But note both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how time consuming a chore fishing is), when they heard His command they did not delay or procrastinate. They did not say, "Let us return home, and talk things over with our family." Instead, "they left everything behind and followed," even as Elisha did when he followed Elijah. For Christ seeks this kind of obedience from us, such that we delay not even for a moment, though something absolutely most necessary should vehemently press in on us.

St. John Chrysostom

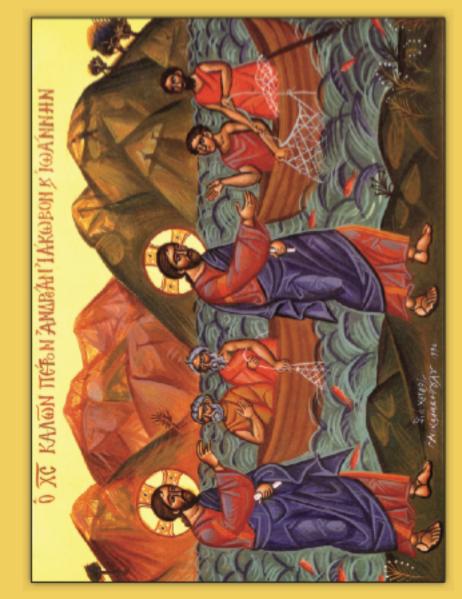
The kingdom of heaven has no price tag on it. It is worth as much as you have. For Zacchaeus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pock-

eted he promised to restore four-fold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So, as we said, the kingdom of heaven is worth as much as you have.

St. Gregory the Great

Like Peter, Andrew, James and John, we have been called to discipleship. As such, we are given the name of "Christian." But are we conscious what that name stands for, what responsibility comes with it? It is more than just a title or a label. To be a disciple of Christ, to bear the name of Christian, compels us to take on the responsibility - regardless of the difficulty and cost - of living the Gospel every moment of our lives.

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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### **Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish**

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### June 2, 2024 2nd Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Matins

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

Thursday 6 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy -

Health & Salvation of Timothy Loya by Family

Saturday 8 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy -

Health & Salvation of Laura & Mary Kizior by Laura Kizior

5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday 9 3rd 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:

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

### **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
- Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
- 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.

<u>Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound</u> should contact the pastor or parish business office.

<u>Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia</u> parish members should contact the pastor.

No eulogies or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

<u>Cremation is permitted but not encouraged</u>. 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 & REGISTER:



dcgary.org/2024Pilgrimage

# The Blessed Mother, the Most Holy Theotokos needs your help!

Her beloved grounds around our property have become over run by weeds. Please join us:

Saturday, June 8th 11AM - 4PM

to help get our award-winning property in tip-top shape for the summer.

Great event for our Young Adult Community





# Vacation Raffle Tickets

Blessed Family Montessori
School is raffling a weeklong vacation in a onebedroom villa at the
winner's choice of a
Disney Resort: Vero
Beach, Hilton Head Island,
or Orlando. Winner can
choose any week during
the summer of 2025.

### \$75/ticket

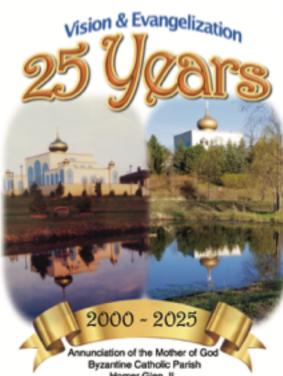
Tickets are available in the Business Office

## ByzanTEEN Yard Sale

June 14th & 15th 8am - 3pm

Last day to donate items is Sunday, June 9th!





We are now in preparation mode for the 25th Anniversary of our parish, which will be on May 14th, 2025. We plan to compose a historical video, host a celebration banquet, and spruce up the church and grounds for this momentous event. Fr. Loya will be approaching some of you to be on the Anniversary committee, however we do welcome any and all volunteers to be a part of this year of preparation.



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