

I Will Pay You

And so our sins become greater, and not only from this but also from the benefits and honor which we enjoy from them. If you want to learn how our sins against God are like ten thousand talents, or more in fact, and even much more, I will try to show you briefly. But I fear, lest to those who are inclined to wickedness and love continually to sin, I should appear to provide them with still greater security; or that I might drive the meeker sort to despair, and that they should repeat the despairing question of the disciples: "Who then can be saved?"

... But nevertheless I will continue on in the hope that I may make those who pay attention more secure and more amenable. For those who suffer an incurable disease and feel no pain are untouched by these words and do not change from their natural wickedness and inertia. And even if in the future they derive from my words greater occasion for contempt, that should be attributed not to this kind of argument but to

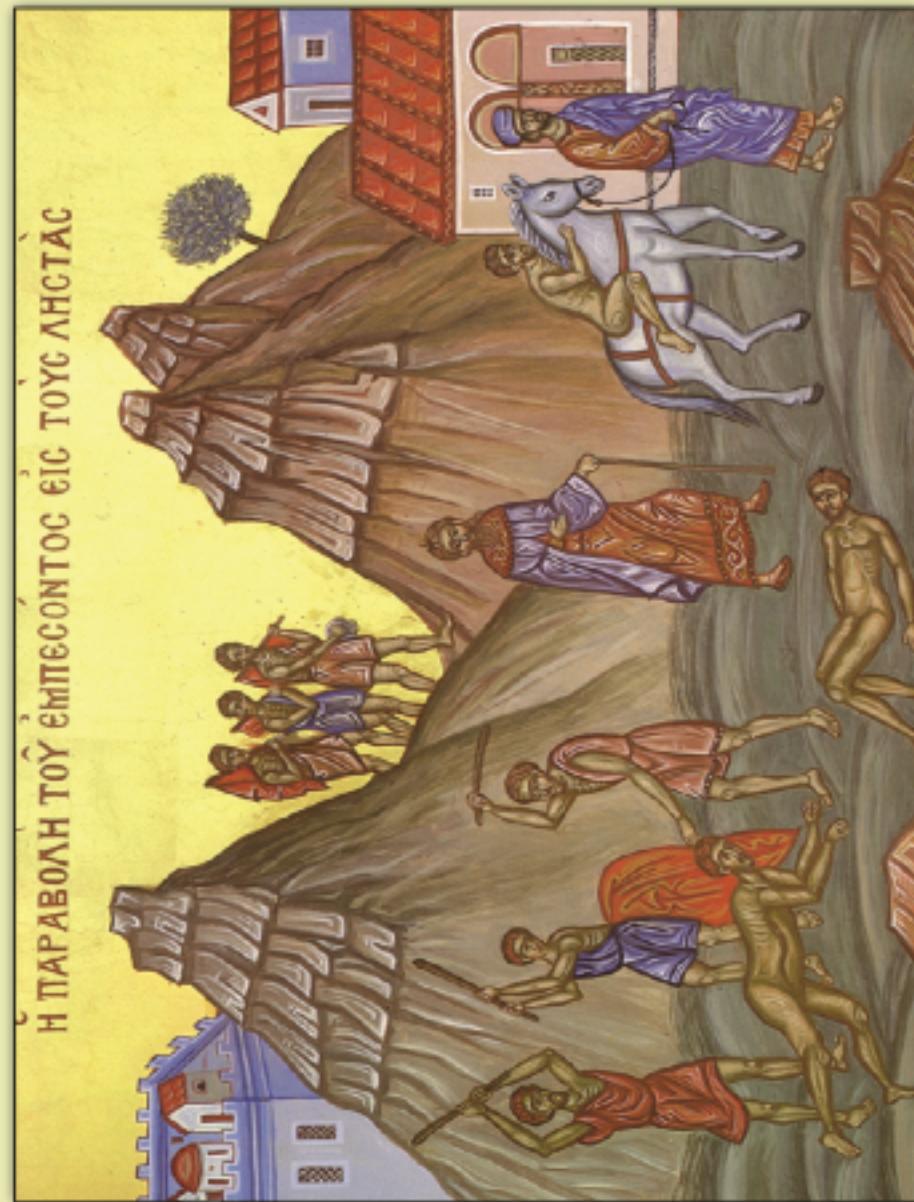
their own insensibility. What I will say ought to be able to arouse them if only they attend to it and let it prick their hearts.

And so it is necessary that I speak. In speaking of our sins, I will distinguish between those we commit against God and against other persons. I will set forth not each person's own but what are common. But then I will ask individuals to add their own sins according to an examination of their conscience. I will do this, having first set forth the good deeds of God to us. What then are God's good deeds? He created us from nothing; he made the whole visible world for us, the heaven, the sea, the earth, animals, plants and seeds.... He gave us a helpmate and set us over all the brute species, and He crowned us with glory and honor.

And yet after all this, when humanity turned out ungrateful toward its benefactor, He thought us worthy of an even greater gift - forgiveness.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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November 16, 2025 23rd Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

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| Sunday | 16 | <u>23rd Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners |
| Thursday | 20 | <u>Vigil for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos</u> 7:00 PM Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy - +Geraldine Riebe by Ken & Karen Krown |
| Saturday | 22 | 5:00 PM Vespers |
| Sunday | 23 | <u>24th 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:

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| Dot Wochok | Mary Ann Baran | Mary Ann Horne | Francis Hughes |
| Gary Dorencz | Michele Lewis | Kim Hughes | Ken Hrusosky |
| James Forkal | Richard Adamowski | Katelyn Fuentes-wc | |

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.



INVITES YOU TO:

THE BIBLE FOR EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS:

UNDERSTANDING & SHARING THE WORD

WITH DEACON JOHN HARDEN



SATURDAY, NOV. 22, 2025

**10 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. @ ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL
5 P.M., VESPERS AT HISTORIC ST. MARY CHURCH**

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Reading the Bible can feel overwhelming, confusing or intimidating. This seminar will help you move from uncertainty to confidence, and from information to transformation, as you learn to read and live the Scriptures within the life of the Church.



MORNING SESSION

Learn how to read and understand the Bible as a Catholic. We'll look at the unity of Scripture and Tradition, how to interpret the Word of God in light of the Church's teaching, and practical ways to pray with Scripture — especially through lectio divina and the rhythm of the liturgy.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Learn how to begin and sustain a Bible study, including how to form a group and foster discussion that deepens understanding and communion. Whether you want to start a Bible study, join an existing one, or enrich your personal study, you'll leave equipped to make Scripture a part of your daily life.

ABOUT DEACON JOHN

Deacon John Harden is the director of Eastern Catholic formation and evangelization for the **Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma** and the manager of small group programs at **Ascension Press**. He has a bachelor's in theology from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, and a master's in theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He, his wife, and their seven children live in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Phillip's Fast (Byzantine Advent)

A Penitential Season in preparation for our Lord

In order to properly receive God Incarnate on the Feast of the Nativity, we prepare ourselves through prayer, fasting, charity, and penance for 40 days. We invite you to join us in this time of preparation through personal prayer, Holy Confession, charity, and increased participation in the Liturgical life of our community.

Recommendations:

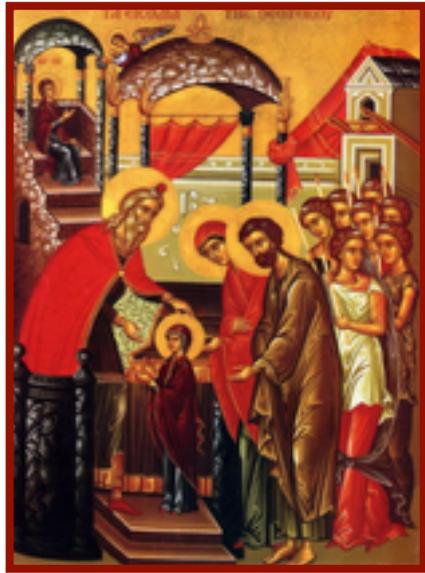
- Fast—No meat or dairy on Mon, Wed, Fri
- Go to Confession
- Attend Saturday evening vespers (at least once)
- Get rid of junk and clutter in our homes and lives
- Dedicate a few minutes each day to reading a spiritual book or Bible
- Spend less time on computers, phones, etc.



Proshpora Class

Sat. Nov 22nd - 10AM - 3PM

Learn the art of making Proshpora (*Communion Bread*). This will be a hands on experience where you will help to make the bread that will eventually become the **Body of Christ!**



Entrance of the Theotokos - November 21st

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be “nourished” there by angels in order to become herself the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and the temple of the Divine child who was to be born of her.

The main theme of the feast of Mary’s entrance into the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that “the dwelling of God is with man” and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence. Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the “preview of the good will of God” is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate - in the person of Christ’s mother - that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

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You can also stop in or call the Parish Office and we can get you set up and also make sure you are in our parish registry.

Confirmation students are holding a
Donation Drive
 November 7 – December 8
Fund Raiser
 For

 They are in need of New Baby items:
 *New Baby Clothing 2 months and older (no newborn or used clothing)
 *Pacifiers (2 months-18 months)
 *Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Meijer)
 *Baby finger nail kits
 *Travel size diaper rash ointment
 *Travel size Aquaphor
 *Teething toys *Small toys (rattles)
 *Small board books
 *Travel size baby shampoo *Baby towels.....
 Or any other small baby items
Please no diapers or diaper wipes.
Donation box is found in the Commons area.



From Darkness to Divine Light

Hear the powerful true story of former Satanist, Zachary King, and his miraculous journey to Catholicism.



Former high wizard who experienced a powerful conversion from The Blessed Mother.

Friday, Nov 21st @ 7pm Adult Night

Author | Speaker | Evangelist

Saturday, Nov 22nd @ 7pm Teen Night

Parents welcome to attend Teen Night. Parental discretion is advised.

Sag Hall
 10600 S. Archer Ave
 Lemont, IL



FREE EVENT-LIMITED SEATING Register at www.sagbridgemiissionsociety.org

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 | (247) | (24,700) | 70.57% |
| Unsold | 103 | \$10,300 | 29.43% |

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, Anna & Mark Chagnon, 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, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus-Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Thomas Mega, Lisa Melnik, 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, John Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Joel & Madeleine Super, Catharine Thelen, Easter Thomas, Mike Triggs, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske



Christmas on the Prairie Saturday, December 13th

Only 27 days until St. Nicholas Arrives!!

Help us make Christmas on the Prairie the best one yet!!

This event is an opportunity to show the community all the riches our parish has to offer. To make this event great, we could use your help in just a few ways.



1. Bake cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!



2. Consider volunteering at one of the craft stations or in the kitchen. See or call Catherine if you are interested in helping out the day of the event.
708-653-8344



3. Tell friends, family or a group you belong to about this FREE Family event! Let's share the beauty of our faith with those around us!



Christmas on the Prairie

Sat. Dec. 13, 2025

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Annunciation Church
14610 Will Cook Rd
Homer Glen, IL 60491

FREE

indoor and
outdoor
family event



- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with **St. Nicholas** and get a ride on **his horse drawn carriage**

For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com

Fr. Tom Loya