

The Mystery of Mankind's Reconciliation with God

He who is true God was born in the complete and perfect nature of a true man, whole in His own nature, whole in ours. By our nature we mean what the Creator had fashioned in us from the beginning, and took to Himself in order to restore it.

He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing His divinity. He emptied himself, though invisible He made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things He chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence.

Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, He hid His infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to the laws of death.

He who is true God is also true man. There is no falsehood in this unity as long as the lowliness of

man and the pre-eminence of God coexist in mutual relationship.

As God does not change by His condescension, so man is not swallowed up by being exalted. Each nature exercises its own activity, in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word, the flesh fulfills what is proper to the flesh.

One nature is resplendent with miracles, the other falls victim to injuries. As the Word does not lose equality with the Father's glory, so the flesh does not leave behind the nature of our race.

One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He is man in virtue of the fact that the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

St. Leo the Great

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saint Mary and Saint Zosimos



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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April 6, 2025

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

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| Sunday | 6 | <u>5th Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Mary of Egypt</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners |
| Wednesday | 9 | 7:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy +Alex Soley by the Forkal family |
| Friday | 11 | 7:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Health & Salvation of Matthew S. by family |
| Saturday | 12 | <u>Saturday of Lazarus</u> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Gloria Selvey by Georgia Peceniak 5:00 PM Vespers |
| Sunday | 13 | <u>Palm Sunday- Flowery Sunday</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners Blessing & Procession with Palm Branches |

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

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| 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** 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** or you can drop them off in the Business Office.

The Annual Cleaning of the Pews

Join us as we prepare the church for Pascha

**Saturday
April 12th**

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

Chocolate Cross Sale

Chocolate cross orders are now available and can be picked up before or after any of our services. If you have not placed your order, there is still time to do so. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Mary's Helpers Trip

St. Michael's Pirohi/Fish Fry & Albanese Factory Store

Friday, April 11th

Depart - 2:00PM

Join us for a Sweet and Savory trip to Indiana. We will leave church at 2PM and head to the Albanese Gummy Factory Store in Merrillville. Once we have satisfied our sweet tooth, we will venture over to St. Michael's for their savory Pirohi & Fish Fry that starts at 4PM. After dinner, we will head back to Annunciation, hopefully, to return in time for Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7PM.

If you plan on purchasing a carry out order, please fill out an order form.

All pre-orders must be in by April 5th!

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
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.