

### *Say To this Mountain, Move*

The disciples seem to me to be in anxiety and fear that they had lost the grace with which they had been entrusted. For they had received power over unclean demons.

So they approached Him in private and asked Him the question, not out of shame (for if the matter had got out and they were criticized, it would have been superfluous for the future to have been ashamed of admitting it in their words) but because what they were going to ask Him was secret and of great moment.

What, then, does Christ say? "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here

to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." But if you say "Where did they move a mountain?" I will say that they did things much greater than that in raising up innumerable dead. For moving a mountain and moving death from a body are not at all comparable.

After them, other saints, far inferior to the disciples, are said to have moved mountains when necessity demanded. It is clear that the disciples also would have done so had necessity demanded. But if there was never need at that time, do not find fault with them.

*St. John Chrysostom*

## TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



*Icon of the Holy Martyr Myron of Cyzicus -- August 17th*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### August 17, 2025 10th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	17	<b><u>10th Sunday After Pentecost</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	21	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Michael & +Ellen Forkal by Jim Forkal & family
<b>Saturday</b>	23	5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	24	<b><u>11th Sunday After Pentecost</u></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 Horne	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky
Mitchell Stachnik	Abbie Sheedy-wc	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.



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom, the Mother Here

## 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  
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## Annunciation's 2025 Raffle

Sunday, December 14th  
**Grand Prize: \$5,000**

**Early Bird Drawings**  
**Sundays, October 5th & November 16th**

Make sure to pick up your tickets from the narthex and get them back so you don't miss out on any of the drawings! Each ticket has three chances to WIN, if returned by October 5th.



**91st Annual Pilgrimage**  
**In honor of**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Theotokos: Icon of Hope**  
**Sat & Sun, Aug 30th & 31st**

in 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting that they spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.

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