

The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water

on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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April 26, 2026 Sunday of the Paralytic Man Schedule of Services

Sunday	26	<u>Sunday of the Paralytic Man</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Wednesday	29	<u>Mid-Pentecost</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Carrie Thompson by Ken & Karen Krown
Thursday	30	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Edward Minarich by Xara Bogal
Sunday	3	<u>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</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 Horne	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Joel Super
James Forkal	Fran Zeimetz	Carrie Thompson	Jim Sima
Katelyn Fuentes-wc			

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.



Fr Tom's daily videos are now being posted to YouTube and Instagram, as well as on our Facebook page! Please follow us on both of these pages as well as on Facebook if you do not already do so.



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THE EPARCHY OF PARMA'S ANNUAL

FAMILY LITURGY & LIFE CAMP

Join families from across the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for a week of faith-focused, family-friendly fun! This year's camp programming will focus on the four "ships" described in Bishop Robert's teaching, *Christ God our Hope: Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship, and Stewardship.*

\$250 PER ADULT (18+)
\$60 PER CHILD (4-17)

FREE for children ages 3 & under
Registration fees include the cost of basic lodging & all meals.

ACTIVITIES	EVENT DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Prayer Age-Specific Programming Joyful Fellowship Outdoor Games Campfire 	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>9-14, 2026</p> <p>CEDAR LAKE MINISTRIES CEDAR LAKE, IN</p>

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THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

2026 Eparchial Assembly

Join us for a conversation of the Spirit—a time of walking together, listening together, and renewing our shared commitment to vibrant pastoral action and faithful stewardship across the Eparchy.

Pre-Assembly

October 17-19

All clergy, monasteries & faithful of the Eparchy are welcome to participate. Lodging and meals at participants' own expense.

Assembly

October 20-22

By invitation only.

Further details are forthcoming. Recommendations for additional subjects may be submitted to bishop@parma.org.



**Tuesday, May 5th
11:00AM**

Mary's Helpers Prayer Service & Lunch

Under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mary's Helpers next prayer service and lunch will be held on Tuesday, May 5th. Please meet in the church at 11AM for our Healing of the Sick prayer service. Following the service, we will have a Cinco de Mayo themed pot luck lunch complete with tacos.

**Did you every wonder who the Mary's Helpers are?
In short, they are you!**

Mary's Helpers was started several years ago as a way for our senior parishioners to participate in the liturgical life of the parish while enjoying each other's company and assisting the parish as they are able. Over the years, this group has enjoyed outings that included visits to religious sites, musical programs, and local restaurants. This year, a prayer campaign was started, under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, to pray for the sick and to offer support to those battling illness. Although the group is mainly made up of seniors, the group is open to any member of the parish who would like to participate and all are welcome to any of these events.

There is still time to make a Stewardship Appeal Donation



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Donations to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal help to support the activities of parishes, outreaches, missions, and eparchial events.

The goal for this stewardship drive is to increase the number of participants giving to the fund. The Bishop is therefore suggesting a one-time donation of \$175 per household.

