

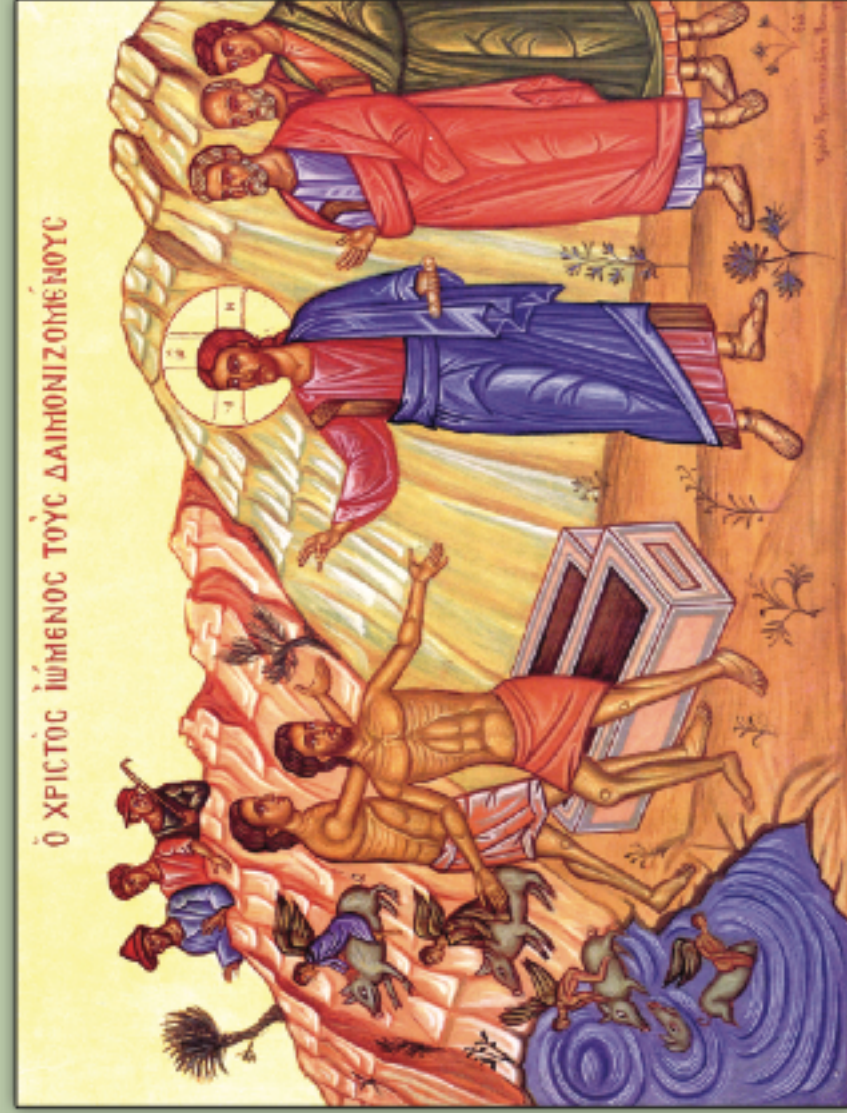
Warfare Within Us

The whole warfare of the demons against us is waged with the one purpose of alienating those who obey them from the glory of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit. But, as I see it, we have already deprived ourselves of such a gift before they even attack us, because we have forsaken the commandments of God and have not been eager to seek Him with all our soul. Had we sought Him we should not have lived so idly and carelessly! Had we been concerned for the things of heaven we should not have shown such great eagerness for the things of earth. Had our thoughts been on things incorruptible we should not have gaped greedily after the things that are transitory and corruptible.

Had we striven for things eternal we should not thus have pursued things temporal. Had we loved God we should not thus have turned away from those who guide us to Him. Had we sought to acquire virtues we would not have abhorred the teachers of virtues. Had we gladly embraced fasting we should not have complained of the lack of food and drink. Had we fought to gain control over our passions we should not have given ourselves unrestrainedly to pleasures. Had we a right and firm faith we should not have performed the works of faithlessness. Had we been found worthy to attain true love we should have known God.

St. Simeon the New Theologian

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-9:1)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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June 23, 2024 5th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	23	5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Monday	24	Feast of The Birth of St. John the Baptist 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Dcn. John Evancho by Marianne Horvath
Thursday	27	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Lee Knapik
Saturday	29	Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul (Major Holy Day) 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Alex Soley by The Forkal Family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	30	6th 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	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Home	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
Mike Sheedy	Bob Zavada		

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.

save the date **2ND ANNUAL**
BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC



to benefit the Eparchy of Parma Foundation

• AUGUST 5, 2024 •

LOST MARSH GOLF COURSE
 HAMMOND, INDIANA

8:00 AM - Registration
 9:00 AM - Start Luncheon

For Sponsorship & Golfer Information
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 Non-Golfer Luncheon \$35



Celebrating the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 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!



A reflection on the Life of St John the Baptist by Fr. Nicholas Alford

While we celebrate the lives of most of the saints on the day of their deaths, or rather on the day that they entered into the life to come, we only celebrate three birthdays in the church calendar: the birth of Our Lord, of His blessed Mother, and of St. John the Baptist. Celebrating the gift of life, the goodness of life, indeed the sanctity of life, the Church also celebrates the conceptions of Our Lord and His Mother.

St John the Baptist's life reminds us of the many wondrous ways that God works to prepare His people and bring about our salvation, our return to Him, there are also some very important lessons which we need to draw from John's life. John was sent to prepare that way for people to return to God. This is also the vocation of every Christian; even as we work towards our own salvation, we must help to show others the way. We must work to make the way clear amidst life's confusions and provide loving assistance along the way. Then John also reminds us all of the tremendous importance of repentance. We cannot be reconciled with God, have communion with God, or expect salvation without a profound, continual change of heart and mind. Every day we need to turn from sin and death, from self-centeredness, from placing ourselves first. We need to see ourselves as we are and be truly sorry, desiring to make things right. Then we may return to God, acknowledging our need for Him, trusting in Him, following Him. And finally, we should work to echo John as he said of Jesus, "he must increase but I must decrease." Always - always we must work to set ourselves aside and place God first - to know His will, to walk in His ways, to give Him the glory, to serve Him in all we do. St. John the Baptist still works today to prepare the way for the Lord - every time we remember his words, remember his life, remember his example, and strive to follow. Holy John the Baptist, pray for us.

Ss. Peter & Paul - June 29th



On June 29th, the Church both East and West celebrates the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul. One may quite justifiably ask why these two apostles, in particular, are celebrated on the same day. Peter was one of the twelve whereas Paul was not. From the Biblical evidence that we have, we know that Peter's ministerial outlook was very different from Paul's.

Theologically speaking, the reason why the feast day of these two apostles was combined into one was to show that even though their ministerial vision was not the same, yet both were necessary and even complemented each other. Even though the apostle Paul was not one of the twelve, he would claim, nevertheless that his ministry was

considered equal if not superior to those ministers who has been appointed by Christ during His early ministry since he had suffered so much for Christ. Peter and Paul were both martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero in the year 87.



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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- 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:



[dgary.org/2024Pilgrimage](http://dcgary.org/2024Pilgrimage)

Last Chance to register for these great summer events!



Choir Practice
Tuesday evenings
7pm to 9pm

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

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





"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!

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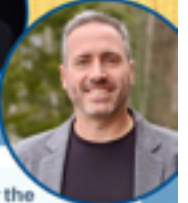
UNPAUSE THE CAUSE



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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