

A Word of Warning

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as dif-

ficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

St. Gregory the Great

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



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October 12, 2025

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council Schedule of Services

Sunday	12	<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	16	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - In Gratitude of the Parishioners of Annunciation by Jim Sima
Saturday	18	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	19	<u>19th Sunday After Pentecost</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	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky
Mitchell Stachnik	Marilyn Lopez	Bill Davis	

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

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 16th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 14th

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	(221)	(22,100)	63.14%
Unsold	129	\$12,900	36.86%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Bob Horne - \$250

Mary Oreluk - \$150 / Kathleen Reinhardt - \$100

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Richard & Bonnie Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, Catherine Baranko, Larry & Lisa Bergman, David & Anne Bzdill, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Tim Dominick, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Doshi, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Drs. Nicholas & Cynthia Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bil & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Marilyn Lopez, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Dennis & Cynthia Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Cecelia Okonski, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Paczkowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Gloria Smee, Joel & Madeleine Super, Catharine Thelen, Mike Triggs, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Arboretum Visit

Tuesday, October 14th

10:00AM

Anyone interested in a visit to Morton Arboretum? We will have a drive through the grounds and then have lunch in the café. Never sure how the colors will be but the visit is always fun. There is a fee for entrance and lunch is on your own. There will also be time for a walk, if you're interested.

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Georgia for more information about this trip.

Jesus Christ our Hope

A catechetical study



First class will be Sunday, October 19th

Family/Adult Catechesis

11:30AM - Family Potluck

12:15PM - Catechesis for Adults & Children

All adults are welcome to join these classes, you do not need to be married or have children to participate.

Monthly Themes

Oct - What is the Virtue of Hope?
 Nov - Icons of Hope in the Old Testament
 Dec - How is Christ Our Hope?
 Jan - The Church is the Hope of the Nations
 Feb - The Liturgical Year & The Christian Meaning of Time
 Mar - Lamentation, Repentance & Christian Hope
 Apr - Monasticism and Hope
 May - The Virgin Mary as Icon of Hope
 Jun - The Return of Christ and Christian Hope



A Living Sacrifice

It is natural for human beings to offer sacrifice - that is, to make an offering of some good thing to another person. A sacrifice may be a sign of honor and respect; it might be made in thanks to the other, or to seal a breach in a relationship. The Eucharist or Divine Liturgy is a true sacrifice: we take God's gifts, formed by human labor into bread and wine, and offer them to God, along with our prayers and thanksgiving.

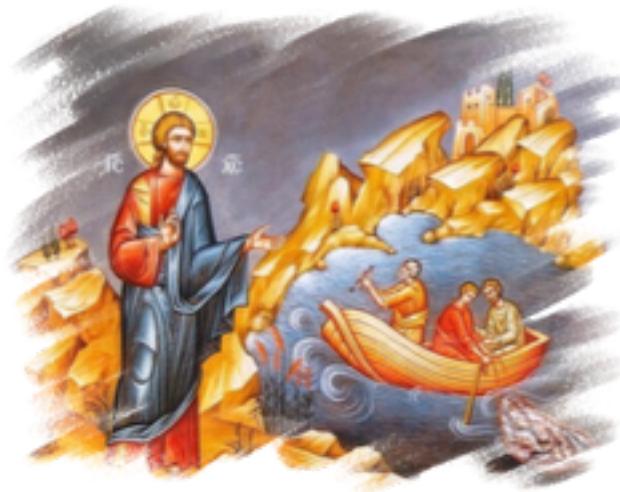
As part of this true sacrifice, the priest will in a special way offer our personal intentions at each Divine Liturgy. What better way to honor a loved one than by offering a Divine Liturgy in their honor or memory. To submit your intentions,

visit the office and fill out a short form with your personal intention. You can even request a certain day that has special meaning or importance.

The customary donation for this offering is \$20 and is given to the priest to support his mission of serving God and His faithful in a special way.

A Bishop's Call to Prayer

Bishop Robert has asked the parishes to pray as a community and as individuals for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of this initiative, he has asked parishioners to sign up for a week of prayer in the home. You can find the sign up sheet in the narthex to be a part of this special initiative. When it is your designated week of prayer, pick up the special prayer booklet that will be placed on the tetrapod and then return it to the same place the following Sunday. Since the icon being used for this intention, The Miraculous Catch, is the same one we used for our 25th Anniversary, every home should already have an icon. If you did not obtain one, please see the office and we can supply you with one.



Music Boosters presents...

ART for the SEASON

Arts and Crafts Festival

Saturday, Nov 15th
9AM - 4PM

Sunday, Nov 16th
10AM - 3PM

Arts & Crafts Booths

Vendor Booths

Entertainment

Raffles

Lunch & Food Sampling

STAGG HIGH SCHOOL

111th St & Roberts Rd
Palos Hills, IL 60465

\$3.00 Adult Admission

