

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic

St. Nicholas and St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Parishes

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat.	May	10	Simon the Zealot Apostle
			3:40 pm Rosary
			4:00 pm Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun.	May	11	SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN
			9:00 am Resurrection Matins
			9:45 am Divine Liturgy (SB)
			10:30 am Resurrection Matins
			11:30 am Divine Liturgy (SN)
Mon.	May	12	Epiphanius and Germanus Bishops
Tue.	May	13	Glyceria Martyr
			9:00 am. Divine Liturgy (SB)
Wed.	May	14	MID-PENTECOST
			9:00 am. Divine Liturgy (SN)
Thu.	May	15	Pachomius the great Venerable
			9:00 am. Divine Liturgy (SB)
Fri.	May	16	Theodore Venerable
			9:00 am. Divine Liturgy (SN)
Sat.	May	17	Andronicus Apostle
			3:40 pm Rosary
			4:00 pm Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun.	May	18	SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
			9:00 am Resurrection Matins
			9:45 am Divine Liturgy (SB)
			10:30 am Resurrection Matins
			11:30 am Divine Liturgy (SN)

St. Nicholas Parish Weekly Collections 5/4/2025

"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"

Offertory	\$ 1580.00	Candles	\$ 27.00
Holy Days	\$ 10.00	E-donations	\$ 155.75
Others	\$ 2000.00		

Total: \$ 3,772.75

We thank You for Your big generosity!

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(Jn 5:1:15)

The Sign Given on a Sabbath

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish feasts. Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool that in Hebrew is called Bethesda. It has five porticos, and in these a large number of invalids used to lie, people who were blind, lame, and paralyzed, waiting for the movement of the water. For occasionally an angel of the Lord would come down into the pool and stir up the water. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease he had.

A man who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and was aware that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to get well?" The invalid answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am still on my way, someone else steps into the pool ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Rise! Take up your mat and walk!" Immediately, the man was cured, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. Therefore, the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "Today is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He replied, "The man who cured me said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk!' " They asked him, "Who is the man who told you to take it up and walk?" But the man who had been cured did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd that was there.

Later, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

Every Jewish feast is a memorial of what God has done for his people in deeds that manifest his power to create and restore. It is in this setting that the evangelist places an important action of Jesus, which leads to a debate over the meaning of the action: Is God himself at work here?

Jesus, the Son of God, claims a power that belongs to God alone. In addition, by breaking the Sabbath precept, Jesus proclaims the end of the old covenant. The incident is perhaps to be connected with the feast of Pentecost, which, according to Jewish tradition, commemorates the promulgation of the Law on Sinai. This would make Jesus' action even more eloquent.

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Confessions: Before each Divine Liturgy in the sacristy or by appointment

Baptisms: Arrange six weeks in advance

Weddings: Arrange six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a member of the parish

Communion: Monthly for sick and shut-ins. Call the church for scheduling

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



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Announcements for Sunday, May 11, 2025: 4th Paschal Sunday / Sunday of the Paralytic

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!! We wish all mothers everywhere a very special day, and we honor them for the **Love** and **Life** they have given to all of us. May God grant to our living mothers many blessed years and to our mothers who have passed, Eternal Memory! We will be offering a **Panachida** for the deceased mothers at the end of the 11:30am Liturgy today. Our living mothers will be remembered during the Liturgy itself.

Mother's Day Breakfast: After the 11:30am Divine Liturgy today we invite everyone to attend a Mother's Day breakfast in the church hall.

Ordination of Subdeacon Phillip to the Diaconate. The Most Rev. Robert M. Pipta, eparchial bishop of the Eparchy of Parma, is pleased to call Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore to advancement in Holy Orders and to schedule his ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon for Sunday, **6 July 2025 at 3:00 PM** at his home parish of **Saint Nicholas in Clinton Township, MI**. This is the first statutory bulletin announcement of Subdeacon Phillip's approaching ordination. **If somebody knows any reason why that cannot happen, please let the Church know.**

Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal 2024-25 (Parish Goal: \$7,950; Status as of 05/1/25: \$4,342.88): Christ is Risen! The 2024-2025 Stewardship Appeal began on November 15, 2024, and will end on May 15, 2025. The Eparchial goal for the appeal is \$320,000, and to date there have been 635 donors with ~\$225k raised. This year's appeal is asking for 100% participation from each parishioner household—and **so far, we have only received contributions from ~26% of the St. Nick's households!** If you have not yet made your pledge or full payment for this Stewardship year, please send it in today! You may use the forms mailed to you in October or pay directly online at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal>. **Please remember, when you pay, make sure you list our church name and location so that your donation gets logged properly.** Thank you for your generosity!

Additional Stewardship Information: This year's appeal offers a unique opportunity to benefit our parish. When a parish raises funds towards its designated goal, 10% of the amount raised will be returned to the parish as a rebate, with the rest to support the Eparchy of Parma Foundation. **If we exceed our parish goal, 90% of any surplus contributions will be returned directly to our parish,** with the remaining 10% going towards the Eparchy of Parma Foundation. In this way, your donations will help both the Eparchy of Parma and our parish.

Non-perishable Food Collection: To assist those in need within our own community, including anyone from our parish that may be in need of assistance, we are accepting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods. Please place any donations in, on, or next to the black plastic bin that is located in the vestibule. Thank you!

Happy Birthday this weekend to Richard Baranko (5/10)! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:

Worship and Walk with Our Bishops! Register for Assembly 2025 (July 16-20, 2025): The 4th Byzantine Assembly will take place July 16-20, 2025, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, in Whiting, IN, under the name and calling, "Come let us worship and bow before Christ." The highlights of this year's assembly include:

- Interview with Metropolitan William: Discover his journey growing up Byzantine Catholic on the Iron Range in Northern Minnesota.
- Interview with Bishop Kurt: During clergy days, Bishop Kurt will share his experiences growing up in a mission parish and discuss valuable lessons from the missionary parish experience.
- Roundtable with Bishop Robert: Engage in a roundtable discussion with young adults of our Metropolia, exploring their experiences as Byzantine Catholics in an increasingly post-Christian world, along with their hopes and dreams for the Metropolia.
- Interview with Bishop Artur: Learn about his experiences growing up during persecutions in the former Soviet Union and the lessons we can apply today.

Don't miss this opportunity to worship and walk with our bishops. Register now for Assembly 2025! Visit byzantineassembly.org to register and plan your trip, or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in! We look forward to worshipping and learning with you. May God bless you and all your loved ones! See you in July!

Fifth Annual Young Adult Retreat—July 31-August 3, 2025. For the fifth year in a row, the young adults of the Byzantine Eparchy of Parma will be hosting a weekend retreat for young adults (ages 18-39) at St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Marblehead, Ohio. Our weekend will consist of four days-the first three following our foundational focuses: spirituality, service, and socialization. All young adults between 18-39 years of age are invited. The cost for the retreat is \$150, but financial assistance is available for those who need it. For more information including registration instructions, please visit byzantineyoungadults.com.

Family Camp (Aug 3-8, 2025)—Registration is now open: Join families from across the Eparchy of Parma for a week of faith-focused, family-friendly fun! Family Camp will be from Sunday, August 3rd (4:00pm) through Friday, August 8th (10:00am) at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lakes, IN (near Chicago). This year's camp programming is inspired by *Oriental Lumen*, Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Eastern Churches, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of its publication. Expect daily community prayer, including the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, and opportunities for Confession. Morning programs will be stratified by age and will relate to this year's theme. Babysitting will be available for infants and toddlers. Afternoon activities will include free time for sports, games, swimming, naps, and socializing. Evening gatherings will feature campfires, rec room games, and Compline at the end of the day. Cost will be \$250 per adult (18+), \$60 per child (4-17) and free for children 3 years of age or younger. All meals are included in the registration price, and there is an additional fee for anyone interested in lodging upgrades. Find out more and register at <https://parma.org/family-camp>.

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