

They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 27, 2025 7th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday 27 7th Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 AM Matins
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

Thursday 31 Vigil for Feast of the Procession of the Holy Cross
7:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy -
+Dorothy Marie Grzegorek by George & Ellen Koskinas

Penitential Fasting Period Begins August 1st - 14th
In preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
**Tradition is abstaining from all meat and dairy on weekdays*

Saturday 2 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday 3 8th Sunday After Pentecost
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	Mitchell Stachnik
Abbie Sheedy-wc	Jim Forkal	Steve Bieniek	

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.



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom, by Mother Ilana

Annual Byzantine Eparchial Women's Renewal

"This is my body, which is broken for you."
1 Corinthians 11:24

A weekend to pray and reflect on the call to Eucharistic Revival and the healing power of Christ

Where:

The Lial Renewal Center
5908 Davis Rd,
Whitehouse, OH 43571

When:

November 14-16, 2025
Beginning at 5:00 pm Friday
Ending at 1:00 pm Sunday

Spiritual Leaders:

Fr. Andrew Summerson & Laura Ieraci



Fr. Andrew Summerson is a priest of the Eparchy of Parma and pastor of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana. He is assistant professor of Patristic Theology at the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Laura Ieraci is the editor of ONE, the magazine of Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and founder of AVIVA Ministries & Coaching. She is actively involved in the pastoral work at St. Mary's. Fr. Andrew and Laura married in 2013.

Registration:

Reserve your space by October 17, 2025 for discounted rate.

Early fee by Oct 17 - **\$220** After Oct 17 fee - \$250

If you require financial assistance, please reach out and we can send you the scholarship application.

Online registration is available <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God, Byzantine Catholic Church

Please complete the form (preferably online) and send a check to the address below:

Attn: Fall Women's Renewal: 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109

Sponsors:

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma & Dormition of the Mother of God

For questions: Kim Kocuba | Email: kimkocuba@ameritech.net | PH: 216-337-2673

Feast of the Transfiguration

Tuesday, August 5th - 7PM

Vespers with Blessing of Fruit

Wednesday, Aug 6th - 11AM

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

w/ Bishop Robert Pipta

We will also be hosting
about 120 participants

from our Eparchial Family Camp for this Liturgy.

All are welcome to attend!



Annunciation Parish Picnic Sunday, August 10

Enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends following the Divine Liturgy. We will have food, music, games and a **giant** dual lane Slip & Slide! Adults are also welcome to get in on the fun, so bring a change of clothes! Get ready to have some fun and get a little wet!

**All are welcome but
please see the sign-up
sheet in the Narthex so
we can get an estimate
number for food.**



Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2025 – Shrine of Mariapoch

“Theotokos: - our joy, our protection, our hope.”

Saturday, August 16, 2025

3:00 PM – Water blessing/ Moleben to Theotokos
5:00 PM – Cafe opens for dinner
7:00 PM – Vespers
8:30 PM – Campfire and fireside chat
10:00 PM – Compline / Start of all-night vigil

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:00 AM – Matins
11:00 AM – Teen activity
12 Noon – Sixth Hour / Cafe opens for Lunch
1:30 PM – Children Activity
1:30 PM – Guest Speaker Talk, Jubilee Year



Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

3:00 PM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Robert Pipta, Main Celebrant. Homilist: Bishop Earl K Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)

5:00 PM – Cafe opens for dinner

The opportunity for Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.

Tent camping IS permitted and encouraged. Food will be available for purchase at the above times only. Please bring your own chair.

Visit out Eastern Treasures Gift Shop!

Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya,
gregloya@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790



Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

The Dormition Fast

The traditional rule for the **Dormition Fast** is a *strict abstinence* from August 1st to 14th, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast with no meat or dairy on weekdays, Monday-Friday. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season, however the observance of this fast is voluntary.

The fast is mentioned as the Autumn Fast by Leo the Great, and it was fixed in 1166 in the reign of the Ecumenical Patriarch Luke Chrysoberges. It may have originally been a fast before the Holy Cross, for forty days from August 6th to September 14th. However, it is now a two-week fast before the feast of the Dormition. It is interrupted by the feast of the Transfiguration.

Please consider dedicating this fasting period for those who need healing or who are troubled for we lay these burdens down at Our Mother's feet.

Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting participants from the Eparchial Family Camp on Wednesday, August 6th. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the tent on Tuesday, August 5th from 1pm to 4pm. We will also be using this setup for our Parish Picnic the following Sunday. Please let, Fr. Tom, Carrie or Catherine know if you are able to assist in this set up.