

Elijah's (Elias') Journey

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, he and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to Bethel." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The guild prophets who were in Bethel went out to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master from you?" He replied, "Yes, I know that. Be still."

Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two went on together. Fifty of the guild prophets followed and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood next to the Jordan.

Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up and struck the water: it divided, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had

crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Request whatever I might do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit." He replied, "You have asked something that is not easy. Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha saw it happen.

He cried out, "My father! my father! Israel's chariot and steeds!" Then he saw him no longer. He gripped his own garment, tore it into two pieces, and picked up the mantle which had fallen from Elijah. Then he went back and stood at the bank of the Jordan. Wielding the mantle which had fallen from Elijah, he struck the water and said, "The LORD, the God of Elijah - where is he now?" He struck the water: it divided, and he crossed over. (2 Kings 2:1-15)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ELIJAH - GREAT PROPHET



Icon of Saint Elias -- July 20th



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 20, 2025 6th Sunday After Pentecost and Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah Schedule of Services

Sunday	20	6th Sunday After Pentecost and Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	24	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Leonard Thomas, Jr. by Esther Thomas
Saturday	26	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Francis Hughes, Sr. & +Anna Mae Hughes by the Beutel family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	27	7th 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
Abbie Sheedy-wc	Jim Forkal	Steve Bieniek	

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 Mary, and the Holy Spirit

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

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The Feast of Elijah - Great Prophet July 20th

Saint Elijah, also known as the Prophet Elijah, is one of the most well-known figures in the Old Testament.

Born in Tishbe, a town in Gilead, Elijah lived during the 9th century BC in the northern kingdom of Israel.

He is known for his fervent faith in God and his unwavering commitment to prophesying against the corrupt kings of Israel, especially King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, who worshiped the false god Baal. Elijah performed many miracles during his lifetime, including bringing a boy back to life, multiplying food, and calling down fire from heaven to consume a sacrifice.

One of the most famous events in Elijah's life was his challenge to the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. In a dramatic display of God's power, Elijah asked for God to send fire from heaven to consume his sacrifice, which was drenched in water. God answered his prayer, and the people of Israel were convinced of the power of the one true God.

His life was not without its challenges, however. He experienced periods of intense loneliness and despair, and was once forced to flee into the wilderness to escape Jezebel's wrath. It was during this time that he had a mystical encounter with God, who spoke to him a still, small voice.

Elijah's life came to an end when he was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, accompanied by a chariot of fire. Elijah has been venerated as a saint since ancient times and his legacy has endured for centuries. His story has inspired countless works of art and literature. He is known for his passionate faith, his unwavering commitment to God's truth, and his profound humility.

In the Byzantine Church we bless cars on his feast day as a commemoration to the fiery chariot that took him up into Heaven.



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

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1225 E. 9TH STREET
LOCKPORT, IL

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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

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
120 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!

