

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos



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May 3, 2026 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Schedule of Services

Sunday	3	<u>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	7	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Richard Adamowski by Xara Bogal
Saturday	9	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	10	<u>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</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
Bonnie Hughes-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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BYZANTEEN RALLY
BACK TO CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL!

EARLY BIRD (before April 15) & SIBLING DISCOUNT **\$350**

Registration is OPEN now!
Deadline to register is Friday, May 15, 2026

“TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.”
JOHN 16:33

JULY 9-12
FULL PRICE **\$380** AFTER APRIL 1

More info & registration Scan QR code

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND OHIO

Please notify the office if you have a teen who is interested in attending this year's ByzanTEEN Rally.

If we have a group that is interested in attending, we will need to work on transportation and chaperones.



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

- Daily Prayer
- Age-Specific Programming
- Joyful Fellowship
- Outdoor Games
- Campfire

EVENT DATE

AUGUST
9-14, 2026

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FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING REGISTRATION, VISIT, WWW.PARMA.ORG/FAMILY-CAMP



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.

There is still time to make a Stewardship Appeal Donation



EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S
2025-2026
STEWARDSHIP
APPEAL



TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.
THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026

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.



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.

Tuesday, May 5th
11:00AM

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate life and love lived out in the Sacraments of the Church



Holy Land Arts Wood Carvings will also be here offering unique olive wood gifts from the Holy Land.

A one stop shop for all the Mothers in your life!

Witness the gift of the Holy Spirit being received in Confirmation, a celebration of two becoming one flesh with a Matrimonial anniversary blessing, and the ultimate act of sacrificial love as we celebrate Fr Bernie's 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

Cake and Coffee will be served after church in honor of Fr Bernie's 40th Anniversary

