

The Illustrious and Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter and Paul

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the Apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles. But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. After Jesus' Ascension, Peter presided in Jerusalem, was bishop of Antioch, and finally presided over the Church in Rome where on the Vatican Hill he was martyred, head downwards according to tradition, in the Circus of Nero.

Paul had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Following his

conversion, he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort – even the most scrupulous observance of law – can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus. Paul never lost his love for his Jewish brothers and sisters, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded in Rome near the Ostian Way where the church of The Fontane now stands.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PETER AND PAUL PRIME APOSTLES



Icon of Saints Peter and Paul -- June 29th



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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June 29, 2025

3rd Sunday After Pentecost and Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Schedule of Services

Sunday	29	3rd Sunday After Pentecost and Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Prime Apostles 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	3	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Jerome and +Cora Okonski by the Okonski family
Saturday	5	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Gloria and +Skip Paulson by Greg Lukas 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	6	4th 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 Home	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.

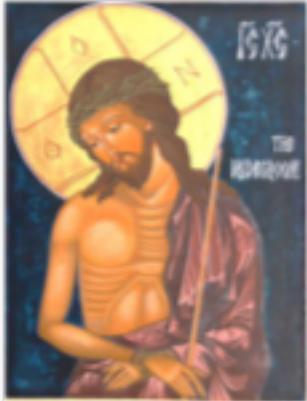
Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

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:

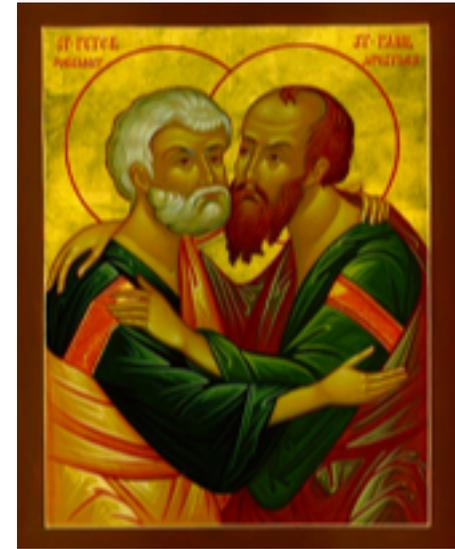
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Ss. Peter & Paul - June 29th

On June 29th, the Church both East and West celebrates the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul. One may quite justifiably ask why these two apostles, in particular, are celebrated on the same day. Peter was one of the twelve whereas Paul was not. From the Biblical evidence that we have, we know that Peter's ministerial outlook was very different from Paul's.

Theologically speaking, the reason why the feast day of these two apostles was combined into one was to show that even though their ministerial vision was not the same, yet both were necessary and even complemented each other. Even though the apostle Paul was not one of the twelve, he would claim, nevertheless that his ministry was considered equal if not superior to those ministers who has been appointed by Christ during His early ministry since he had suffered so much for Christ. Peter and Paul were both martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero in the year 87.



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Saturday, July 12
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tour seven amazing local gardens

\$16 Reserved Tickets for Adults
Children under 12 are free

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homer-glen-junior-womans-garden-walk-tickets-1425452600099?aff=oddtdcreator>

\$20 on-site tickets (cash-only) are available on the day of the Garden Walk at:

Annunciation Byzantine Church
14610 S. Will Cook Road, Homer Glen

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 10TH



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**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. byzantinyoungadults.com

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SUMMER SERIES 2025

THEOLOGY ON TAP

7 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:15 PM - TALK BEGINS



Monday, July 7

Church as Medicine: Reclaiming
Our Inheritance
Fr. Tom Logue



Monday, July 14

What Eastern Orthodoxy Misses
About the Papacy: The Catholic
Perspective on Popes, Primacy and
Eucharistic Ecclesiology
Benjamin Bollinger



Monday, July 21

Male and Female God Created Them:
What the Church ACTUALLY Says
Regarding Human Sexuality
Fr. Thomas Loya



Monday, July 28

The Burning Heart of the
Church: Liturgical Prayer and
Why It Matters
Fr. Brian Geary

COOM'S CORNER
1225 E. 9TH STREET
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