

### *Their Death is More like Dreaming*

We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful ser-

vants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

*St. John of Damascus*

## SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### June 15, 2025 Sunday of All Saints Schedule of Services

**Sunday 15 Sunday of All Saints**  
9:00 AM Matins  
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

**\*\*There will be No Divine Liturgies this week due to Fr. Tom being out of town\*\***

**Sunday 22 2nd Sunday After Pentecost**  
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	Mike Sheedy
Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes
Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber	Mitchell Stachnik
Anna Chagnon-wc	Abbie Sheedy-wc	Jim Forkal	
Steve Bieniek	Ned Grabavoy	Paul Kaderabek	

## 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.

# Deepen Your Faith

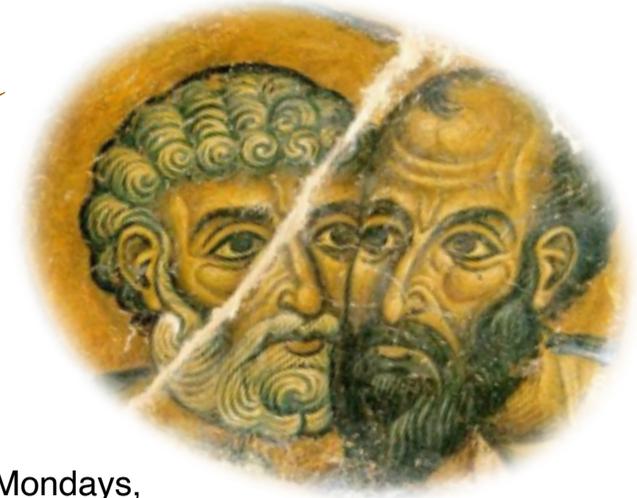
5th Annual Byzantine Young Adults Retreat

Thurs, July 31th - Sun, Aug 3rd

St Mary's Byzantine Church  
Marblehead, OH

Open to young adults between 18-35 years of age.  
Brochures are available in the office. Transportation will be provided by the parish bus and registration fee will be covered for parishioners. [byzantineyoungadults.com](http://byzantineyoungadults.com)

## The Peter and Paul (Apostles) Fast



The Apostles Fast begins this evening after Vespers and lasts until June 28th, the day before the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. It is not as strict as the Great Fast. The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a mitigated abstinence (wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880 : 2). This fast may be observed voluntarily.

Because the Pentecostarion cycle is variable, and Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul is fixed, the length of this fast is also variable, from approximately six to two weeks. It is ancient, and we see it in the fourth century: "St. Athanasius the Great (+373) in his letter to Emperor Constance. Pope Leo I (+461) preaches about this fast in his homilies saying "After the long feast of Pentecost, fasting is especially necessary to purify our thoughts and render us worthy to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit ... Therefore, the salutary custom was established of fasting after the joyful days during which we celebrated the resurrection and ascension of our Lord, and the coming of the Holy Spirit." (Phyllis Muran Zaparaniuk, *A Movable Fast*) Liturgical commentators find many mystical reasons for the fast, but it's original purpose was probably practical, it served as a make-up fast for those who for whatever reason were unable to keep the Great Fast. It might also be the return to the ordinary ascetical life of the Church after the feast of Pascha-Pentecost. Our Lord said, "Jesus answered them, 'Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.'" (Luke 5:34-35)" Certain days are designated non-liturgical, that is, no Divine Liturgy is celebrated and "Alleluia" is sung in the Divine Praises.



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# Dance of the St. John Bugs!

**Tuesday, June 24th**

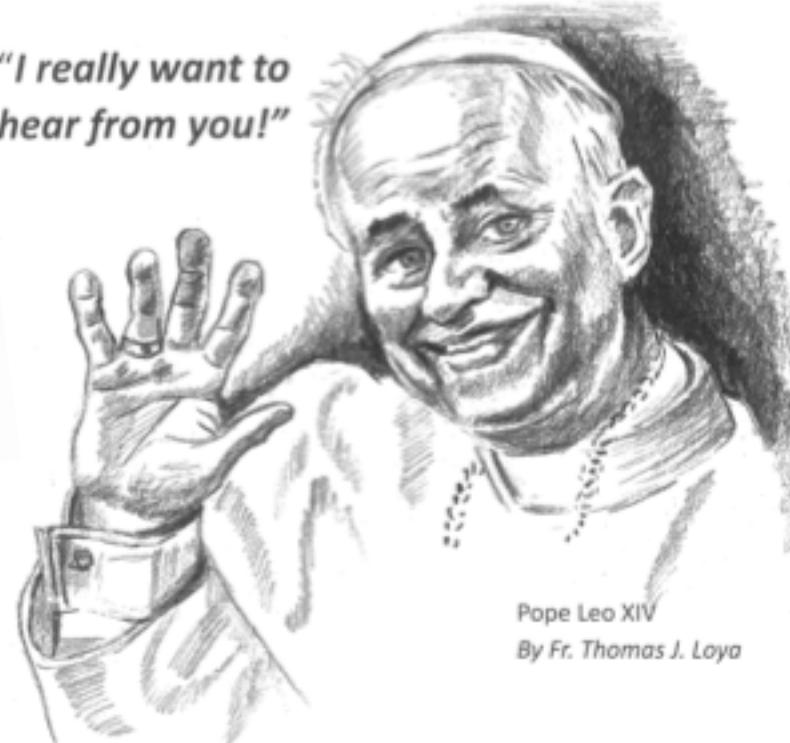
**Feast of St. John the Baptist**

7:00PM Divine Liturgy

*Following Liturgy we will have a family bonfire and craft while we wait to watch the dance of the St. John Bugs!*



*"I really want to hear from you!"*



Pope Leo XIV  
By Fr. Thomas J. Loya

Meet Pope Leo XIV's *personal representative* from the Dicastery for the Eastern Catholic Churches as he hears from us about our Eastern Churches and offers insight and counsel.

**Wed-Sun July 16-20, 2025 at the**

***Byzantine Assembly***

**in Whiting, Indiana**

For a list of location, events, and to register go to:

**byzantineassembly.org**

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for volunteers who can help welcome attendees at the Byzantine Assembly in Whiting. Details of specific jobs will be forthcoming. If you have some time during the Assembly dates and would like to volunteer, please leave your name, phone number and email in the address and we will contact you with more details.

We will also need some volunteers on Friday, July 19th at Annunciation to welcome a group of attendees to our parish.

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 10TH**

THE EPARCHY OF PARMA PRESENTS  
**3RD ANNUAL Family Liturgy & Life Camp**  
Life Transfigured by the Light of the East  
**3-8 August 2025**  
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CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA

Registration is available at [parma.org/family-camp](http://parma.org/family-camp)

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**We hope to see you there!**