

Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith

The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the centurion's house to cure his servant, but he replied: *I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.* In protesting his unworthiness the centurion showed himself worthy to have Christ enter not his house but his heart. Yet he could not have said this with such faith and humility unless he already bore within his heart the One he was too overawed to have within his house. In any case, there would have been no great happiness at the entry of the Lord Jesus within his walls if he were not present in his heart.

But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? *I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go, and*

he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

Now the man who said this was a Gentile as well as a centurion. He was a professional soldier and, as a centurion, acted according to his rank: subject to authority and exercise in authority, obeying as a subordinate and giving orders to those subordinate to him. As for the Lord, though living among the Jewish people, He was already beginning to make it known that His Church would extend throughout the whole world into which He was about to send His apostles. Although the Gentiles would not see him they would believe in him, whereas the Jewish leaders who saw him would put him to death.

St. Augustine of Hippo

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 6, 2025 4th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	6	<u>4th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	10	<u>Feast of St. Anthony of the Caves</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Joseph Schudt by Karl Schudt
Saturday	12	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Michaeleen Forkal by Jim Forkal & family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	13	<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</u> 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

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

Lockport
Young Adults
Presents...

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

SUMMER SERIES 2025

THEOLOGY ON TAP

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

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

Questions? Contact:
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A Byzantine Summer full of wonderful events!



Every garden has a story...
**Homer Glen
Garden Walk**
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

Reserved tickets can be purchased online at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homer-glen-junior-womens-garden-walk-tickets-142541526000997-off-offsite?create>

\$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

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!

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



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



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!

