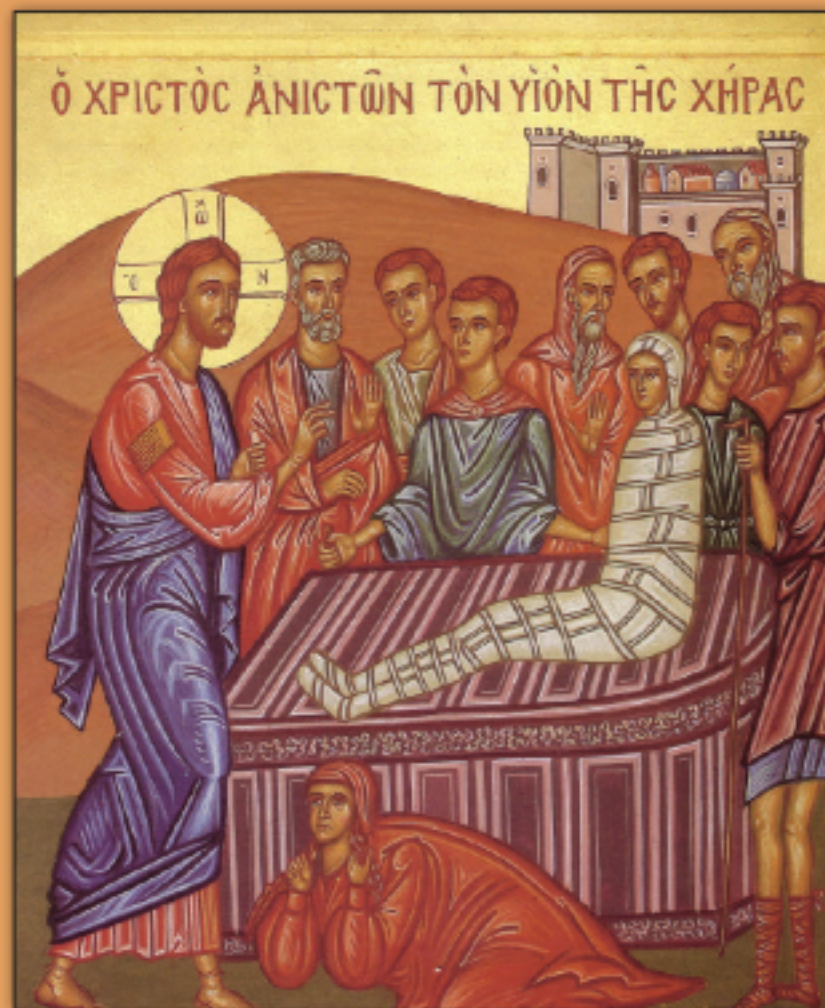


*A Peaceful Ending of Our Lives*

Surely the secret of true life is to accept each state as it comes. To die the death and to live the new life, not to cling to the past but to live with total integrity in the present. Now in all these cases out of dying there comes resurrection. Not loss but enrichment, not decay but growth. Something dies means something comes alive. May not the death that comes right at the end of our life, fit into that pattern? May not our bodily death be the final stage in our growth? The last and greatest in the long series of deaths and resurrections, that we have been experiencing ever since the day we were born. If the small deaths each lead beyond death to resurrection, may this not be true of the great death that awaits us when we finally leave this world? May

this not be the greatest passover? Then we should enlarge our vision, we should look beyond our own life stories to the Christ story. We should relate the death and resurrection pattern within our own life to the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Our story makes sense in the light of His story. Our small deaths and resurrections are joined across history through His definitive death and resurrection. What do we hear at Paschal midnight? "Let none fear death, for the death of the Savior has set us free. He has destroyed death by undergoing death. Christ is risen and death reigns in fear. Christ is risen and there is none dead in the tomb."



*Icon of the Raising of the Son of the Widow of Naim (Luke 7:11-16)*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### October 6, 2024 20th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	6	<b><u>20th Sunday After Pentecost</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	10	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Michaeleen Forkal by Marianne Horvath
<b>Saturday</b>	12	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Gloria Paulson by Family 5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	13	<b><u>Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council</u></b> 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	Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis
Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber
Kim Hughes	George Gulas	Mike Sheedy	

#### We Pray for the Catechumens in our parish:

Patrick Doogan	Jeremy Pinkowski
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### 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 - 71 Days**

**Grand Prize - \$5,000**

## RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

**Keep up the good efforts...**

**Don't stop now!**

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(180)	(18,000)	51.43%
Unsold	170	\$17,000	48.57%

**NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ**

### “TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, Stephen & Karen Beardsley, Lisa & Larry Bergman, Mark & Anna Chagnon, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Anne Gazzolo, Bill Gulas, Maria Gulas, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Lisa Melnik, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Dennis Mrowca, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, Cecelia Okonski, John & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Paczkowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Mee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snidauf, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeleine Super, Esther Thomas, Mike Triggs, Larry & Marry Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske



**GUEST SPEAKER  
KIM ZEMBER**

A POWERFUL TESTIMONY ON GOD'S LOVE

Kim Zember shares her personal testimony of surrendering an LGBT identity in pursuit of Jesus and the greater love she has found in Him. Kim has appeared on countless programs such as Pints with Aquinas, EWTN, The Lila Rose Show, Catholic Answers, Ascension Presents, SEEK, TBN, Encounter Ministries, CBN, 700 Club and more.

When Kim is not at home in the United States, she is most likely found at her mission base in Ethiopia surrounded by all children of Unforgotten Faces. For more information visit: [www.BoldlyBeloved.com](http://www.BoldlyBeloved.com)

**Tuesday, Oct. 15th @ 7pm**

Visitation Catholic Church  
779 S York St, Elmhurst, IL 60126

**MORE INFORMATION 815-221-6150**

## ByzanTEEN Schedule

Our ByzanTEEN meetings will be on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from **6:30PM - 8:00PM**

This year we welcome, Nick & Claire Resuta who will be joining our ministry team by helping with the ByzanTEENS. Come out and meet them at our first meeting scheduled for October 8th!

*(Please note the October schedule will be slightly different due to the feast day and the special outing)*

Oct 8th - Intro & Pizza Party  
Oct 15th - Special Outing to hear speaker Kim Zember

Oct 29th  
Nov 5th  
Nov 19th  
Dec 3rd

**Dec 14th  
Christmas on the Prairie**

Dec 17th - Movie Night

## “Being Stewards of God’s Creation”



### 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**

*All are welcome to attend these classes*

## Liturgy, Pro-life and Womanhood

Whenever we attend any liturgical service of the Church we are not just 'attending' church, or just 'satisfying an obligation.' From the art and architecture itself, to the liturgical texts, chants, gestures and movements, liturgy is an encounter with God's blueprint for His entire created order, for the very meaning of life itself. It is liturgy, therefore, that provides the context, the model for a true understanding of pro-life issues. Liturgy teaches us to see things "Sacramentally" or "Mystically", in other words, to see the ultimate "why" and value behind everything in creation.

In one way or the other, pro-life issues have a common beginning and foundation in what does or does not go on in the womb of womanhood. It is therefore the womb of womanhood that must be seen in its liturgical, mystical context.

Historically, classic church design, in both the Western and Eastern Churches, had a separation of the sanctuary from the nave. This is preserved in Byzantine Churches with the use of the icon screen. Like the Old Testament temple symbolism, the Christian sanctuary became the mystical nuptial chamber in which a mystical marriage between Christ the Bridegroom and his Bride the Church, would be consummated upon the nuptial bed of the Altar in the Eucharist. In Byzantine Church design the tabernacle is always on the Altar and in it is the presence of Christ in the form of consecrated bread. On the back wall of the sanctuary in Byzantine churches hovering above the tabernacle is to be painted the icon of the



Theotokos. This icon is called the "Platytera" which means "more spacious than the Heavens." The Blessed Mother presents Christ to us as though we were looking into her very womb. She therefore becomes the "Mystical Tabernacle." The Byzantine liturgy has many beautiful references to the womb of the Virgin Mary including, "Mystical Paradise."

The priest is, so to speak, the 'steward' of the tabernacle, the protector of it. Like the Old Testament High priest, the Byzantine priest (or bishop) is the only

one authorized to approach the tabernacle but only for the loftiest of reasons.

Every woman is configured to the Blessed Virgin Mary which means by extension every woman has a 'sacred space' within her own body, a 'tabernacle' of sorts where Heaven and earth meet in the miracle of a new life. If the sanctity of the tabernacle on the altar were to be corrupted by something foreign to its character and purpose, the whole Church would become corrupted. So, too if the womb of womanhood is corrupted, seen and approached for other than what it is, the whole moral order of humanity, especially of human sexuality, would become disordered and corrupted.

The marital bedroom is the sanctuary of the human race and woman's womb is its 'tabernacle.' Like the priest to the tabernacle, it is the role of manhood to protect the intrinsic holiness of the body and womb of womanhood. What goes on in the "bedroom" does not "stay there." Rather, it determines the rise and fall of civilization. All of the sexual disorders and offenses against the sanctity of life in our times ultimately have their origin in the non-sacramental, non-liturgical view of the womb of womanhood. The restoration of the sanctity of human life in all of its forms will not fully happen without a restoration of a liturgical worldview of the human person which begins with the liturgical view of the womb. From art, to architecture to liturgical text and gesture that restorative view is found and experienced in the liturgical life of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

*Office of Marriage, Family, and Pro-Life Ministry  
—Eparchy of Parma*

**Calling all young adults!** Do you desire a closer connection to your community? Are you spiritually yearning? This is your chance to be a part of our new young adult group!



**Join us for a special Agape on  
Sunday, Oct 13th**

During this time you can sign up, meet the team and talk about the future plans for this group! There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those not in attendance. See Andrew Wood for more information.

**SATURDAY, OCT 12TH**



**\$8**

**BASIL & THE WRATH BONES**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:340PM**

Enjoy a fun night out listening to some "funky Celtic shanty rock" as played by parishioner and band member Patrick Lyon.

**The Roxy Lockport  
1017 S State St  
Saturday, Oct 12th  
6:30PM**

**Mary's Helpers Trip** Friday, October 18th - 9:00AM



Join our Mary's Helpers group as they make a pilgrimage to see the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westmont.

The bus will leave Annunciation at 9:00AM to arrive in Westmont for the Rosary at 10AM. After having some time for personal prayer, the group will have lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Annunciation.

**See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Georgia for more information about this trip.**

# 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.