

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

All you who are gladdened by the gift of rebirth, all you who boast of that saving renewal, show me, after the sacramental grace, the resulting change in your ways. ... There surely must be some outward proof by which we may recognize the newborn person, something that clearly set the new apart from the old.

As darkness is dispelled by light, so the old nature disappears when clothed with the works of righteousness. Notice now Zachaeus, after the change of his life, put to death the tax collector that he was, made fourfold restitution to those whom he had unjustly damaged, and the rest he divided with the poor – the treasure that he had extorted from the poor (Lk 19:1-10). The

evangelist Matthew, a tax collector like Zachaeus, after his call changed his life as if it had been a mask. Paul was a persecutor, but after the grace given to him he became an apostle, bearing the weight of his chains for Christ's sake.

So you should be in your rebirth. So you should blot out your habits that lead you to sin. Just so the sons of God should live, because after the grace He has given us, we are called His children. And so we need to carefully study our Father's characteristics, so that by fashioning and framing ourselves to the likeness of our Father, we may seem true children of Him who calls us to adoption through grace.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople -- August 30th



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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August 30, 2026 14th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	30	14th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	3	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Michaeleen Forkal by Forkal & Hamelau Families
Saturday	5	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Joseph Anthony Schudt by family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	6	15th 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 Horne	Gary Dorencz
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	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.



92nd Annual Pilgrimage
In honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Sat, Sept 5th &
Sun, Sept 6th**

Theotokos:
Beacon of Hope

Mount Saint Macrina
Uniontown, PA
www.sistersofstbasil.org

Renewed Eparchial Midwest Pilgrimage 2026
St. Mary, Whiting, Indiana

"For those who are burdened, come take rest beneath the veil of Our Lady of the Protection."

Friday, October 2, 2026

6 PM Candlelit Compline — Shrine of the Protection
7-9 PM Bonfire Chat — with Bishop Robert at the Byzantine Café
Snacks included | Come share your conversion story!

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9 AM Moleben to the Mother of God — Searcher for the Lost Prayer Garden
Bring names of fallen away Christians to pray for their return!
10 AM Adult Speaker & Children's Activity
12 PM Lunch
1-6:30 PM Confessions
2 PM Adult Speaker & Children's Activity
4-6:30 PM All-Night Vigil (Vespers & Matins)
6:30-8 PM Ethnic Dinner
8 PM Family Square Dancing

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9-10:30 AM Confessions
9:45 AM Akathist to the Mother of God
10:30 AM — Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Procession of the Four Gospels
12:30 PM Lunch



Additional Information

- Provisional schedule as of July 1
- Host families available for out-of-town guests
- Discounted hotel rates available
- stmarywhiting@parma.org

**Parish
Yard Sale**
Sept 11th & 12th
8am - 3pm



**Annunciation Byzantine
Catholic Church**

14610 S Will Cook Rd - Homer Glen, IL
byzantinecatholic.com

The POD is now available for donations. Please no adult clothes, furniture, and only three boxes of books per family.

For more information please contact:

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Happy Liturgical New Year!

In the Byzantine Catholic Tradition, the liturgical year begins on September 1st, while the Western Churches begin their liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent. The Byzantine Church inaugurated the First of September as the beginning of the liturgical year in honor of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great over his adversary, Emperor Maxentius, in 312 AD. Prior to Constantine, Christianity was constantly exposed to persecution. But with Constantine's victory, as attested to by St Ambrose, the Church began a new life! So indeed, enjoy this time of spiritual and communal rejuvenation!



Maker of all creation, under whose control are the seasons and the years, being Our Lord, bless the beginning of the year with abundance and , through the intercession of the Mother of God, preserve our Country and the people in peace, and save us.

Troparion for the New Year

Mary's Helpers Enjoys a Trip Down Route 66



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC
EPARCHY OF PARMA

Charting the Course: Renewing Byzantine Catholic Life in the Heartland

The Eparchy of Parma invites all clergy and faithful to take part in the open Preparatory Gathering of the 2026 Eparchial Assembly - a shared moment of praying, listening, and learning as we set sail on a renewed journey of mission and vision. The first, public phase welcomes everyone aboard the "Holy Flotilla" of DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP, and StewardSHIP, and will provide the spiritual and pastoral grounding that informs and orients the formally convoked members as they continue into the invitation-only canonical sessions that follow.

Participation in all liturgical services, presentation, and discussions is **FREE**. Meal tickets are available for those who wish to join the community meals, though attendees may also choose to dine off-site.



REGISTER by September 7:
www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly



Join Mary's Helpers on their next outing:

Wednesday, Sept 16, 2026

The Shrine of Christ's Passion

All are welcome on this trip to visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St John, IN. We will leave church at 9AM, visit the shrine and then stop for lunch at Teibel's before returning to church. The cost of the tram at the shrine is \$10. Lunch cost is on your own.