

Healing a Stooped Woman

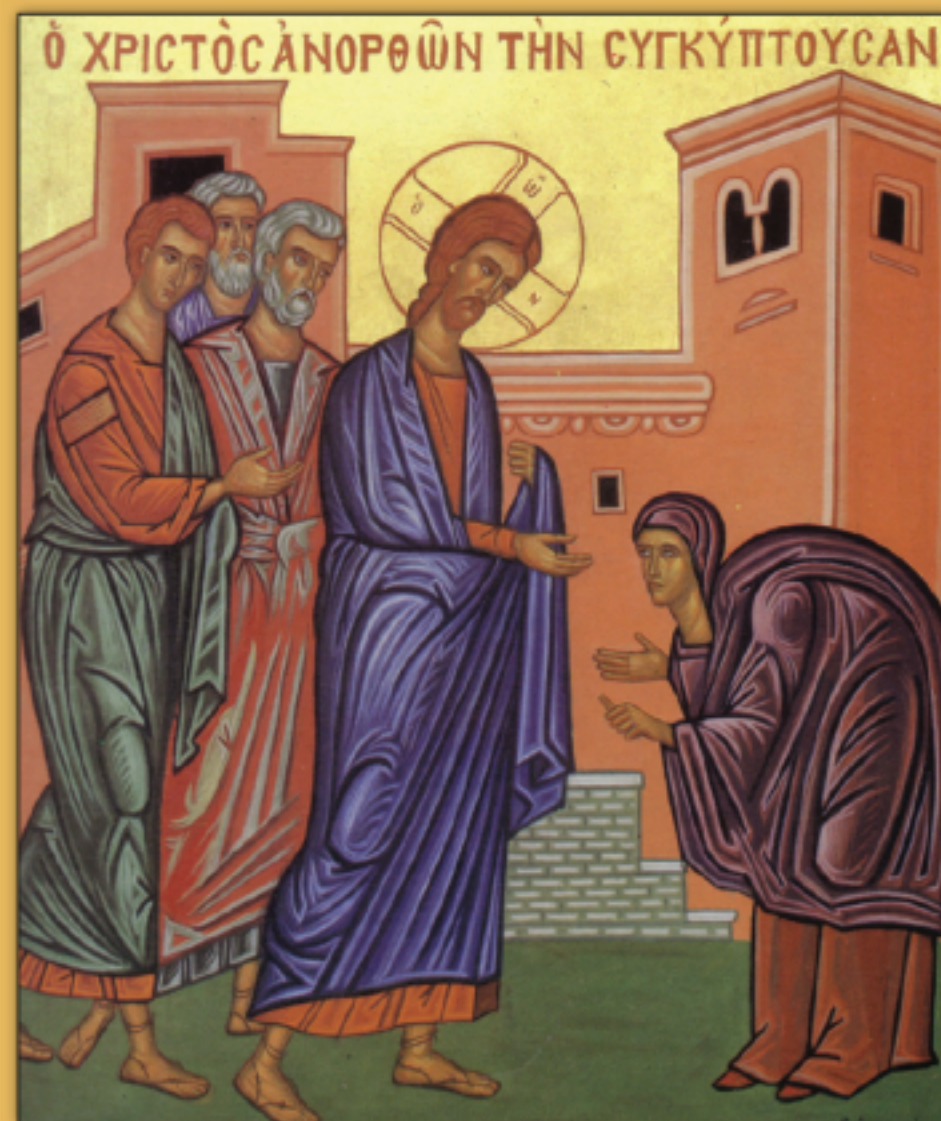
Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus' healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke

13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God's character to take special notice of the needy.

What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Stooped Woman (Luke 13:10-17)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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November 24, 2024 27th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	24	<u>27th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	28	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u> 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy - In Thanksgiving for Blessings for our Nation 
Saturday	30	<u>Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle</u> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Dr. John Lyon by Reba Lyon 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	1	<u>28th 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 Home	Mary Ellen Haber
Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes
Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber
George Gulas	Mike Sheedy	Debby Lattuca	

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.



**The Fourth Annual Men's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE**

The Beatitudes: The Way of Life

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

March 14, 2025-March 16, 2025

Retreat Master: Fr. Lukas Mitro

Contact Karl Busam for further information
karl.busam.77@gmail.com
419-626-6811

Further details will follow
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**The Twelfth Annual Women's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ:
The Path to the Father*

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

March 7, 2025 - March 9, 2025

Retreat Master: Fr. Jan Maturkanic

Contact Joan Washburn for further information
stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com
865-696-7809

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Fathoming the Depths of our Byzantine Spirituality

Saturdays during Philip's Fast w/ Abbot Nicholas

Vespers - 5pm

Light Fasting Super/Talk - 6pm



Consider joining us for the next four Saturdays leading up to the **Nativity of our Lord** as we explore the monastic roots of our faith with prayer and an exploration into the riches of our Eastern faith. All are welcome!

Mary's Helpers Christmas Event

Friday, Dec 6th
Noon



Join us for a showing of the classic movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Marcus Theater in Orland Park. We will depart from church at Noon for the 12:30 showing. Following the 2 hr movie we will head back to church for some cookies and hot chocolate along with some fellowship and fun.

We hope you can join us for this afternoon with friends as we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.




INVITES YOU TO:
**Christmas
WREATH
WORKSHOP**

December 7, 2024
Outside in our Prayer Garden
with warmers to keep you toasty!
Create your own Christmas wreath made
from fresh greens and embellish it!

Hot chocolate, cider, & baked goods!
Fr Andrew will play the Christmas hits!
Enjoy Whiting's Kris Kringle Market after

COST \$40
Includes all materials
Two sessions
9-10:30 a.m. & 11-12:30 p.m.
Space is limited
Register TODAY at
stmarywhiting.org
Deadline, December 4, 2024

2011 Clark St. | Whiting, Indiana
stmarywhiting@parma.org

In place of our Saturday evening Philip's Fast talk by Abbot Nicholas, on Sat. Dec 7th, we will be taking a group to St Mary's in Whiting for their Parish Mission lead by Fr. Jack Custer. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex to sign up for this event. Transportation will be provided.


ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS:
NATIVITY FAST PARISH MISSION
SATURDAY & SUNDAY | DEC. 7-8, 2024
TITLE:
SCROOGING CHRISTMAS?: THE REASON OF THE SEASON

Why talk about death of John the Baptist and Stephen on the road to Christmas? Come hear Fr. Jack Custer who will tell us why these martyr stories don't spoil our appetite for the holidays, but point us to the heart of the Christmas mystery.

**PART OF ST. MARY'S
ACCESSIBILITY TO BEAUTY PROJECT
"BEAUTY IS PUBLIC PROPERTY"**

**DEC. 7:
VESPERS & MATINS 5 P.M.
TALK, FOOD & CONVERSATION 6:30 P.M.
COMPLINE 8 P.M.; CONFESSION AVAILABLE**

**DEC. 8: SIDE DISH & SIDEKICK SUNDAY
REFLECTION 9 A.M.
DIVINE LITURGY WITH MUNDELIEN SEMINARIANS 10 A.M
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW WITH VISIT BY ST NICHOLAS!
BRING A SIDE DISH AND A SIDE KICK (FRIEND OR FAMILY)!**

PARISH MISSION LEADER | FR. JACK CUSTER
Fr. Jack Custer is a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, New Jersey. In his 40 years of ministry, he has pastored both inner city and suburban parishes, served as dean and professor at two seminaries, and has lectured on liturgy, the Bible and spirituality across the country. He holds a licentiate (Pontifical Biblical Institute) and a doctorate (Pontifical Gregorian University). His academic interests include the interplay of biblical exegesis, homiletics and hymnography in the Byzantine tradition. He has authored four books, several volumes of biblical meditations, and a commentary on the Akathistos Hymn to the Mother of God.


SIGN UP

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Grand Raffle Update

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 15th

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	(286)	(28,600)	81.71%
Unsold	64	\$6,400	18.29%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



Congratulations to all of our Early Bird Winners!

\$250 - Jacob Pawchak / Gary & Sharon Dorencz

\$150 - James & Stephanie Baran / Barbara Senko

\$100 - Katie Harnsberger / Nicki Anderson

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Richard & Bonny Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, James & Stefanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Stephen & Karen Beardsley, Lisa & Larry Bergman, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Jim & Katheryn Brown, Mark & Anna Chagnon, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Yoshi, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Kim & Sally Hughes, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Lisa Melnik, Jim & Sally Meseke, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, Jeff & Angela Okonski, Cecelia Okonski, John & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Paczkowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Mark & Melissa Porfirio, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Lea Rodbarry, Mari Ruzich, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Gloria Selvy, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Mee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snaidauf, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeleine Super, Esther Thomas, Dcn Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske, Fran Zeimetz

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 14th

Calling all bakers...



we are looking for cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!

+Make a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie.

+Please mark the type of cookie and if they have nuts in them.

+Cookies can be dropped off in the downstairs kitchen.

+We will take your cookies and make mixed boxes to sell at the event.



Only 20 days until
St. Nicholas Arrives!!