

There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she re-

spects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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Deacons: J. Timothy Tkach John Evancho

May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday Schedule of Services

Sunday	19	Pentecost Sunday 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Monday	20	Pentecost Monday 7:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy & Procession- +Mary K. Kenes by Maria Gulas
Thursday	23	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Helen Jadwisiak by +Casimer Jadwisiak
Saturday	25	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Donna & Mary Lou by Martha Loya 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	26	Sunday of All Saints 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Home	Mary Ellen Haber	Reba Lyon-wc
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk	Michele Lewis	William Davis
Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Gloria Selvy	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber
Ken Hrusosky	Kim Hughes	Lois Greybar	George Gulas	Dcn. John Evancho
Michaleen Forkal				

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.

A BYZANTINE CATHOLIC RETREAT & PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO

**NEW DATES
& PRICE**

NOVEMBER 9-15, 2024

JOIN US

We are celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, with a seven-day retreat & pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**\$2,950 per person
double occupancy**

Book by September 15, 2024

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:



PILGRIMAGE LEADERS
Laura Ieraci & Fr. Andrew Summerston



RETREAT LEADER
Fr. Thomas J. Loya

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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National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kick-Off in Northwest Indiana

July 1, 2024

St. Mary's Byzantine Church
2011 Clark St., Whiting, IN 46394

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Diocese of Gary
dgary.org



- 12 Noon** Church open for prayer with Confessions available in English and Spanish
- 6 p.m.** Prayer in the Byzantine Tradition
Speaker Mike Aquilina
Topic: *Like Lions Breathing Fire: The Early Christians and the Eucharist*
- 6:30 p.m.** Procession through Whiting
- 7:30 p.m.** Benediction with Bishop McClory at Whiting Lakefront Park
- 7:45 p.m.** Food, fellowship, music and dancing

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& REGISTER:**



dgary.org/2024Pilgrimage

ByzanTEEN Yard Sale

June 14th & 15th
8am - 3pm

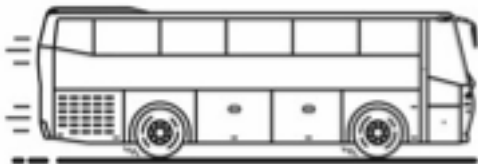
Spring is in the air! A perfect time to do some spring cleaning and collect items we can sell during our Summer Fundraiser. The POD is now available for all donations!



90th Uniontown Pilgrimage

Would you be interested in attending the 90th Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage to Mt St Macrina over Labor Day weekend? The bus would leave on Friday Aug 30th at NOON and return on Labor Day.

Please help us determine if there is enough interest to charter a bus by completing the survey in the linked QR Code.



We are looking for at least 30 people to book the bus. Cost will depend on the number of passengers.



Survey deadline is June 1st

Choir Practice
Tuesday evenings
7pm to 9pm

Can You Walk the Walk?

4th Annual Byzantine Young Adults Retreat
Thurs, July 25th - Sun, July 28th

St Mary's Byzantine Church
Marblehead, OH

Open to young adults between 18-35 years of age. Brochures are available in the office. Transportation will be provided by the parish bus and registration fee will be covered for parishioners. byzantineyoungadults.com

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, * and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28



Annual Byzantine Eparchial Women's Renewal

October 25-27, 2024

St. Francis Spirituality Center
Tiffin, OH 44883

Cost: \$200

Brochures are available
in the Business Office



The Eparchy of Parma will be hosting another Family Camp this summer. It will be held in nearby Cedar Lake, IN.

Join us for a fun week of family activities and to meet other Byzantine Catholic families from around the country!

Registration is now available:
parma.org/family-camp