Do We See Jesus?

If you wish to honor the Eucharistic Victim, offer your own soul for which the Victim was immolated. Make your own soul all of gold. If your soul remains viler than lead or clay, what good does it do to have a golden chalice? Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Then do not disdain Him when you see Him in rags.

After having honored Him in church with silken vestments, do not leave Him to die of cold outside for lack of clothing. For it is the same Jesus Who says, "This is my Body" and Who says "I was hungry but you would not feed me. Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me."

The Body of Christ in the Eucharist demands pure souls, not costly garments. But in the poor He demands all our care. Let us act wisely; let us honor Christ as He Himself wishes to be honored; the most acceptable honor to one whom we would honor is the honor which He desired, not that we ourselves imagine.

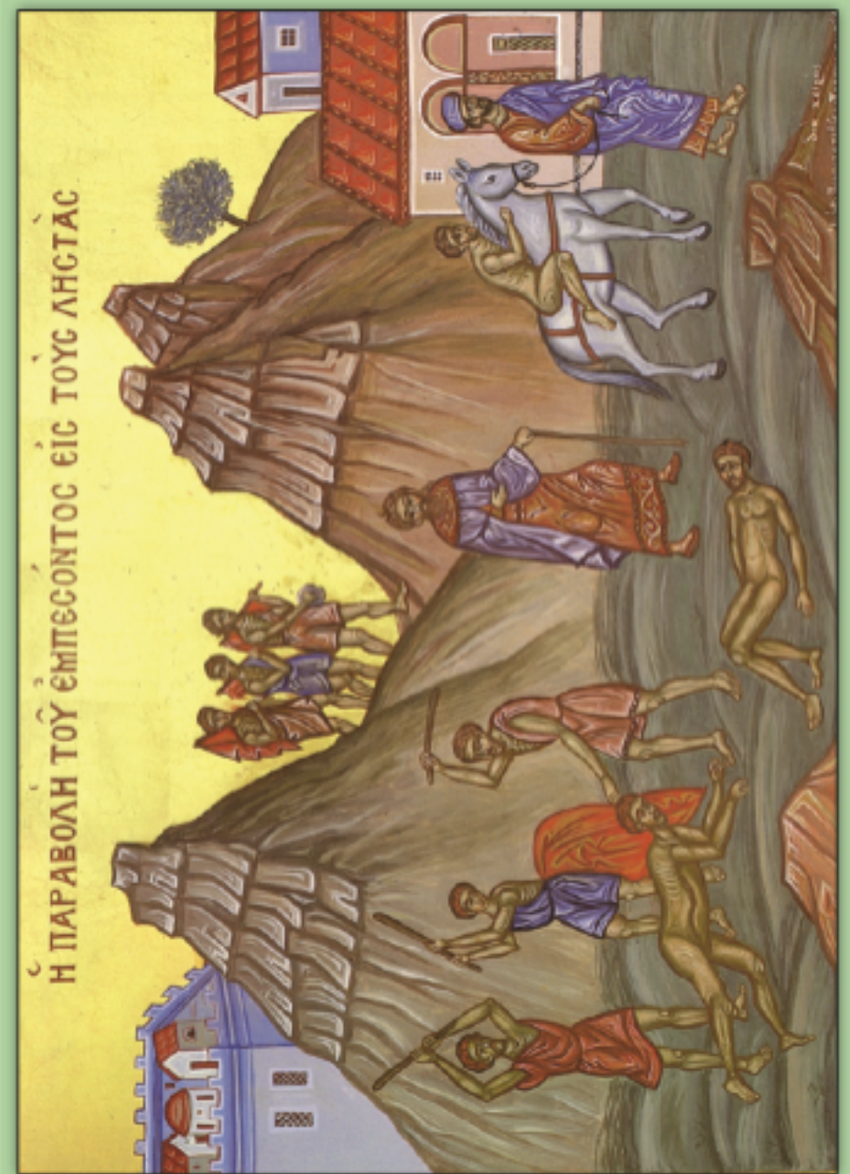
Peter thought he was honoring his Master by not letting the Lord wash his feet; and yet it was just the opposite. Give Him the honor which He Himself has asked for, by giving your money to the poor. Once again, what God wants is not golden chalices, but golden souls.

Saint John Chrysostom

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ἡ ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛΗ ΤΟΥ ἘΜΠΕΣΟΝΤΟΣ ΕἸΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΛΗΣΤΑΣ



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish
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November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost
Schedule of Services

Sunday	15	**25th Sunday After Pentecost** 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	19	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Thomas Byrne by Krown family
Friday	20	**Vigil of the Feast of the Enterance of the Theotokos** 7:00 PM Vesper w/ Divine Liturgy - +Emily Triggs by Mary Oreluk
Saturday	21	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	22	**26th 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:

Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne	Gary Dorencz	Mike Sheedy
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Marilyn Lopez	Jim Greybar
John Norley	Roberta Bieniek	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. Nofood, 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.



Philip's Fast (Byzantine Advent)

A Penitential Season in prepartion for our Lord

In order to properly receive God Incarnate on the Feast of the Nativity, we prepare ourselves through prayer, fasting, charity, and penance for 40 days. We invite you to join us in this time of prepartion through personal prayer, Holy Confession, charity, and increased participation in the Liturgical life of our community.

Recommendations:

—Fast—No meat or dairy on Mon, Wed, Fri
—Go to Confession
—Attend Saturday evening vespers (at least once)
—Get rid of junk and clutter in our homes and lives
—Dedicate a few minutes each day to reading a spiritual book or Bible
—Spend less time on computers, phones, etc.

THE GCU CORNER

World Series Squares Winners

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the GCU sponsored fall fundraiser and congratulations to all of our winners.

Final Score ($500) - Steve Bieniek
3rd Inning Score ($250) - Theo & Aida McManigal
6th Inning Score ($250) - Kim Gulas
Strike Outs (Bottle) -Bill Gulas
Walks (Bottle) - Maryann Wantroba

World Series

ANNUNCIATION Byzantine Catholic Church

Forgot your envelope…visiting…no cash

No worries - supporting our parish is easy with online giving

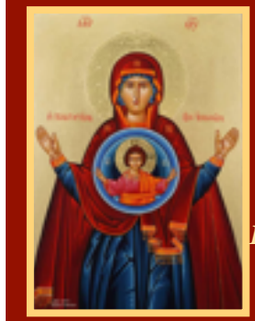
Scan here to make your one-time or recurring donation!

Entrance of the Theotokos November 21st



The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be "nourished" there by angels in order to become herself the "holy of holies" of God, the living sanctuary and the temple of the Divine child who was to be born of her.

The main theme of the feast of Mary's entrance into the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence. Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the "preview of the good will of God" is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate - in the person of Christ's mother - that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.



The Sixth Annual Men's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

February 12 - 14, 2027

For Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be (Matt. 6:21)

Retreat Master: Fr. Joseph Loya, OSA, PhD

Jesuit Retreat Center - Parma, OH

Contact Karl Busam for further information
karl.busam.77@gmail.com
419-626-6811

Further details will follow
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The Fourteenth Annual Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

February 26 - 28, 2027

Weaving Together the Strands of our Lives

Retreat Master: Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB

Jesuit Retreat Center - Parma, OH

Contact Joan Washburn for further information
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865-696-7809

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Christmas Wreath Making Class

Saturday, November 28th
10AM & 1PM



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church
14610 S Will Cook Rd - Homer Glen, IL 60491
Lower Level Activity Room

Enjoy a fun afternoon making a Christmas wreath with evergreens right from the trees on Annunciation's property. Please plan for about a 1.5 hour class where you will be taught how to make a fresh Christmas wreath worthy to hang on your front door!

The $40 cost of the class includes all of the materials needed to make one 18" wreath plus light refreshments.

See the sign-up sheet in the narthex or use the QR code for the online registration and payment link which can also be found at:
https://form.jotform.com/263108888628168

For more information, please contact:
Catherine Baranko - 708-653-8344

Grand Raffle Update

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 15th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 13th

Grand Prize - $5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts…Dont' stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	$35,000	100%
Sold	(280)	(28,000)	80.00%
Unsold	70	$7,000	20.00%

NEED MORE TICKETS?…SEE ROBERT PALASZ

Early Bird

Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Fr. John Honiotes - $250

F. Modelski - $150 / Georgia Smee - $100

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Bonny Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, James & Stephanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, James Brown, David & Anne Bzdill, Mark & Anna Chagnon, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Doshi, Steven & Angelica Eichstaedt, Susan Galloy, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Kim & Sally Hughes, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Constance Malinowski, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Theo & Aida McManigal, Thomas Mega, Lisa Melnik, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Dennis & Cynthia Mrowca, Cecelia Okonski, Jeff & Angela Okonski, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Packowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Mark & Melissa Porfirio, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Joan Senko, John Senko, Daniel Snaidauf, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeline Super, Catharine Thelen, Dcn Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 12th

Only 29 days until St. Nicholas Arrives!!



Help us make Christmas on the Prairie the best one yet!!

This event is an opportunity to show the community all the riches our parish has to offer. To make this event great, we could use your help in just a few ways.



1. Bake cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!



2. Consider volunteering at one of the craft stations or in the kitchen. See or call Catherine if you are interested in helping out the day of the event. 708-653-8344





3. Tell friends, family or a group you belong to about this FREE Family event! Let's share the beauty of our faith with those around us!



- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage

For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com