

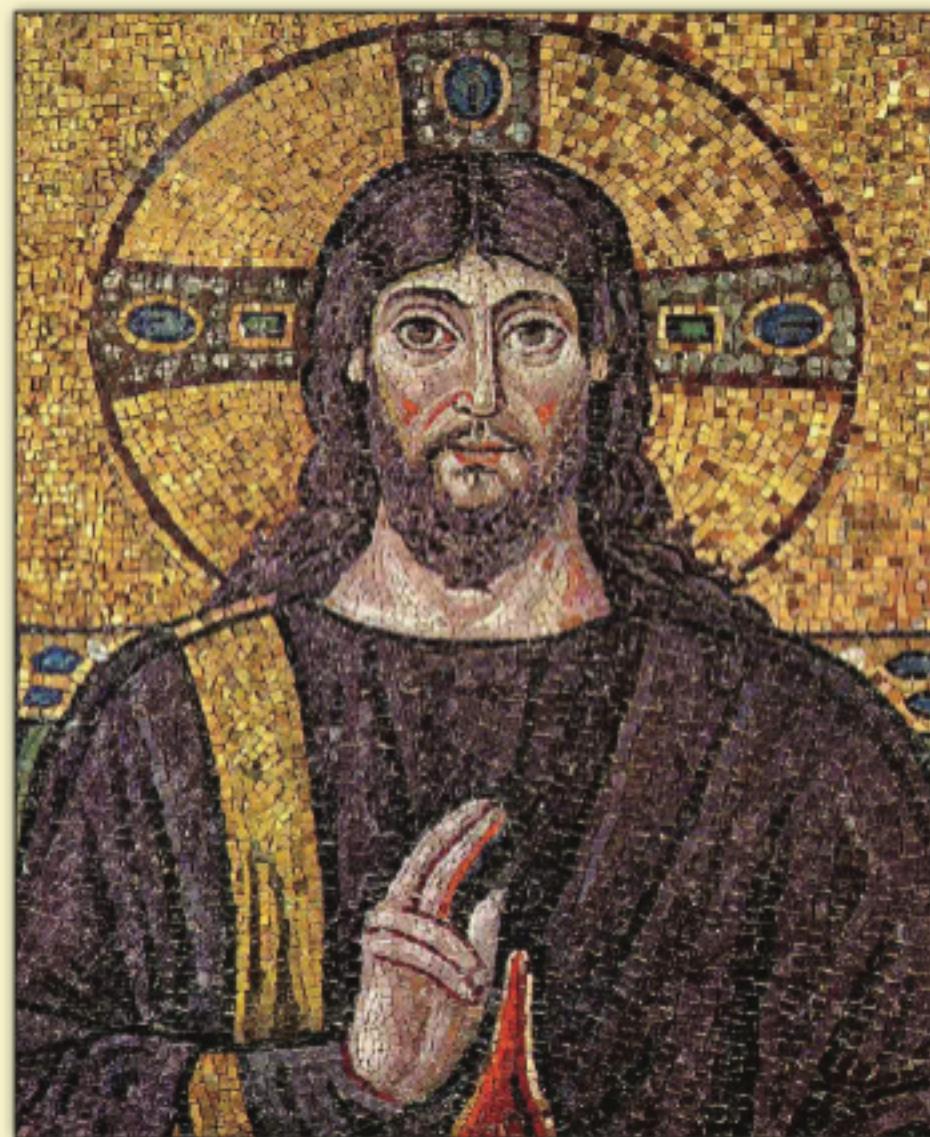
SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

St. Chromatius



Icon of Christ Pantocrator



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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January 11, 2026 Sunday After Theophany Schedule of Services

Sunday	11	<u>Sunday After Theophany</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	15	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary Gaydos By Jim Forkal & family
Saturday	17	<u>Anthony the Great-Venerable</u> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Alan Carrescia by Mary Ann Baran 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	18	<u>32nd Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus</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
James Forkal	Richard Adamowski	Marianne Horvath	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.

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord's Theophany on January 6th, we consecrate water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our homes of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.



If you are interested in having Fr. Tom bless your house, please fill out the House Blessing Form in the Business Office.

Jesus Christ our Hope

A catechetical study



Sunday, January 18th

Jan - The Church is the Hope of the Nations

Our guest speaker this month is **Nicholas LaBanca**.

Nicholas is a Senior Evangelization Specialist for Augustine Institute and is a freelance Catholic writer to which his articles have appeared in several Catholic News Outlets. He is the father of five boys and frequently attends Annunciation with them and his wife Angela. Nicholas is a Latin Rite Catholic by birth, however, to honor his maternal grandmother's Eastern Catholic upbringing, they are dedicated to raising their family in both lungs of the Catholic Faith.

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**Sunday,
January 11th**

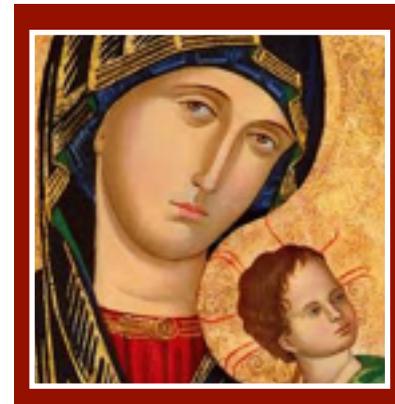
Marian Village
15624 Marian Dr - Homer Glen, IL

Doors open at 2:30PM

Bingo begins at 3:00PM

RSVP to Raychel Techman at
708-401-8622 or
rtechman@franciscancommunities.org

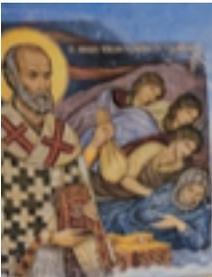
Cost
\$5



Mary's Helpers Announces New Ministry

**Wednesday, Jan 14
11:00AM**

Under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mary's Helpers will meet quarterly to pray for the sick of our parish. These quarterly meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00AM and will be followed by a light lunch. Anyone is welcome to join in this prayer meeting. The first meeting will take place this Wednesday, January 14.



ST. NICHOLAS APOSTOLATE PRESENTS

SOUP & SALAD FUNDRAISER

St. Michael's Church in Merrillville
557 W 57th Ave, Merrillville, IN

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
ALL YOU CAN EAT!
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM



ADULTS \$15 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$7 (5 AND UNDER FREE)

8th Annual Blessing of Lake Michigan

Saturday, January 17
10:00AM

Whihala Beach - Whiting, IN

Hot Chocolate Truck by
Steamwhistle on the Go!



JOIN EVEREST ACADEMY LEMONT
FOR OUR ANNUAL WINTER TRADITION!

OPEN HOUSE + WINTERFEST

SCHOOL TOURS, SLEIGH RIDES, JOEY'S RED HOTS, TIPSY TRAILER!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
HAM: MASS / 12:30PM; FESTIVITIES
11550 BELL RD. LEMONT, IL 60439



Raising Them Rite

*Raising Children for
an Everlasting Faith*

Saturday, January 31st
1:00PM - 4:00PM

St Nicholas Byzantine
Catholic Church
Munster, IN

Featuring:

Fr Thomas Loya

Director of Marriage, Family & Pro-Life Ministries

Mark & Susan Northrop

parents of nine faithful adult children

Cost:

\$30/family



Afternoon will include:

- Interactive Sessions for Parents
- Separate Children's Activities
- Toddler Care

Vespers/Divine Liturgy
4:00PM

Sponsored by:

Annunciation, St Mary, St Nicholas
Byzantine Catholic Parishes
Eparchy of Parma Marriage, Family & Pro-Life Ministry

To Register: Use the QR Code or email
infotaborlife@gmail.com




EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S

2025-2026 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.
THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026



Donations to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal help to support the activities of parishes, outreaches, missions, and eparchial events.

The goal for this stewardship drive is to increase the number of participants giving to the fund. The Bishop is therefore suggesting a one-time donation of \$175 per household.