



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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November 12, 2023 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	12	24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Monday	13	Feast of St. John Chrysostom 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Jenny Forkal by Marianne Horvath
Tuesday	14	<i>Phillip's Fast begins this evening—Please see insert for details</i>
Thursday	16	Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Anthony & +Alice Eterovich by Karen Eterovich Maguire
Saturday	18	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Judith Feltner by Connie Purcell 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	19	25th 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
Bob Zavada	William Davis	Georgia Peceniak
Gary Paczkowski	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

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 10th

Countdown - 28 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	(259)	(\$25,900)	74.00%
Unsold	91	\$9,100	26.00%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Matthew/Abbie Sheedy - \$250

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

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, James & Stephanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Mary Cimbalista, 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, Dan & Christine Lauffer, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Julio & Sureia Martinez, Lisa Melnik, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Diane Zelnick Milmont, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, 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 Smees, Jason & Courtney Smees, Daniel Snidauf, Esther Thomas, Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske, Robert Zavada



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

ByzanTEENS
 Sunday, Dec 3rd & 10th
 11:30am to 1:00pm

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 The webinar hosts for this series is made up of Fr. Daniel Duzar, Fr. Deacon Anthony Dragun, Mr. Robert Karika, and Fr. Michael Wink, the English language editor of the COP. The instructors for the lessons are Fr. Joseph Wozniak, Fr. Michael Wink, and Deacon Tomasz Fr. James Dorencz and Fr. Daniel Duzar host each "Review" session.

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This series is intended for anyone who is:

- Interested in learning more about the Byzantine Christian patrimony of the Catholic Church.
- Visiting or attending regularly a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish and is considering formally joining the Church through baptism or transfer.
- Already a Byzantine Christian who desires to go deeper into his or her faith and practice or to learn how to share this faith with others.

[Becoming Byzantine Website](#)

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 9th



Calling all bakers... we are looking for cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!



Christmas on the Prairie
Sat. Dec. 9, 2023
2:00pm - 6:00pm
Annunciation Church
14610 W81 Cook Rd
Homer Glen, IL 60431

FREE
indoor and outdoor family event

•Homemade Christmas bake sale items
•Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
•Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
•Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage
For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com

By: Tom Linn

- +Make a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie.
- +Please mark the type of cookie and if they have nuts in them.
- +Cookies can be dropped off in the downstairs kitchen.
- +We will take your cookies and make mixed boxes to sell at the event.



SAINT JOSAPHAT

Archbishop and Martyr (1584-1623)

Born in 1584 in Vladimir, a city of ancient Poland, Saint Josaphat was the son of Gabriel Kuncewicz. His was a family of honorable Christians of the Greco-Slavic rite, in use among the Russians. His mother took care to raise him in the fear of God, and in his tender heart formed the first longings for virtue. At twenty years of age Josaphat deplored the situation of religion in Poland. In 1596, the Ruthenian Church was divided into two contending parties - the Unionates and those who persevered in schism. He saw divisions growing in the Church, and that few were remaining faithful to the Holy See, to safeguard the true orthodoxy and their eastern rites. He studied philosophy and theology under two famous Jesuits and decided to enter religious life at the Convent of the Trinity in Vilna, where Basilian religious submissive to the Holy See were residing. He received the religious habit and was professed in 1604.

St Josaphat was ordained a priest and began to preach in various churches of the city, bringing back many dissidents to the Union. He was invited also to preach and govern in various regions of the land; he accepted to become head of a monastery at Bytene. He restored their celebrated sanctuaries, built a convent, and converted, among others, one of the most zealous of the dissidents. In 1614 Josaphat's friend, Joseph Routski, became Archbishop of the city of Vilna, and recalled his holy former companion to that city, confiding the monastery of the Trinity to him. St Josaphat never made harsh reproaches, but corrections warmed by a wholly paternal affection. The conversion of the separated brethren continued through the preaching of the one called by the Uniates, The Scourge of the Schismatics, whereas the latter called him, The Ravisher of Souls.

He became the Archbishop of Polotsk in 1617 at the age of thirty-eight, on the very day when, six years later, he would earn the consecration of blood, November 12th. He restored five major cathedrals and several lesser ones; he aided the poor, stripping himself often of the most necessary objects or funds. He maintained total frugality in his residence; he recovered certain properties retained unjustly by powerful lords of the region, through his mildness of language in the lawcourts, to which he had recourse for the purpose. But he was soon to acquire, in a certain Melece Smotritski, a formidable enemy, who had himself consecrated, in Russia, Archbishop of the same city as Josaphat, with other aspirants to like authority.

In 1623 the Archbishop when to Vitebsk to calm the tumult, knowing well that his hour had come, in effect he was most cruelly assassinated and his body profaned; he was in his forty-fourth year. His mortal remains were recovered after five days from the waters of a river, and exposed for nine days, constantly emitting a fragrance of roses and lilies. The Archbishop had gone gladly to his death, offering his life that the schism might end; he had said as much beforehand. Four years after his death the author of the troubles, Smotritski, the false archbishop, after many combats made a decisive step and consecrated his life to penance, prayer, and the defense of the Union. Such changes of heart are indeed the greatest of miracles, won by the sanctity of the true servants of God.

About five years after St Josaphat's martyrdom his body was found intact, though the clothing had rotted away. Again in 1637 it was still white and supple. The body was again exposed intact in 1767. It was eventually taken to the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome. Pope Leo XIII canonized Saint Josaphat in 1867.

I AM READY TO DIE
FOR THE HOLY UNION,
FOR THE SUPREMACY
OF SAINT PETER
AND OF HIS SUCCESSOR,
THE SUPREME PONTIFF.