

### *From the Fathers*

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power ...

*St. John Chrysostom*

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

*St. Clement of Alexandria*

In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

*St. Athanasius the Great*

The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. "For they travailed in this life and shall to the end," and "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

*St. John of Damascus*

## SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### May 31, 2026 Sunday of All Saints Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	31	<b><u>Sunday of All Saints</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	4	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Ann & +George Peceniak by Georgia Peceniak
<b>Saturday</b>	6	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Jim & +Michaeleen Forkal by Marianne Horvath 5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	7	<b><u>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</u></b> 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	Joel Super
Fran Zeimetz	Carrie Thompson	Michael Sheedy	Bonnie Hughes-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.

# Stars & Stripes Concert

## AMERICA 250

**Sat July 4th**

**4pm - 6pm**

**Open Lawn Seating**

**\$5 Parking**

**SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY SWCCB CONCERT BAND est. 1982**

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with an afternoon of patriotic music including a special salute to our Armed Forces performed by the Southwest Community Concert Band.

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EPARCHY OF FAIRMA FOUNDATION'S

2025-2026

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

THE YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026

**Parish Goal - \$21,000**

**Current Total Pledged \$15,399**

**Appeal Ends on May 31st**

There is still time to make your donation count!

Help us reach our parish goal by making a pledge today. The bishop is asking for each household to make a **pledge of \$175** in hopes to increase the number of participants for this appeal. Please see the inside spread to learn more about how this money is used throughout the Eparchy and the importance of this appeal. With your help and support, we can reach our goal.

## The Apostles' Fast

June 1st - June 29th



On the day of Pentecost, the apostles received the fullness of the revelation of truth because the Lord Christ had prepared them for the advent of the Comforter. The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, who were worthy to receive the Holy Spirit, became the guardians of that truth which was to be passed on to the faithful. In her wisdom, the holy Church offers us the period of the Apostles' Fast, so that through fasting and continual prayer we may cleanse our mind by ascetic labors and make us worthy of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that we may joyously appreciate the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul.

**Strict Fast on Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
*(no meat or dairy products)*

Don't miss out on these wonderful summer activities. Sign-up deadlines are quickly approaching

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



6th Annual Young Adult Retreat  
 THURSDAY JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> -  
 SUNDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
 506 E Main Street  
 Marblehead, OH



Join the Fool's Hope Farm CSA at Annunciation Parish!

Get a weekly share of a variety of garden vegetables, all grown by a fellow parishioner, Dan Popek.

If you are interested, text me at 779-279-9895  
[danielpopek12@gmail.com](mailto:danielpopek12@gmail.com).

*Vegetable pick-ups will begin on June 21st, contact Dan to learn how you can get fresh vegetables all summer long.*



THE EPARCHY OF PARMA'S ANNUAL  
**FAMILY LITURGY & LIFE CAMP**

Join families from across the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for a week of faith-focused, family-friendly fun! This year's camp programming will focus on the four "ships" described in Bishop Robert's teaching, Christ God our Hope: Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship, and Stewardship.

**\$250 PER ADULT (18+)**  
**\$60 PER CHILD (4-17)**  
FREE for children ages 3 & under. Registration fees include the cost of lunch, lodging & all meals.

**EVENT DATE**  
**AUGUST 9-14, 2026**  
 CEDAR LAKE MINISTRIES  
 CEDAR LAKE, IN

**ACTIVITIES**

- Daily Prayer
- Age-Specific Programming
- Joyful Fellowship
- Outdoor Games
- Campfire

<https://parma.org/family-camp>

## Celebrating the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

### Dance of the St. John Bugs!

Wednesday, June 24th

Feast of St. John the Baptist

7:00PM Divine Liturgy

Following Liturgy we will have a family bonfire and craft while we wait to watch the dance of the St. John Bugs!

