

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments," the man expects Him to add immediately, "my commandments." "Which ones?" he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for "no one is justified by the law," as it is written, but because the life lived according to law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. "For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ."

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in "eye for eye, tooth for tooth."

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance with a view to the greater good, teaching that "if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well."

St. Cyril of Alexandria

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the 40 Women of Macedonia and Ammon — September 1st



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August 31, 2025 12th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	31	<u>12th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	4	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Tricia Beam by Carrie Thompson
Saturday	6	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Dale by Caroline 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	7	<u>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</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 Home	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky
Mitchell Stachnik	Abbie Sheedy-wc	Jim Forkal	

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.

Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 5th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 16th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 14th

Countdown - 104 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...

Dont' stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(52)	(5,200)	14.86%
Unsold	298	\$29,800	85.14%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Larry & Lisa Bergman, David & Anne Bzdill, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Jim Forkal, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marilyn Lopez, Dennis Mrowca, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Happy Liturgical New Year!

In the Byzantine Catholic Tradition, the liturgical year begins on September 1st, while the Western Churches begin their liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent.

The Byzantine Church inaugurated the First of September as the beginning of the liturgical year in honor of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great over his adversary, Emperor Maxentius, in 312 AD. Prior to Constantine, Christianity was constantly exposed to persecution. But with Constantine's victory, as attested to by St Ambrose, the Church began a new life! So indeed, enjoy this time of spiritual and communal rejuvenation!

Maker of all creation, under whose control are the seasons and the years, being Our Lord, bless the beginning of the year with abundance and , through the intercession of the Mother of God, preserve our Country and the people in peace, and save us.

Troparion for the New Year



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 23rd

As we begin the new Liturgical Year, the church and the grounds could use a little sprucing up. Join us on Saturday, Sept 23rd starting at 10AM, for a little parish family time cleaning the church and some problem spots on the grounds. We will have a few different crews working some of the problem areas. A BBQ lunch will also be provided for all attending!

