

### *Rejoice at His Coming!*

Let us say to Christ: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.* Let us hold before Him like palm branches those final words inscribed above the cross. Let us show Him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under His feet like garments, so that entering us with the whole of his being, He may draw the whole of our being into Himself and place the whole of His in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: *Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.* He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; He is coming to achieve in you His work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid, then: *God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.*

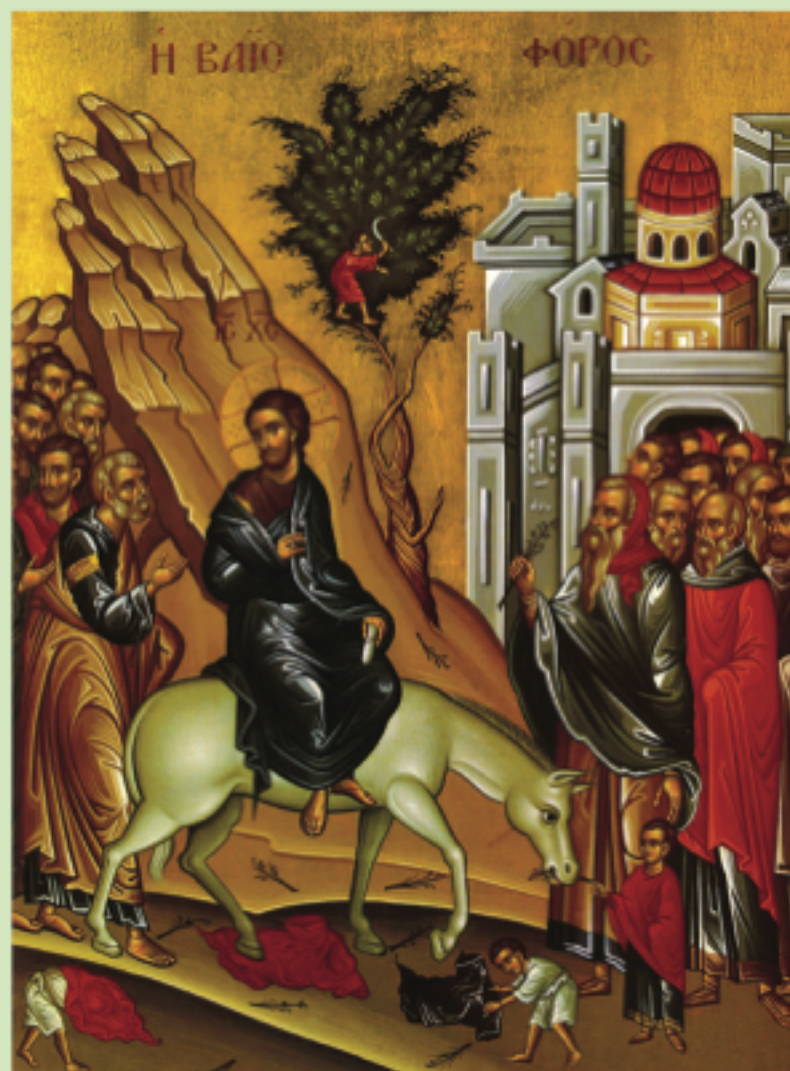
Receive Him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on His own hands that He sketched you. Receive

Him who laid your foundations on the palms of His hands. Receive Him, for He took upon Himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is His. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. *Celebrate your feasts.* Glorify Him for His mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. *Be enlightened, be enlightened, we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.*

And what is this *glory of the Lord*? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, He, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as He said when He faced His passion: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once.* The glory of which He speaks here is His lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is His cross and His exultation upon it, as He plainly says: *When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.*

*St. Andrew of Crete*

## PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY



*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday - Flowery Sunday Schedule of Services

**Sunday** 13 Palm Sunday– Flowery Sunday  
9:00 AM Matins  
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners  
Blessing & Procession with Palm Branches

**Please see the insert for complete  
Holy Week Schedule**

**Sunday** 20 Resurrection of our Lord - Pascha  
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	Mike Sheedy
Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes
Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber	Gary Paczkowski
Aida McManigal-wc	Anna Chagnon-wc	Abbie Sheedy-wc	Mitchell Stachnik
Jim Forkal			

## 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.

## Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal



As we move closer to the great Feast of Pascha, we continue in our process to identify the gifts given to us by God and ponder the ways in which we can respond to His generosity. Please remember the annual Stewardship Appeal as you prepare for the upcoming Feast of Pascha.

Visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

**Let's make our Stewardship Goal! \$20,400**  
**You can make an Appeal Pledge until May 15th**

## Annunciation's 25th Anniversary Cookbook

We are collecting family favorite recipes for our very own 25th Anniversary cookbook!

These can be old family favorites, Lenten, Ethic, Christmas, Pascha, etc. If you like it, I am sure we will too!

Send recipes to Shelia Horne: [horne\\_sheila@msn.com](mailto:horne_sheila@msn.com) or you can drop them off in the Business Office.

## Holy Friday Vigil - Guarding of the Grave

it is a tradition in Slavic churches for families/ parishioners to keep watch over Christ's body as it lies in the tomb from after Vespers on Holy Friday until Saturday morning at Jerusalem Matins. See the sign up see in the Narthex or just come for an hour when ever possible.



## Thomas Sunday Potluck & Last Family Catechesis

We will have a Potluck following Divine Liturgy on Sunday 4/27. This will also be our last Family Catechesis event for the year. All are welcome, young adults, families of one or those who are new to the parish.

## The Myrrh-Bearers Adventure Hunt

**Sunday, May 4th**  
Following Divine Liturgy

*See the sign-up  
sheet in the  
Narthex*

Ages 12 and under



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# Online Registration is now Available

Scan the QR code on the poster or visit our parish website: <https://byzantinecatholic.com/25th-anniversary-celebration>

## 25th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 18th 2025

*Put Out into the Deep*



Join us as we celebrate twenty-five years of Annunciation Parish “putting out into the deep” while also casting our nets further into the deep for the years ahead

10:00AM  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
Most Reverend Bishop Robert Pipta  
Celebrant & Homilist

Noon  
Reception & Banquet  
Orland Chateau  
14500 LaGrange Rd  
Orland Park, IL

Cost: \$50/person  
Family Style Dinner & Open Bar  
*Children under 18 are free*

Live dinner music provided by:  
**Peter Oprisko Quartet**

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets online or you can sign up in the Business Office



To show your support for our parish family, please consider purchasing an advertisement or a family’s well wishes in the 25th Anniversary Program.

Full Page - \$500  
Half Page - \$300  
Quarter Page - \$150

These can be purchased online or in the business office. You can email your artwork to [annuncbyzchurch@aol.com](mailto:annuncbyzchurch@aol.com) or you can work with Catherine Baranko to create a special message representative of your family. All ads and art work need to be submitted by May 1st.