

Authority of the Council - Authority of the Church

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturalization and a certain adaptation.

Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local

bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Emilianos

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of the Holy Fathers



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 13, 2025 Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Council Schedule of Services

Sunday 13 Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils
9:00 AM Matins
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

No services this week due to the 2025
Byzantine Assembly

Sunday 20 6th Sunday After Pentecost– Elijah the Great Prophet
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 | Mitchell Stachnik |
| Abbie Sheedy-wc | Jim Forkal | Steve Bieniek | 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.

Lockport
Young Adults
Presents...

Don't miss out
on these
GREAT local
speakers!

SUMMER SERIES 2025

THEOLOGY ON TAP

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

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

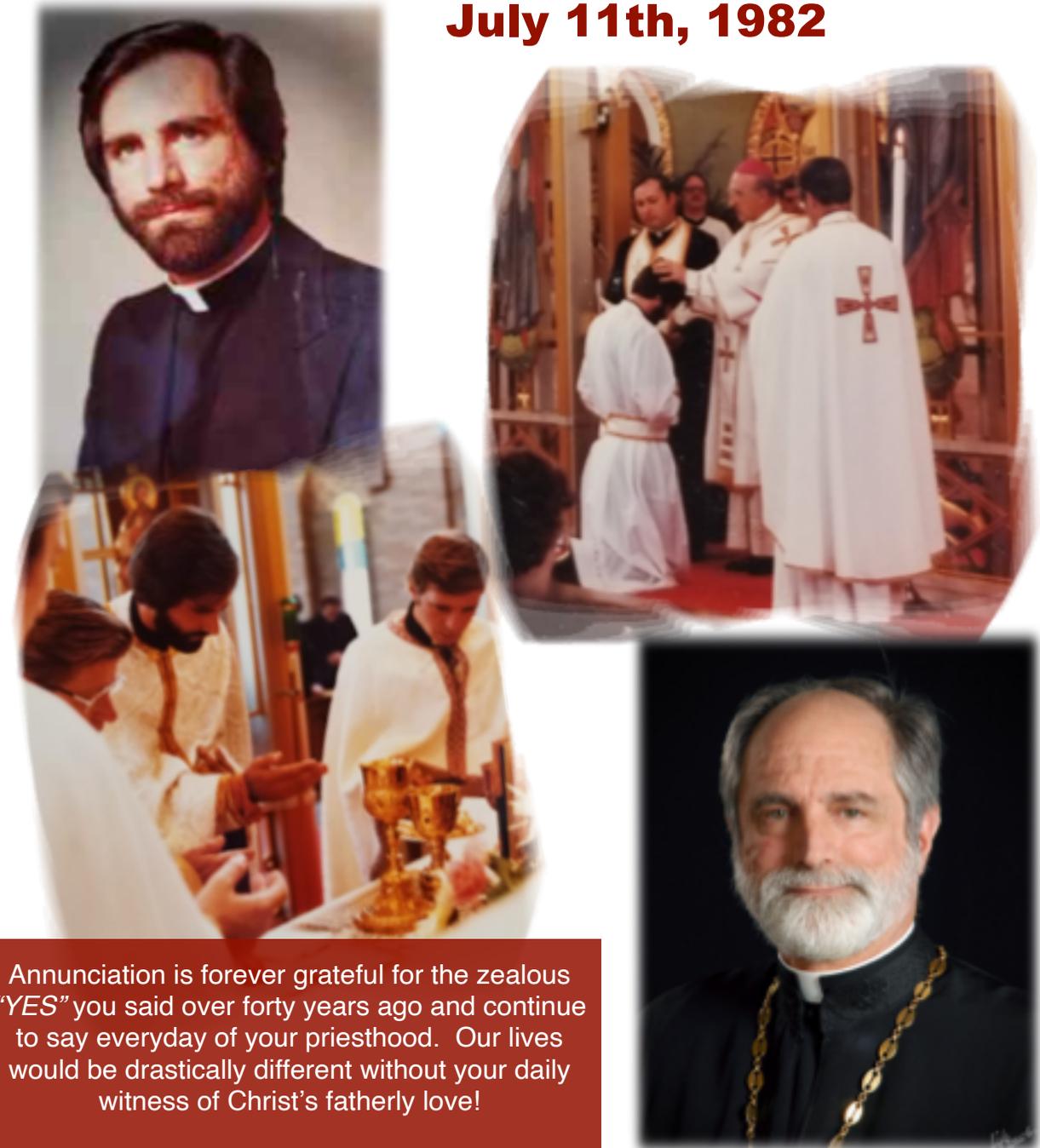
Monday, July 28

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

COOM'S CORNER
1225 E. 9TH STREET
LOCKPORT, IL

Questions? Contact:
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**Congratulations to Fr. Tom on his
43rd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination!
July 11th, 1982**



Annunciation is forever grateful for the zealous
"YES" you said over forty years ago and continue
to say everyday of your priesthood. Our lives
would be drastically different without your daily
witness of Christ's fatherly love!



Live @
THE STANDARD TAPROOM
 1346 119th St | Whiting
 Thursday | July 17
 7 p.m.
 stmarywhiting.org

Byzantine Assembly 2025 Free Events

The Whiting Knights of Columbus Present
2nd Annual
 Catholic Procession
 to Lake Michigan
 Whiting, Indiana
 July 20, 2025
 11:45 a.m.



Led by
 Archbishop Michel Jalakh
 Dicastery for Eastern Churches
 Vatican City



Feast of the Transfiguration

Tuesday, August 5th - 7PM
Vespers with Blessing of Fruit

Wednesday, August 6th - 11AM

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
 w/ Bishop Robert Pipta

We will also be hosting about 200 participants from our Eparchial Family Camp for this Liturgy.

All are welcome to attend!



Annunciation Parish Picnic Sunday, August 10

Enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends following Divine Liturgy. We will have food, music, games and a Giant dual lane Slip & Slide! Get ready to have some fun and get a little wet!



Friday, July 18th

Annunciation will welcome attendees from the Byzantine Assembly taking place in Whiting. As part of this National Conference, attendees will travel to Annunciation to see first hand what can be accomplished when two communities become one!