

Homily by St. John Chrysostom on Matthew 17

This man the Scripture signifies to be exceedingly weak in faith; and this is many ways evident – from Christ's saying, "All things are possible to him that believes!" from the saying of the man himself that approached, "Help my unbelief;" from Christ's commanding the devil to "enter no more into him;" and from the man's saying again to Christ, "If You can." Yet if his unbelief was the cause, it may be said, that the devil went not out, why does He blame the disciples? Signifying, that even without persons to bring the sick in faith, they might in many instances work a cure. For as the faith of the person presenting oftentimes availed for receiving the cure, even from inferior ministers; so the power of the doers oftentimes sufficed, even without belief in those who came to work the miracle.

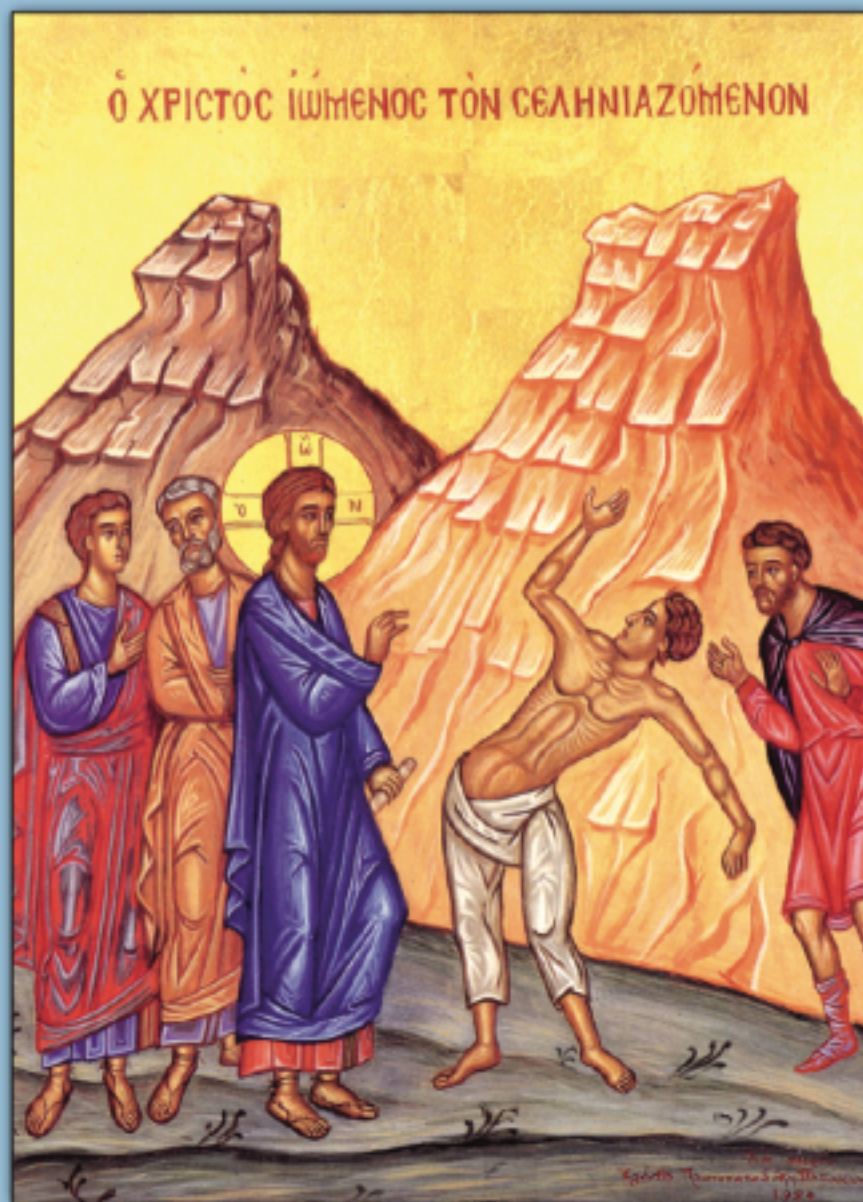
And both these things are signified in the Scripture. For as to those that cast him down, not for faith but for cowardice did they cast him, unintentionally and by chance, for fear of the band of robbers, and so they

fled; while the person himself that was cast in was dead, yet by the mere virtue of the holy body the dead man arose.

Whence it is clear in this case, that even the disciples were weak; but not all; for the pillars Galatians 2:9 were not present there. And see this man's want of consideration, from another circumstance again, how before the multitude he pleads to Jesus against His disciples, saying, "I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him."

But He, acquitting them of the charges before the people, imputes the greater part to him. For, O faithless and perverse generation, these are His words, how long shall I be with you? Matthew 17:17 not aiming at his person only, lest He should confound the man, but also at all the Jews. For indeed many of those present might probably be offended, and have undue thoughts of them.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of healing the possessed boy (Matthew 17:14-23)



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July 28, 2024 10th Sunday After Pentecost- Schedule of Services

Sunday	28	10th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	1	Feast of the Procession of the Holy Cross 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Bill & Nancy Withers Penitential Fasting Period Begins August 1st - 14th <i>In preparation for the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Mother of God</i> <i>*Tradition is abstaining from all meat and dairy on weekdays</i>
Friday	2	7:00 PM Parastas Service for +John Oreluk Note: at Hills Funeral Home 10201 S Roberts Road, Palos Hills
Saturday	3	10:00 AM Rite of Christian Burial for +John Oreluk at Annunciation 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	4	11th 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
Michele Lewis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky
Fr. Bernard Danber	Kim Hughes	George Gulas	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.

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 Iersci & Fr. Andrew Summerlin



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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Bishop Robert Pipta's Official Visit to Annunciation August 3rd & 4th



Join us in welcoming our
new Bishop to Annunciation!

His visit will include Vespers on Saturday evening at 5pm, Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10am and then a visit to our Iowa Mission following the Divine Liturgy.

Since Bishop Robert will need to leave promptly after the Sunday Divine Liturgy, we encourage you to attend Vespers on Saturday evening where he will have more time to meet and talk with our parish community.

August 1st begins a two-week penitential fasting period in preparation for the **Feast of the Dormition** on August 15th. The traditional fast includes abstaining from meat and dairy on weekdays, Monday-Friday. Please consider dedicating this fasting period for those who need healing or who are troubled for we lay these burdens down at Our Mother's feet.

The Feast of the Transfiguration
will be celebrated on **Tuesday, August 6th**
with Divine Liturgy at 7pm,
followed by the Blessing of
Fruits & Vegetables.

