



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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June 22, 2025 2nd Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	22	2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Tuesday	24	Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Natalie Mitchell by Joseph Avitia
Thursday	26	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Michaleen Forkal by Paul Kaderabek
Saturday	28	5:00 PM Vespers (Readers Service)
Sunday	29	3rd Sunday After Pentecost and Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul Prime Apostles 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
Abbie Sheedy-wc	Jim Forkal	Steve Bieniek	Paul Kaderabek
Sally Hughes			

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.

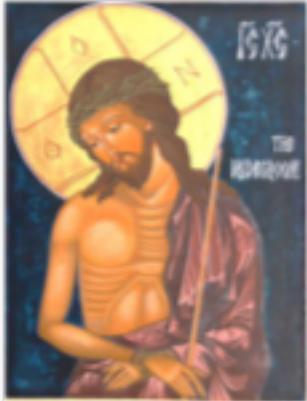
Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

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.



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom, the Mother Here

Annual Byzantine Eparchial Women's Renewal

*"This is my body, which is broken for you."
1 Corinthians 11:24*

A weekend to pray and reflect on the call to Eucharistic Revival and the healing power of Christ

Where:

The Lial Renewal Center
5908 Davis Rd,
Whitehouse, OH 43571

When:

November 14-16, 2025
Beginning at 5:00 pm Friday
Ending at 1:00 pm Sunday

Spiritual Leaders:

Fr. Andrew Summerson & Laura Ieraci



Fr. Andrew Summerson is a priest of the Eparchy of Parma and pastor of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana. He is assistant professor of Patristic Theology at the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Laura Ieraci is the editor of ONE, the magazine of Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and founder of AVIVA Ministries & Coaching. She is actively involved in the pastoral work at St. Mary's. Fr. Andrew and Laura married in 2013.

Registration:

Reserve your space by October 17, 2025 for discounted rate.

Early fee by Oct 17 - **\$220** After Oct 17 fee - \$250

If you require financial assistance, please reach out and we can send you the scholarship application.

Online registration is available <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God, Byzantine Catholic Church

Please complete the form (preferably online) and send a check to the address below:

Attn: Fall Women's Renewal: 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109

Sponsors:

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma & Dormition of the Mother of God

For questions: Kim Kocuba | Email: kimkocuba@ameritech.net | PH: 216-337-2673

Celebrating the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 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!



A reflection on the Life of St John the Baptist by Fr. Nicholas Alford

While we celebrate the lives of most of the saints on the day of their deaths, or rather on the day that they entered into the life to come, we only celebrate three birthdays in the church calendar: the birth of Our Lord, of His blessed Mother, and of St. John the Baptist. Celebrating the gift of life, the goodness of life, indeed the sanctity of life, the Church also celebrates the conceptions of Our Lord and His Mother.

St John the Baptist's life reminds us of the many wondrous ways that God works to prepare His people and bring about our salvation, our return to Him, there are also some very important lessons which we need to draw from John's life. John was sent to prepare that way for people to return to God. This is also the vocation of every Christian; even as we work towards our own salvation, we must help to show others the way. We must work to make the way clear amidst life's confusions and provide loving assistance along the way. Then John also reminds us all of the tremendous importance of repentance. We cannot be reconciled with God, have communion with God, or expect salvation without a profound, continual change of heart and mind. Every day we need to turn from sin and death, from self-centeredness, from placing ourselves first. We need to see ourselves as we are and be truly sorry, desiring to make things right. Then we may return to God, acknowledging our need for Him, trusting in Him, following Him. And finally, we should work to echo John as he said of Jesus, "he must increase but I must decrease." Always - always we must work to set ourselves aside and place God first - to know His will, to walk in His ways, to give Him the glory, to serve Him in all we do. St. John the Baptist still works today to prepare the way for the Lord - every time we remember his words, remember his life, remember his example, and strive to follow. Holy John the

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
CEDAR LAKE MINISTRIES
CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA

Registration is available at parma.org/family-camp

Join us for a prayerfully fun week of activities for all ages. Meet Byzantine Families from around the country while also learning about the riches of our Liturgical Life. This camp is a very affordable option for families of all ages and sizes.

We hope to see you there!

Deepen Your Faith

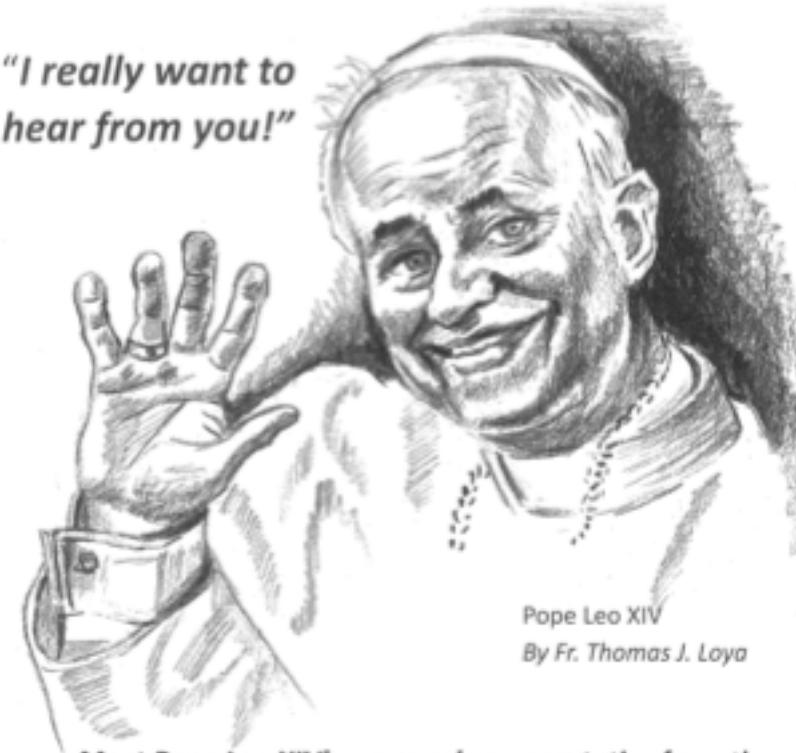
5th Annual Byzantine Young Adults Retreat

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

"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.