

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans were outcast Jews because they were not subject

to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman



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April 28, 2024 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Schedule of Services

Sunday	28	<u>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Tuesday	30	<u>St. James the Great Apostle</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Helen Jadwisiak by +Casimer Jadwisiak
Thursday	2	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Gary & Sharon Dorencz
Saturday	4	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Edward & +Lee Niles by John & Janet Foreman 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	5	<u>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</u> 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 Home	Mary Ellen Haber	Reba Lyon-wc
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk	Abbie Sheedy-wc	Michele Lewis
William Davis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Fr. Bernard Danbar	Gloria Selvy
Ken Hrusosky	Kim Hughes	Sally Hughes	Lois Graybar	George Gulas
Dcn. John Evancho				

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.

ByzanTEEN Yard Sale

June 14th & 15th
8am - 3pm

Spring is in the air! A perfect time to do some spring cleaning and collect items we can sell during our Summer Fundraiser. The POD is now available for all donations!



 **Choir Practice**
Tuesday evenings
7pm to 9pm

Please join us as we continue the rich tradition of choral arrangements sung at the Divine Liturgy.
We need your voice!!



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a couple of people to help with the weekly church cleaning and to organize and prepare Agape (cake/coffee) following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.
Please contact the parish office for more information.



Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal



This weekend marks the end of the promotion for this year's Eparchial Stewardship Appeal.

Payments may continue to be made through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2024. Your participation has allowed our Eparchy of Parma to continue to provide funds to support four important needs in the Eparchy: Development of Parishes; Vocations and Seminarian Education; Work of the Apostolate; and Retired Priests. God Bless you!

Visit parma.org for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you to everyone who participated with their *time, talent, and treasure.*

Let's make our Stewardship Goal! \$16,500

Amount pledged so far from our parish: \$11,473
(as of April 3rd)

GCU 2024 March Madness Results

Congratulations to all the winners listed below and a BIG Thank You to everyone who participated!

1st Place (\$350)

Gina Palasz
U CONN

2nd Place (\$150)

Dennis Mrowca
Prudue

3rd Place (\$70)

Roberta Bieniek
NC State

4th Place (\$70)

Fred Sosinski
Alabama

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church received 50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser totaling \$640!





Mount Calvary All Souls Picnic Sat, May 18th

Join us for the 5th All Souls Saturday on May 18th.

Liturgy at Annunciation followed by a Panachida at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Joliet. This will also be an ECF Family Outing and Picnic to mark the close of our ECF Year.

Learn some of the history of our parish community while also enjoying the grounds and some family activities.

The service times are TBA

St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat

Fri, July 26 - Sun, July 28th

The Spritual Center of Maria Stein
2365 St. Johns Road
Maria Stein, OH 45860



Grow closer to Christ and one another while exploring God's gift of femininity! Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teaching, and St. Pope JP II's Theology of the Body, the retreat offers talks and activities geared towards girls ages 11-14 with plenty of one-on-one mother daughter time. Participants will reflect on the gift of their female identity, the gift of friendship, the gifts of marital intimacy and holy chastity, the gift of the Holy Spirit and most importantly the precious gifts they are created to be.

Cost: \$399 per mother/daughter pair

Includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals and all retreat materials

Registration: www.philomenaretreat.org

Information or questions: admin@philomenaretreat.org

Local facilitator: Jodie Blindauer - jblindauer@sacredheartohio.org

Can You Walk the Walk?

4th Annual Byzantine Young Adults Retreat

Thurs, July 25th - Sun, July 28th

St Mary's Byzantine Church
Marblehead, OH

Open to young adults between 18-35 years of age. Brochures are available in the office. Transportation will be provided by the parish bus and registration fee will be covered for parishioners. byzantineyoungadults.com

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, * and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11:28



Annual Byzantine Eparchial Women's Renewal

October 25-27, 2024

St. Francis Spirituality Center
Tiffin, OH 44883

Cost: \$200

Brochures are available in the Business Office



The Eparchy of Parma will be hosting another Family Camp this summer. It will be held in nearby Cedar Lake, IN.

Please stay tuned for more information but make the dates as this is a great way to meet other Byzantine Catholic families from within our Eparchy!