

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire. They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a most unique pledge: they pledged not to take

any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as "unmercenaries" – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st



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October 29, 2023 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	29	22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners <i>**We welcome Fr. Sergio Ayala today, Fr. Loya is directing a retreat for couples this weekend in California**</i>
		No services scheduled this week: Fr. Loya will be attending the Metropolitan Assembly in New Jersey this week
Saturday	4	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	5	23rd 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
Bob Zavada	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 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 - 43 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	(243)	(\$24,300)	69.43%
Unsold	107	\$10,700	30.57%

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, Mary Ellen Haber, 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

Ukrainian Village Visit

Saturday, November 11th



Join us for a special visit to Ukrainian Village for the **Feast of St. Josaphat** and to learn about the rich history of Ukrainian Catholics in Chicago.

3:00PM

Visit the Ukrainian National Museum

4:30PM

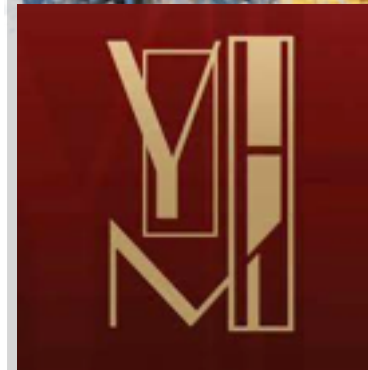
Tour of St. Nicholas
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

5:00PM

Attend Vespers for St. Josaphat

6:30PM

Dinner at a local Ukrainian Restaurant



Ukrainian National Museum

2249 W Superior St

Chicago, IL 60612



This will be a combined trip between St. Mary's in Whiting and Annunciation in Homer Glen. All are welcome to attend this special event.

See sign-up sheet in the narthex. Trip cost and transportation will be forthcoming.





Family Catechesis
 Sunday, November 19th
 Noon - 1:30pm

ByzanTEENS
 Sunday, Nov 5th & 12th
 11:30am to 1:00pm



Blessed Theodore Romzha - Martyr
October 31st

In the fall of 1945, Soviet authorities began the official liquidation of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo. Rather than flee, Bishop Romzha decided to fight. Although the Soviet authorities confiscated his car, he traveled long distances by horse and buggy, just to reassure

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

his faithful and to encourage them to persevere until death, saying, "They are taking from us our own priests and churches, but they will never be able to take away our faith from us." During these extensive and dangerous visitations, Bishop Romzha tried to sustain the faith of the weak, to reassure the wavering, and to plead with those intimidated: "Faith is our greatest treasure on this earth. To preserve our faith, we must even be ready to lay down our life. If we must die, then let us die as true martyrs, defending our faith. One thing is sure: that we never will abandon our faith nor betray our Church." He was sustained by his unshakeable confidence in God's Providence; and down deep in his courageous heart he vividly felt the protection of the Theotokos, the Mother of God. There was no power that could shake his loyalty to the Holy See; in his mind there was only "one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church," and for this truth, Bishop Romzha was ready to sacrifice his own life.

A BYZANTINE CATHOLIC RETREAT & PILGRIMAGE TO
GUADALUPE, MEXICO
 APRIL 20-27, 2024

JOIN US
 in celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, with an eight-day retreat and pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

\$3,250 per person
 double occupancy

- INCLUDES:**
- Round-trip airfare from Chicago
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
 - Entrance fees as per scheduled visits
 - Private Divine Liturgies and services
 - Four-star hotels in historic districts
 - Professional English-speaking guide
 - Land travel in air-conditioned motor coach
 - Pilgrim prayer pack
 - All tips and gratuities

Journey and pray with:



Fr. Andrew and Laura have been serving at St. Mary Church in Whiting since 2018 and have led three other pilgrimages. Fr. Tom is a renowned speaker and host of Light of the East.

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