

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### *Homily by St. John Chrysostom on Matthew 8*

But nevertheless, though having such great faith, he still accounted himself to be unworthy. Christ however, signifying that he was worthy to have Him enter into his house, did much greater things, marvelling at him, and proclaiming him, and giving more than he had asked. For he came indeed seeking for his servant health of body, but went away, having received a kingdom. Do you see how the saying had been already fulfilled, "Seek the kingdom of heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you." For, because he evinced great faith, and lowliness of mind, He both gave him heaven, and added unto him health.

And not by this alone did He honor him, but also by signifying upon whose casting out he is brought in. For now from this time forth He proceeds to make known to all, that salvation is by faith, not by works of the law. And this is why not to Jews only, but to Gentiles also the gift so given shall be proffered, and to the latter rather than to the former. For "think not," says He, by any means, that so it has come to pass in

regard of this man alone; nay, so it shall be in regard of the whole world. And this He said, prophesying of the Gentiles, and suggesting to them good hopes. For in fact there were some following Him from Galilee of the Gentiles. And this He said, on the one hand, not letting the Gentiles despair, on the other, putting down the proud spirits of the Jews.

But that His saying might not affront the hearers, nor afford them any handle; He neither brings forward prominently what He has to say of the Gentiles, but upon occasion taken from the centurion; nor does He use nakedly the term, Gentiles: not saying, "many of the Gentiles," but, "many from east and west:" Matthew 8:11 which was the language of one pointing out the Gentiles, but did not so much affront the hearers, because His meaning was under a shadow.

Neither in this way only does He soften the apparent novelty of His doctrine, but also by speaking of "Abraham's bosom" instead of "the kingdom."

*Icon of Healing the Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5-13)*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### June 16, 2024 4th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	16	<b><u>4th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	20	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Michaleen Forkal by Marianne Horvath
<b>Saturday</b>	22	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Dcn. Bill Fredrick by St. Joe Men's Club 5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	23	<b><u>5th Sunday after Pentecost</u></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:**

Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne	Mary Ellen Haber
Reba Lyon-wc	Angela LaBanca-wc	Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson
John Oreluk	Michele Lewis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko
Ken Hrusosky	William Davis	Fr. Bernard Danber	Kim Hughes
George Gulas	Dcn. John Evancho	Michaleen Forkal	Gary Dorencz
Stephanie Lewickas	Mike Sheedy		

## 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.



## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kick-Off in Northwest Indiana

July 1, 2024

St. Mary's Byzantine Church

2011 Clark St., Whiting, IN 46394

### ITINERARY



- 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

**LEARN MORE  
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**\$2,751.00**  
& counting!

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of your support and  
donations!

## Mary's Helpers Day Trip Starved Rock Land & Water Cruise

**Monday, June 24th**

**Depart Annunciation at 9AM** for Starved Rock near Ottawa, IL. Our tour begins with lunch at Starved Rock's Lodge Restaurant. Following lunch there will be a narrated trolley tour where you learn about the history and legends of the area. The trolley will end as we board The Eagle 1 to see the east end of Starved Rock State Park by water.

Restrooms are available throughout the tour and minimal walking is involved. Both trolley and boat are wheelchair accessible. Transportation provided by the Annunciation Bus. **We will return to Annunciation by 4:30PM.**

**Cost: \$60**

*Not refundable if you cancel after June 20th*

### *Communion from the Hands of an Angel*

Communion is a great and wonderful mystery. Even solitaries and hermits sought opportunities to receive Holy Communion. St Mary of Egypt begged St Zossima to bring the Holy Mysteries to the Jordan and give her Communion. Our holy father Paphnutius, returning from his visit to St Onuphrius, found four young men living the ascetic life in a very humble community. When Paphnutius asked them if they had any chance of receiving Communion, they replied that an angel of God came to them every Saturday and brought them Communion. Paphnutius remained until the following Saturday and personally witnessed this. When the Saturday dawned, the whole monastery was filled with an indescribable, heavenly fragrance. While they were at prayer, an angel of God in the form of a handsome young man, bright as lightning, appeared with the Holy Gifts. Paphnutius was terrified and fell to the ground in fear, but they raised him up and he also received Communion at the angel's hands. St Onuphrius received Communion at the hands of an angel, according to his own testimony, as did many other solitaries and hermits. It is therefore a completely mistaken idea to think that solitaries and hermits did not receive Communion. God, who provided for their bodily sustenance, did not leave them without the life-giving food of the Body and Blood of Christ the Lord.



 **Choir Practice**  
Tuesday evenings  
7pm to 9pm

## Dance of the St. John Bugs!

**Monday, June 24th**

**Feast of St. John the Baptist**

7:00PM Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy

*Following Liturgy we will have a family bonfire and wait to watch the dance of the St. John Bugs!*



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](http://parma.org/family-camp)

## 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](http://byzantineyoungadults.com)





"HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE." - COLOSSIANS 1:15

# CHRIST & THE COSMOS

A SYMPOSIUM ON THE ABSOLUTE PRIMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

**FRI, JULY 12 - SUN, JULY 14**

"Every disputed question in current theology begins or ends with some reference to christocentrism or the primacy of Christ...the absolute, joint predestination of Jesus and Mary to be King and Queen of the universe." + Fr. Peter Damian Fehlner, S.T.D.

## IN PERSON/ONLINE

Come join us for an engaging Eastern & Western theological and catechetical discussion on the Primacy of Jesus Christ in God's Plan of Creation & Redemption!

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church - Homer Glen, IL  
[byzantinecatholic.com](http://byzantinecatholic.com)



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**REGISTER TODAY!**



**ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN RALLY TO FOLLOW!**  
[fultonsheensmovement.com](http://fultonsheensmovement.com)



# UNPAUSE THE CAUSE



Jason Jones  
The Vulnerable  
People Project

Fr. Thomas Loya

Dr. Peter Howard

## Rally

**FULTON SHEEN**

*Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church Homer Glen, IL*

**SUNDAY**

**July 14**

Come together to pray, learn, and promote the cause for the beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Rediscover +Sheen's message, sign the petition and join the movement to reshape the world for Christ.

**10 am**

**Divine Liturgy**

Capstone of the Primacy of Christ Symposium

**11:30 pm**

**Cookout and Fellowship**

Lunch provided (Donations welcome)

**1 pm**

**Fr. Loya**

"+Sheen: Icon of Holiness - How Icons Convey Grace in the Church"

**2 pm**

**Jason Jones**

"+Sheen: The Defender of the Vulnerable"

**3 pm**

**Dr. Peter Howard**

"+Sheen: It's About Souls"

**4 pm**

**Procession and Prayer**

Procession & Prayer for Canonization

**5 pm**

**Vespers**

"The only way to address our times is to **BE A SAINT.**"  
- Venerable Fulton Sheen

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