



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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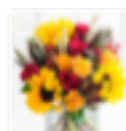
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Pastor: Fr. Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA

Deacon: J. Timothy Tkach

August 9, 2026 11th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	9	11th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Friday	14	<u>Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos</u> 7:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy <i>With Blessing of Flowers & Herbs-</i> Health & Salvation of Mary Ellen Haber by family
Saturday	15	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	16	12th 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	Fran Zeimet	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.

Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

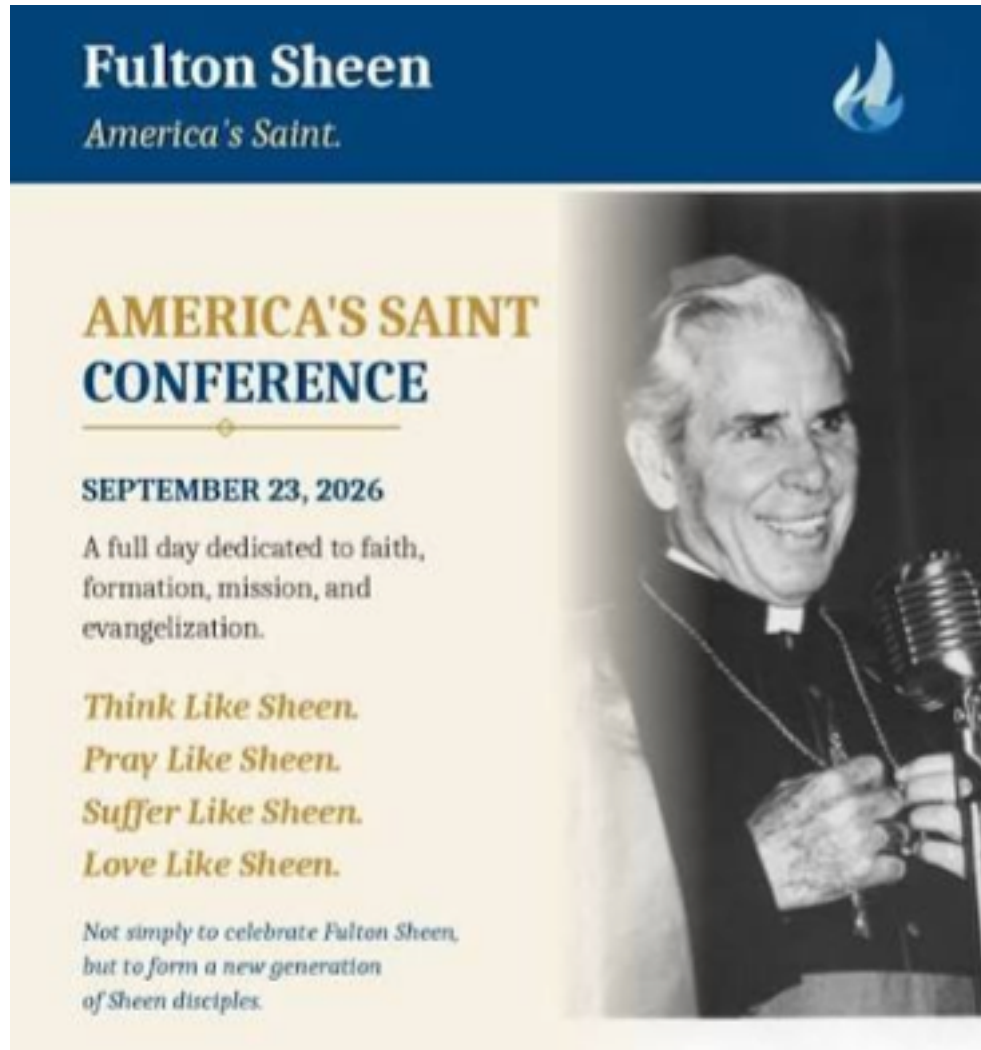
See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

St. John Chrysostom

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Unforgiving Servant



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**

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos August 15th

According to Eastern Tradition, the Theotokos died as all people die: not voluntarily, but by necessity of her mortal human nature. At the time of her death, the Lord miraculously transported the Apostles, who were preaching throughout the world, to her side. Other bishops and women from the Church in Jerusalem joined them. The sole exception was Thomas, who was preaching in India at the time. Jesus Christ himself descended upon her death and carried her soul into heaven.



The faithful took her body and laid it in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane, at her request. Three days after her death, Thomas arrived in a cloud above her tomb, where he saw her body going to heaven. He asked her, "Where are you going, O Holy One?" She then took off her girdle and gave it to him saying, "Receive this, my friend," and disappeared. Thomas went to his fellow apostles, whom he asked to see her grave, so that he could bid her goodbye. When they arrived at the grave, her body was gone, leaving a sweet fragrance. It is for this reason that we bless flowers and herbs in honor of this Blessed Feast of the Theotokos.

Eastern theology teaches that the Theotokos has already undergone the bodily resurrection, which all will experience at the second coming. She stands in heaven in that glorified state which the other righteous ones will only enjoy after the Last Judgment.

This great Feast of the Church celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith - the resurrection of the body. It is a feast of hope, hope in resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come. We also affirm through this Feast that the Theotokos intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.



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.



Last chance to hear another great speaker as part of this summer series.



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.

Eternal Memory Vichnaya Pamyat

This week, we say good bye to long-time parishioner, Fran Zeimet. Parastas Service will be held on **Tuesday, August 18th at Tezak's Funeral Home in Joliet at 11:30AM.**

Please keep Fran and the Zeimet family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.