

Christ Heals the Demoniac Boy

It is by Him that we have gained deliverance from the power of unclean spirits, this lesson proves. For we heard read that a man ran towards Him from among the multitude, and related the intolerable malady of his son. For he said that he was cruelly torn by an evil spirit, and suffered violent convulsions. But the manner of his approach was not free from fault: for he made loud outcries against the company of the holy apostles, saying that they could not rebuke Satan; whereas it would have been more fitting, had he honored Jesus when asking His aid, and imploring grace.

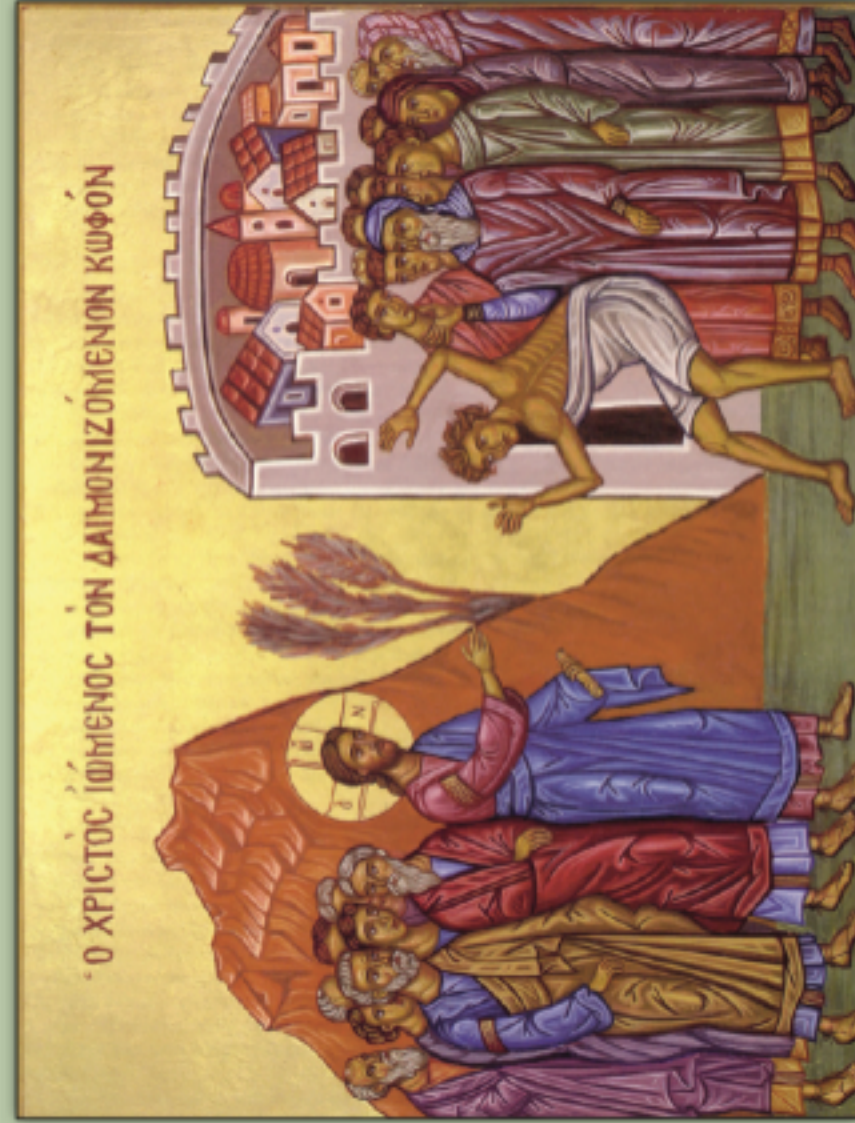
For He grants us our request when we honor and confide in Him, as being the Almighty, Whose power nothing can withstand. For He verily is the Lord of powers, and nothing can offer resistance to His will. Yea rather, every-

thing whatsoever that is capable of possessing power obtains entirely from Him the possibility of being what it is.

For just as He sheds His light upon those who are capable of being illuminated, as being Himself the true light; and just as in like manner He is the bestower of wisdom upon those who are capable thereof, as being Himself Wisdom, and perfect understanding: so, inasmuch as He is Power, He bestows power on those capable of receiving it. When then by our disbelief we despise His glory, and wickedly scorn His supreme majesty, we can receive nothing from Him: for, We must ask in faith, nothing wavering, as His disciple said.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Demoniac Boy



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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August 2, 2026 10th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	2	10th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	6	Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy with Harvest Blessing of Fruits & Vegetables - +Ehon Adamowski by Xara Bogal
Saturday	8	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	9	11th Sunday After Pentecost 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	Gary Dorencz
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Fran Zeimetz	Marilyn Lopez
Bonnie Hughes-wc	Lea Popek - wc	Claire Resuta - wc	Abbie Sheedy - 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.

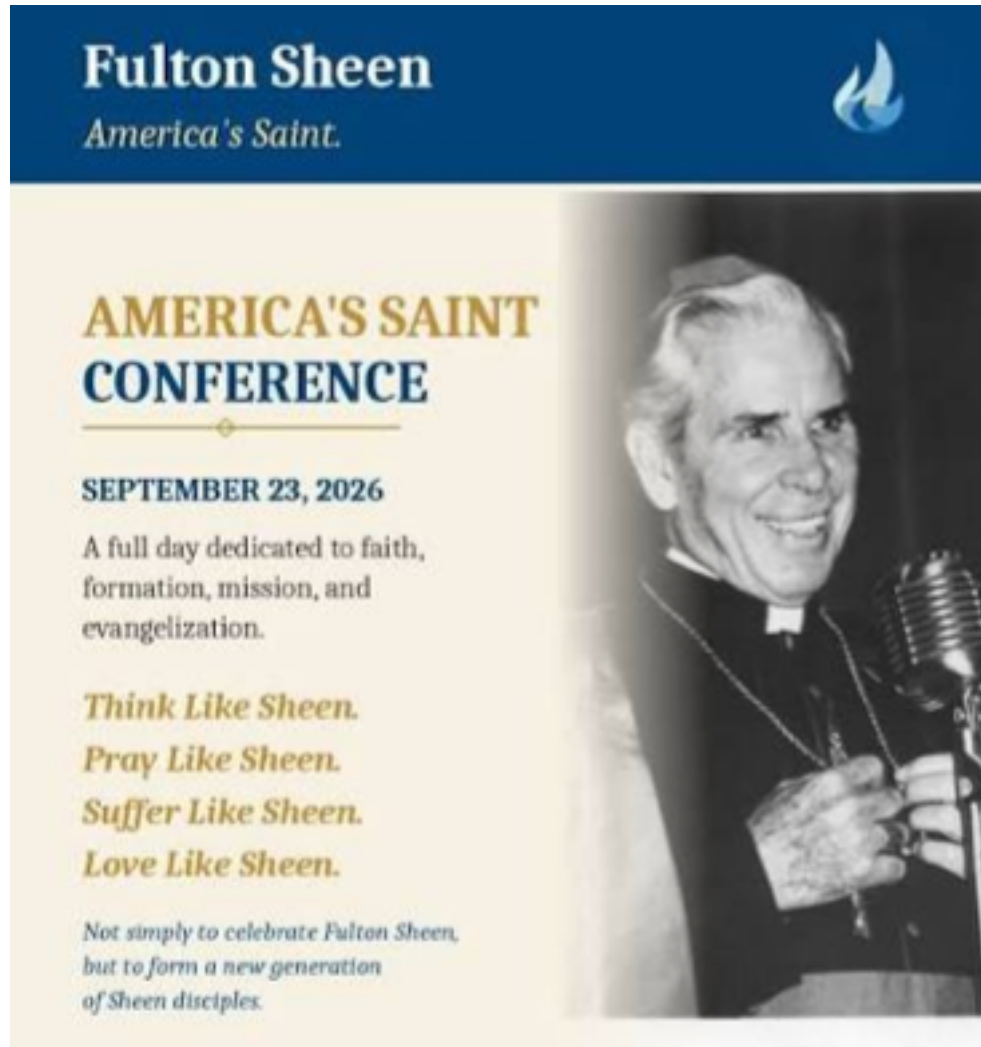
Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

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.



Join the Fulton Sheen Movement for a full day conference on Sept 23rd at the Hilton in St Louis. The conference will include many well known catholic speakers including our very own, Fr Tom. If you sign up for the conference and book a room at the Hilton, you will also receive a ticket and transportation to and from the Beatification Mass on Thur, Sept 24th.

**For more information,
go to fultonsheenconference.com**

Feast of the Transfiguration

Thursday, August 6th - 7PM

***Vespers with Divine Liturgy
followed by the Blessing of Fruit***

Enjoy the fullness
of this feast by
bringing your fruits
and vegetables
to be blessed



The Dormition Fast

The traditional rule for the **Dormition Fast** is a *strict abstinence* from August 1st to 14th, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast with no meat or dairy on weekdays, Monday-Friday. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season, however the observance of this fast is voluntary.

The fast is mentioned as the Autumn Fast by Leo the Great, and it was fixed in 1166 in the reign of the Ecumenical Patriarch Luke Chrysoberges. It may have originally been a fast before the Holy Cross, for forty days from August 6th to September 14th. However, it is now a two-week fast before the feast of the Dormition. It is interrupted by the feast of the Transfiguration.

Please consider dedicating this fasting period for those who need healing or who are troubled for we lay these burdens down at Our Mother's feet.



Annunciation Parish Picnic Sunday, August 23rd

Enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends following Divine Liturgy.

We will have food, music, games and a Giant dual lane Slip & Slide!

We will also have a special wet bouncy house just for the little ones.

Get ready to have some fun and get a little wet!

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can get a count for the food.



Monday, August 3

Dating, Relationships, and Theology of the Body
Fr. Thomas Loya



Monday, August 10th

Magnificent Humanity: How the Incarnation Makes Us Truly Human
Fr. Greg Alberts

THEOLOGY ON TAP

7 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:15 PM - TALK BEGINS



Invite young adults
ages 18-40 to:

COOM'S CORNER
1225 E. 9TH STREET
LOCKPORT, IL

Questions? Contact:
angela.labanca3@gmail.com

Annunciation's 2026 Raffle

Sunday, December 13th

Grand Prize: \$5,000

Early Bird Drawings

Sundays, October 4th & November 15th

Make sure to pick up your tickets from the narthex and get them back so you don't miss out on any of the drawings! Each ticket has three chances to WIN, if returned by October 4th.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION Friday, August 7, 5:00-7:00PM

The annual **Pray For Our Nation** observance will be held on Friday, August 7th from 5PM to 7PM. The program will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady of Sorrows located at 5900 West 147th Street in Oak Forest on the grounds of the sisters of the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict.



We are happy to announce our main speaker: **Bishop Mark Bartosic**. Bishop Bartosic has been very active in Pro-Life ministry, addressing both abortion and euthanasia, as well as the plight of those living on the margins.

Prayer, music and our speakers will be featured during the two hours, so plan to attend part or all of this event.

Bring a lawn chair.

This event is free and appropriate for all ages.