kontakion

See the centerfold for an explanation about the importance of this Ecumenical Council.

Octoberfest

Sunday, October 15th

11:30AM - 2:30PM

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church

557 W 57th Ave - Merrillville, IN 46410

Menu


Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes or Cabbage & Noodles,
Green Beans, Bread/Butter/Dessert

Adult Menu Donation - \$15 | Children 12 & under - \$5

Music by John Pruzin Jr. & His Tamburitza Band

Please join us for good food, dancing, and pure wholesome fun!

Proceeds to benefit the less fortunate
through the work of the St. Nicholas Apostolate



Mary's Helpers Outing
Tuesday, Nov 7th
 Elmhurst's Wilder Park
 Conservatory & Lunch
 Join us for a fun day enjoying the
 fall flower show and lunch in
 Elmhurst. **Depart from
 Church at 10AM**

*Please see sign
 up sheet in the
 Narthex*

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius. The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. It centered around the use of icons in the Church and the controversy between the iconoclasts and iconophiles. The Iconoclasts were suspicious of religious art; they demanded that the Church rid itself of such art and that it be destroyed or broken (as the term "Iconoclast" implies).

The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The Iconoclast controversy was a form of Monophysitism: distrust and downgrading of the human side.

The Council's Proclamation

"We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor, but not of real worship, which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature...which is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands."



Saturday, October 21, 2023
**Morning of
 Recollection**
 - WITH FR. DWIGHT LONGENECKER -

St. James at Sag Bridge

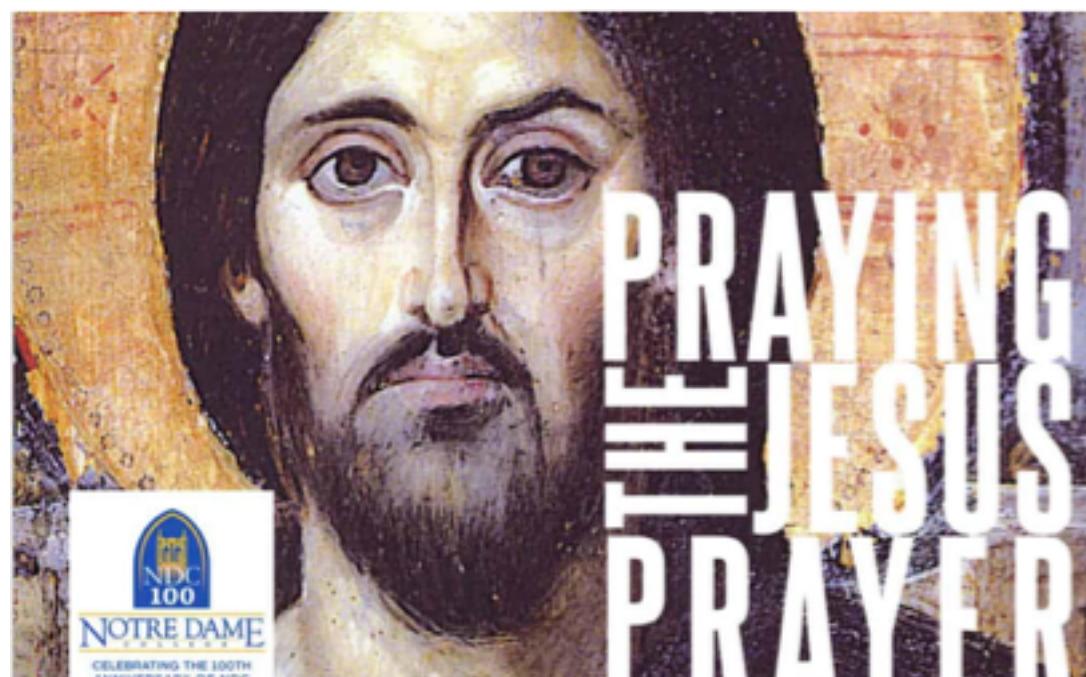
Overview
 Father Longenecker is a Catholic convert with a fascinating conversion story. He is a prolific writer, blogger at Standing on My Head, and author of numerous books, including *Beheading Hydra* and *Immortal Combat*. Please join us as Father inspires us with a plan to battle the cultural currents of our day. He will also share the fascinating facts behind the Sword of Saint Michael, a mysterious imaginary line linking seven monasteries from Ireland to Israel.

Agenda
 Saturday, October 21, 2023
 8am - Mass
 9am - 12pm - Talks, Refreshments, Recollection
 There will be opportunity for Confession

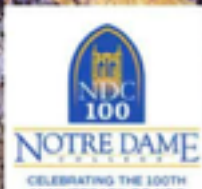
Location
 St. James at Sag Bridge
 10600 S. Archer Ave.
 Lemont, IL

Cost
 \$25 per person
 Visit historicsjames.org to learn more and purchase your ticket.

Scan this code to learn more about Fr. Longenecker and his ministry.

**PRAYING
 WITH
 JESUS
 PRAYER**



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 OCT. 28**

10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
ST. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
3256 WARREN ROAD, CLEVELAND, OH 44111

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. PRESENTATION
 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON - Q&A WITH THE PRESENTER
 12:00 NOON - TOURS OF THE ROMANIAN ETHNIC ART MUSEUM

**THIS EVENT IS FREE
 PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

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