

### ***Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's***

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid - Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum - they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got - nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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**March 17, 2024**

### 5th Sunday of The Great Fast - St. Mary of Egypt Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	17	<b><u>5th Sunday of The Great Fast-St. Mary of Egypt</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	20	7:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - +Helen Jadwisiak by +Casimer Jadwisiak
<b>Friday</b>	22	7:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - +Irene Erdmann by Nancy Bartkowiak
<b>Saturday</b>	23	<b><u>Saturday of Lazarus</u></b> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Fr. Frank Korba by Paul Kaderabek 5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	24	<b><u>Palm Sunday-Flowery Sunday</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy- Blessing & Procession with Palm Branches Health & Salvation of Parishioners

#### We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne	Mary Ellen Haber	Bob Zavada
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk	Abbie Sheedy-wc	Michele Lewis
William Davis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Fr. Bernard Danber	Gloria Selvy
Ken Hrusosky	Kim & Sally Hughes			

### 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.



# How to Prepare a Traditional Paschal Basket

While tastes vary by region and family, the Basket usually contains: special breads; butter and cheeses; dyed hard boiled eggs and special decorated pysanki eggs; roasted, baked, boiled or smoked meats & sausages; grated horseradish mixed with grated red beets; and salt. Many families include wine. A blessed decorated candle is placed in the Basket so it can be lit during the Blessing. A bow or ribbon and even flowers are tied around the handles of the Basket. Finally, a richly embroidered cloth basket cover rests atop the food. The Basket is brought to church to be blessed after

the Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy. Not one morsel of this food is eaten until then. A sample of each food is tried by all while recalling it's meaning. Families are encouraged to include their own traditional favorites such as jars of honey and nut or poppy rolls. Chocolate eggs and bunnies along with jelly beans and marshmallow peeps are seen in the baskets prepared by the children. All foods are meant to be sliced and placed on a platter so that no cooking need to be done on the day of this great Feast or even throughout the entire week. Baskets have included other specialties including tamales, empanadas, ravioli, plantains, pineapples etc. along with other special breads and dishes reflecting the truly diverse ethnic character of those who share our Byzantine Catholic faith.



## The Annual Cleaning of the Pews

Join us as we prepare the church for Pascha

**Saturday  
March 23rd**

starting at  
**10:00AM**



*This is a great opportunity for community service hours!*

*We could also really use help from our young adult community. It is a great way to give back to your church family!*

## 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! \$16,500**

**Amount pledged so far from our parish: \$5,706**

### FASTING "REGULATIONS"

#### STRICT ABSTINENCE

The law of strict abstinence forbids the use of meat, eggs and dairy products or any of their byproducts. *All adults faithful, who receive Eucharist, are obliged to observe strict abstinence on Great and Holy Friday and all day Holy Saturday, until midnight.*

### Chotki Knotting

**Tue, Mar 19th**

**7pm - 9pm**

Last opportunity of learn the basic knot used to make your own chotki (prayer rope). This class is limited to 3 people due to the complexity of the knot.



# 2024 Schedule for the Week of the Bridegroom

(also called Holy Week or Great Week)

## Annunciation of the Theotokos March 25

7:00pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy

*Due to the importance of this Feast Day,  
it supercedes Great and Holy Monday.*

## Great and Holy Tuesday — March 26

**Theme:** Parable of the Ten Virgins (Mt 24:36-26:2) and our readiness for Judgment Day.

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

## Great and Holy Wednesday — March 27

**Theme:** The repentant woman who anointed Christ's feet is contrasted with the agreement by Judas to betray Christ. The anointing at the evening service is for the healing of our soul and body in preparation for the commemoration of the Mystical Supper the next day.

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

## Great and Holy Thursday — March 28

**Theme:** Four events: Jesus washes the feet of His disciples; the Institution of the Holy Eucharist; Christ's agony in the garden and the betrayal of Christ by Judas.

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil

*(Teen retreat begins. Church remains open until 2:00pm.  
Tours of the church are provided by the teens.)*



## Great and Holy Friday — March 29

*This is a day of Strict Fast*

**Theme:** Christ's suffering and death on the Cross and His burial in a tomb.

9:00am Matins with reading of 12 passion Gospels

1:00pm Royal Hours

7:00pm Vespers with Procession of Burial Shroud

*(Confession available after Vespers. Church remains open throughout the night for prayer)*

## Great and Holy Saturday — March 30

**Theme:** At the Jerusalem Matins we commemorate Christ's descent into Hades anticipating the moment when Christ will conquer Satan's power of death and rise out of Hades taking fallen humanity with Him. There is a baptismal theme to this service because throughout Church history this evening was the primary time for people to be baptized into Christ.

9:00am Jerusalem Matins with Procession of Shroud

7:00pm Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil

## Resurrection Sunday (Pascha!) — March 31

**Theme:** "Christ comes forth from the tomb like a bridegroom from the bridal chamber and fills the women with joy!"  
-Resurrection Matins

9:00am Resurrection Matins with Procession

10:00am Divine Liturgy