

### *Healing the Daughter of the Canaanite Woman*

The evangelist speaks against the woman, that he may show forth her marvellous act, and celebrate her praise the more. For when you hear of a Canaanitish woman, you should call to mind those wicked nations, who overset from their foundations the very laws of nature. And being reminded of these, consider also the power of Christ's advent. For they who were cast out, that they might not pervert any Jews, these appeared so much better disposed than the Jews, as even to come out of their coasts, and approach Christ; while those were driving Him away, even on His coming unto them.

Having then come unto Him, she says nothing else, but Have mercy on me, and by

her cry brings about them many spectators. For indeed it was a pitiful spectacle to see a woman crying aloud in so great affliction, and that woman a mother, and entreating for a daughter, and for a daughter in such evil case: she not even venturing to bring into the Master's sight her that was possessed, but leaving her to lie at home, and herself making the entreaty.

But having described both her calamity, and the intensity of the disease, she pleads the Lord's mercy, and cries aloud; and she says not, Have mercy on my daughter, but, Have mercy on me.

*St. John Chrysostom*

## SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN



*Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28)*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### January 26, 2025 36th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	26	<b>36th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	30	<b>Feast of the Three Holy Heirarchs</b> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Gary & Diane Paczkowski
Saturday	1	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Isabelle Gulas by Maria Gulas 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	2	<b>Sunday of Zacchaeus and The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna</b> 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
Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes
Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber	Mike Sheedy
Linda Tkach			

## 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.

# SAVE THE DATE

Create your own  
"Heartfelt Message" at our next

Pastel Art & Wine Night

Wed. Feb 12th  
Rubi Agave

Stay  
tuned for an  
image of this  
original art by  
Fr. Tom

# THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

JANUARY 30TH

Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom



Each has his personal feast day in the month of January; Basil on the 1st, Gregory on the 25th and Chrysostom on the 27th. The common feast we celebrate today was instituted in the 11th century, in the time of the Emperor Alexius Comnenus. At one time there was a quarrel among the people about who was the greatest of the three. Some gave Basil the pre-eminence for his purity and courage; others Gregory for the unfathomable depth and height of his theological mind; others still Chrysostom for the wonderful beauty of his speech and the clarity of his presentation of the Faith. So the first were called Basilians, the second Gregorians and the third Johannites. But, by the providence of God, this dispute was resolved to the benefit of the Church and the yet greater glory of the three saints. The Bishop of Euchaita, John (June 14th), had a vision in his sleep, in which each of these saints appeared

to him in a great glory and indescribable beauty, and then all three together. They then said to him: 'We are one in God, as you see, and there is no dispute among us...neither is there among us a first or a second.' The saints also advised Bishop John to compile a common feast for them and to set aside for them a day of common commemoration. The quarrel was settled as indicated by the wonderful vision; January 30th being set aside for the common commemoration of the three hierarchs. The Greeks regard this feast not only as a church festival but as their greatest national and scholastic holiday.

# Break free from your Pharaohs.

Our culture today has no shortage of 'modern Pharaohs' that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life.



Join other men from our parish as we take a 90-day journey through the Book of Exodus, diving deeper into understanding the similarities we share with the ancient Israelites and finding our path to freedom from our own 'Modern Pharaohs' holding us back from true unity with God.

We will focus on three core pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity – a model witnessed to us centuries ago by the desert fathers in the early Church.

We start  
Jan. 20, 2025:

[Exodus90.com](http://Exodus90.com)



To learn more about this fraternity of men, speak with Jim Brown at 815-919-4453 or Mark Porfirio at 815-981-1670.

# SAVE THE DATE

A Mary's Helpers  
Valentine Luncheon

Tuesday, February 11th  
NOON



# Photos from 25 Years of Annunciation

We plan to create a video to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and want to showcase photos of parish life and liturgy over the past 25 years.

Please share your photos from baptisms, weddings, holy days, and events like Prairie Fest and Christmas on the Prairie.

## Ways to Share:

### Physical Photos

We will scan your photos and get them back to you as soon as possible.

Place multiple photos together in a ziploc bag. Attach a post-it and note:

- Your name
- Phone number or email
- Information about the photos: who is in the photo, about what year it was taken, and any other helpful information (for example, what parish event the photo was taken at)

### Online Form

Upload photos to an online form at [bit.ly/4g2xsjW](https://bit.ly/4g2xsjW) or scan QR code:



### Email

Email photos to Lea at [la.rod Barry@yahoo.com](mailto:la.rod Barry@yahoo.com). Include the info listed above.

### Other

Call or text Lea (630-589-2069) and we'll arrange something!

## Preparation for the Great Fast

The Church seldom starts us on a path without providing some preliminary orientation and preparation; and the Great Fast is no exception. The four weeks leading up to the Fast remind us of our need for a “Lenten springtime,” and of the spiritual pitfalls that can divert us from our goal of communion with God.

**Sunday of Zacchaeus** - On this Sunday, we hear of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, his ardent desire to see Jesus, and how this desire was fulfilled beyond his expectation. **(Feb 2)**

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee** - We are reminded of the dangers of hypocrisy and the need for thru humility in order to come close to God. **(Feb 9)**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son** - We are shown a story of repentance and acceptance. The Prodigal Son is an image of each of us, as we “remember ourselves” and resolve to break with our sins, return from exile, and start a new life. **(Feb 16)**

**Sunday of the Last Judgement** - At the Divine Liturgy, we hear the Gospel account of the second coming of the Lord in glory, and of the final judgement. To begin the preparation for the rigors of the Fast, the Church’s traditional fasting rules call on the faithful to fast from flesh-meats for the final week before the Fast. That is why this day is also called **Meatfare Sunday**. **(Feb 23)**

Finally, on **Cheesefare Sunday**, we have come ot the very brink of the fast. At the Divine Liturgy, our Lord’s words in the Gospel speak of forgiveness: “If you forgive men their trespasses, then your heavenly Father will forgive you.” For this reason, this day is also called **Forgiveness Sunday**. The service of Vespers on this day is especially solemn, and also followed by a ceremony of mutual forgiveness between priest and people. **(Mar 2)**

