

The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit, which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

St. Melito of Sardis

PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Descent into Hades



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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April 20, 2025 - Resurrection of Our Lord - Pascha Schedule of Services

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| Sunday | 20 | Resurrection of our Lord - Pascha 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners |
| Monday | 21 | Bright Monday 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy with procession and reading of the Gospels +Michaeleen Forkal by Jim Forkal & family |
| Tuesday | 22 | Bright Tuesday 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Matthew S. by family |
| Wednesday | 23 | Bright Wednesday and Feast of St. George the Great-Martyr 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Joseph & +Irene Stachnik by the Lewis family |
| Thursday | 24 | Bright Thursday 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Gloria Selvey by Joan Senko |
| Saturday | 26 | Bright Saturday 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Anthony & +Evelyn Ballak by +Mary Ann & Shirley Ballak |
| Sunday | 27 | St. Thomas Sunday 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners |

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

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| Dot Wochok | Mary Ann Baran | Mary Ann Horne | Mike Sheedy |
| Francis Hughes | Gary Dorencz | Michele Lewis | Kim Hughes |
| Frank Miko | Ken Hrusosky | Fr. Bernard Danber | Gary Paczkowski |
| Aida McManigal-wc | Anna Chagnon-wc | Abbie Sheedy-wc | Mitchell Stachnik |
| Jim Forkal | Steve Bieniek | Ned Grabavoy | |

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 Myrrh-Bearers Adventure Hunt

Sunday, May 4th
Following Divine Liturgy

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Ages 12 and under



Sponsored by the GCU

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós voskrése!
Voístinnu voskrése!
(Slavonic)

Kristus vstal
zmr'tvych!
Skutočne vstal!
(Slovak)

Christós anésti!
Alithós anésti!
(Greek)

Krisztus feltámadt!
Valóban feltámadt!
(Hungarian)

Al Maseeh Qam!
Haqqan Qam!
(Arabic)

Cristo ha resucitado!
En verdad, está resucitado!
(Spanish)



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

FRIDAY MAY 2 7PM

ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC HALL
2882 DAVIDSON PLACE, WHITING, INDIANA

BOURBON BLUE GRASS AND THE BIBLE REVIVAL

A CONCERT & CONVERSATION WITH
FR. JUSTIN BOLGER, OP
HILLBILLY THOMISTS
FR SIMON TELLER, OP
HILLBILLY THOMISTS
AND
JENNIFER NEWSOME MARTIN
NOTRE DAME

TICKETS \$25
PURCHASE AT
WWW.STMARYWHITING.ORG/REVIVAL

THE STANDARD TAVERN

Calumet College

THE BISHOP'S COUNSEL CENTER

Let's make our Stewardship Goal! **\$20,400**

Amount pledged so far from our parish: **\$5,438**

You can make an Appeal Pledge until May 15th

A special thank you to all who helped prepare the church for this glorious Feast of Feasts! Also, for all those who participated in our Holy Week services and events, it is only through your faith and love for our church that we are able to share the riches we have to offer with those around us!

Online Registration is now Available

Scan the QR code on the poster or visit our parish website: <https://byzantinecatholic.com/25th-anniversary-celebration>

25th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 18th 2025

Put Out into the Deep



Join us as we celebrate twenty-five years of Annunciation Parish “putting out into the deep” while also casting our nets further into the deep for the years ahead

10:00AM
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Most Reverend Bishop Robert Pipta
Celebrant & Homilist

Noon
Reception & Banquet
Orland Chateau
14500 LaGrange Rd
Orland Park, IL

Cost: \$50/person
Family Style Dinner & Open Bar
Children under 18 are free

Live dinner music provided by:
Peter Oprisko Quartet

Scan the QR code to
purchase tickets online
or you can sign up in
the Business Office



To show your support for our parish family, please consider purchasing an advertisement or a family’s well wishes in the 25th Anniversary Program.

Full Page - \$500
Half Page - \$300
Quarter Page - \$150

These can be purchased online or in the business office. You can email your artwork to annuncbyzchurch@aol.com or you can work with Catherine Baranko to create a special message representative of your family. All ads and art work need to be submitted by May 1st.