

The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year

There are three types of Indictions: 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or Constantinian, and which begins on the 24th of September; 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January; and 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue, without the numeration of the fifteen years. This Indiction begins on the 1st of September and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September is considered the beginning of the New Year. The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the

people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving. In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Savior's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor..." (Luke 4:16-30).

It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the beginning of the New Year on September 1. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople; among the Jews also the New Year, although reckoned according to a moveable calendar, usually falls in September. The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Creation



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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September 1, 2024 15th Sunday After Pentecost- Schedule of Services

Sunday	1	<u>15th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	5	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Bill & Sue Izquierdo
Saturday	7	<u>Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Prefestive Nativity of the Mother of God-</u> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Michael Budd by Martha Loya 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	8	<u>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Birth of the Theotokos-</u> 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	Gary Dorencz
Michele Lewis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky
Fr. Bernard Danber	Kim Hughes	George Gulas	Michaleen Forkal
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.

Happy Liturgical New Year!

In the Byzantine Catholic Tradition, the liturgical year begins on September 1st, while the Western Churches begin their liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent.

The Byzantine Church inaugurated the first of September as the beginning of the liturgical year in honor of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great over his adversary, Emperor Maxentius, in 312 AD. Prior to Constantine, Christianity was constantly exposed to persecution. But with Constantine's victory, as attested to by St Ambrose, the Church began a new life! So indeed, enjoy this time of spiritual and communal rejuvenation!



Maker of all creation, under whose control are the seasons and the years, being Our Lord, bless the beginning of the year with abundance and, through the intercession of the Mother of God, preserve our Country and the people in peace, and save us.

Troparion for the New Year

Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamyat!

With sadness, we share the passing of Annunciation parishioner, Michaeleen Forkal, this past week.

Tuesday, September 3rd

Visitation from 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Byzantine Parastas Service - 7:00PM

Tezak Funeral Home

1211 Plainfield Rd, Joliet, IL

Wednesday, September 4th

Rite of Christian Burial - 10:00AM

Annunciation Byzantine Church

Entombment Service

Resurrection Cemetery,

Romeoville, IL

Please keep Michaeleen, her husband Jim and her family in your prayers.

Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 6th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 10th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 15th

Countdown - 106 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...

Dont' stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(67)	(6,700)	19.14%
Unsold	283	\$28,300	80.86%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Jim Forkal, Anne Gazzolo, Bill Gulas, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Paul Kaderabek, Marilyn Lopez, Dennis Mrowca, John & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Betty Pawlowski, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Daniel Snidauf, Esther Thomas, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske