

We Hope For What We Do Not See

Patience is a precept for salvation given us by our Lord, our teacher: Whoever endures to the end will be saved. And again: If you persevere in my word, you will truly be my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Dear brothers and sisters, we must endure and persevere if we are to attain the truth and freedom we have been allowed to hope for; faith and hope are the very meaning of our being Christians, but if faith and hope are to bear their fruit, patience is necessary.

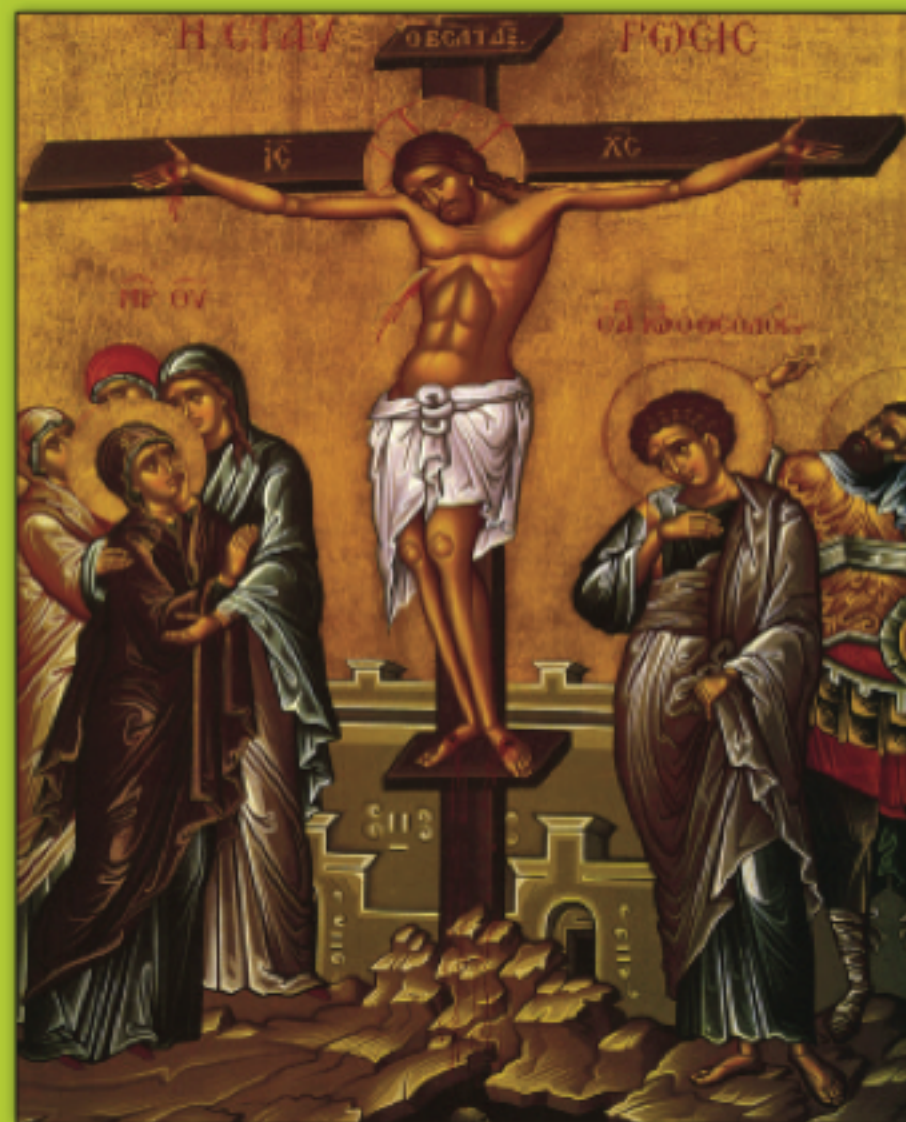
We do not seek glory now, in the present, but we look for future glory, as Saint Paul instructs us when he says: By hope we were saved. Now hope which is seen is not hope; how can a man hope for

what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it in patience. Patient waiting is necessary if we are to be perfected in what we have begun to be, and if we are to receive from God what we hope for and believe.

In another place the same Apostle instructs and teaches the just, and those active in good works, and those who store up for themselves treasures in heaven through the reward God gives them. They are to be patient also, for he says: Therefore while we have time, let us do good to all, but especially to those who are of the household of the faith. But let us not grow weary in doing good, for we shall reap our reward in due season.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Cross and Crucifixion



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September 15, 2024 Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross Schedule of Services

Sunday	15	<u>Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	19	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Paul Kaderabek
Saturday	21	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Deacon John Evancho by Anne & Cathy Gazzolo 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	22	<u>18th Sunday After Pentecost</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	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.

Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 6th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 10th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 15th

Countdown - 92 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	(92)	(9,200)	26.29%
Unsold	258	\$25,800	73.71%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Mark & Anna Chagnon, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Jim Forkal, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Anne Gazzolo, Bill Gulas, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Paul Kaderabek, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, John Meseke, Dennis Mrowca, Cecelia Okonski, John & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Betty Pawlowski, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Jason & Courtney Smees, Daniel Snidauf, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeleine Super, Esther Thomas, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 22nd

“We Are Stewards of God’s Creation”



God, enthroned in glory above creation, has entrusted humanity - made in His image and likeness - with His gifts of creation, reflecting His wisdom, truth, beauty, and goodness as our Creator!

As stewards of all of these gifts, we are called to the royal and priestly task of caring for them and offering them back to God, most especially *through the liturgy*. In Jesus Christ, we are to offer back to God through praise and stewardship both our lives and the gifts of His creation which He loves and sees as very good!

Next Sunday, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the beginning of the school year will be included during the Divine Liturgy. We will give authority to our catechists and implore God’s Wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. All instructors and students are asked to be present.

Family/Adult Catechesis

The third Sunday of each month following Divine Liturgy

11:30AM - Family Potluck

12:15PM - Catechesis for Adults and Children

First class will be Sunday, October 20th

ByzanTEENS

The first & third Tuesdays of each month

6:30PM - 8:00PM

First meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th

We are also working on launching several other official ministry programs this year, including...

A Marriage Ministry,
Altar Boy Training Camps,
Young Adult Ministry

Faithful

JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE OUR
FINAL HOLY
DIVINE LITURGY



Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
1900 Carlton Rd, Parma, OH 44134

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2024
2:00 PM

All clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Parma are invited to this very solemn occasion as we mark the closing of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist with a final Holy Divine Liturgy at the Carlton Rd. location. This will be followed by a reception at Holy Spirit Party Center.

RSVP

Please send an email to rayokovichs@stmarybyzantine.com or call 216-749-7980 by October 1st. so we are prepared for liturgy and the reception. Thank you!

Octoberfest

Sunday, October 13th
11:30AM - 2:30PM

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church
557 W 57th Ave - Merrillville, IN 46410

Menu

Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes or Cabbage & Noodles,
Green Beans, Bread/Butter/Dessert

Adult Menu Donation - \$15 | Children 12 & under - \$7.50

Music by John Pruzin Jr. & His Tamburitza Band

Please join us for good food, dancing, and pure wholesome fun!

Proceeds to benefit the less fortunate
through the work of the St. Nicholas Apostolate



See sign-up sheet in the Narthex to save your spot on the Annunciation Bus. We will leave directly after the Divine Liturgy that Sunday and will return by 4PM.