

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



*Icon of the Samaritan Woman*

# St. Nicholas and St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Parishes

## Liturgical Schedule:

Sat.	May	17	<b>Andronicus Apostle</b>	
			3:40 pm	Rosary
			4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SB), Young-Adults Meeting
Sun.	May	18	<b>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN</b>	
			9:00 am	Resurrection Matins
			9:45 am	Divine Liturgy (SB)
			10:30 am	Resurrection Matins
			11:30 am	Divine Liturgy (SN)
Tue.	May	20	Thaleleus Martyr	
			9:00 am.	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Wed.	May	21	Constantine and Helen – Equals to the Apostles	
			9:00 am.	Divine Liturgy (SN)
Thu	May	22	Basiliscus Martyr	
			9:00 am.	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Fri	May	23	Michael Bishop-Confessor	
			9:00 am.	Divine Liturgy (SN)
Sat.	May	24	<b>Simeon Venerable</b>	
			3:40 pm	Rosary
			4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun.	May	25	<b>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND</b>	
			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 5/11/2025

*“My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me*

Offertory	\$ 899.00	Candles	\$ 20.00
Holy Days	\$ 00.00	E-donations	\$ 381.81
Others	\$ 1000.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.81</b>

**We thank You for Your big generosity! Propers of the Sunday - page 186.**

### SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN (Jn 4:5-42)

At that time Jesus came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the town to purchase food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan woman, for some water to drink?" Jews do not share anything in common with Samaritans. Jesus replied, "If

you recognized the gift of God and who it is that is asking you for something to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself along with his sons and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty and have to come here to draw water.” Jesus told her, “Go, call your husband and come back here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus told her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. “But the hour is coming, indeed it is already here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed it is worshipers like these that the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will reveal everything to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” At this point, his disciples returned, and they were astonished to find him speaking with a woman, but no one asked, “What do you want from her?” or “Why are you conversing with her?” The woman left behind her water jar and went off to the town, where she said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done. Could this be the Christ?” And so they departed from the town and made their way to see him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he told them, “I have food to eat about which you do not know.” Then his disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not have a saying, ‘Four months more, and then comes the harvest’? “I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields; already they are white for the harvest. The reaper is even now receiving his pay; already he is gathering the crops for eternal life so that the sower and the reaper can rejoice together. “Thus, the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have performed the work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” Many Samaritans from that town came to believe in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they pleaded with him to stay with them, and he remained there for two days. And many more began to believe in him because of the words he spoke to them. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe simply because of what you said, for we have heard him for ourselves, and we are convinced that this man is truly the Savior of the world.”

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John P. Minarish, Richard Baranko and Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore

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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

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### *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 Babylonia 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 at the well, 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*





## St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

***Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!***

### **Announcements for Sunday, May 18, 2025: 5<sup>th</sup> Paschal Sunday / Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**Choir Rehearsals for Pentecost Sunday:** There will be a choir practice the next two Wednesday evenings, May 21 and May 28, in preparation for singing on Pentecost Sunday (June 8). The rehearsals will be held from 7-9pm in the church hall. All choir members are asked to participate, and potential new members are also welcome!

**Sacred Heart Catholic Seminary invites you to an In the Heart of the Church workshop, "Catholicism: East and West—A Workshop Collaboration with Eastern Catholic Leaders."** Five speakers representing different sui iuris churches will give lay ecclesial ministers an opportunity to learn more about our different traditions, our shared communion, and how to minister alongside one another most effectively. This event is co-sponsored by the Institute for Lay Ministry and the Eastern Catholic Re-Evangelization Center. For more information visit: <https://easterncatholicworkshop.eventbrite.com>

**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, July 6, 2025, at 3:00pm at his home parish of Saint Nicholas in Clinton Township, MI.** This is the second 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! We are rapidly approached the end of this year's Appeal, and are still shy of our goal. This year's appeal is asking for 100% participation from each parishioner household, and as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, **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>. There are also replacement mail-in forms available online at this site. **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 Bob Kulasa (5/18)!** May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

**From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:**

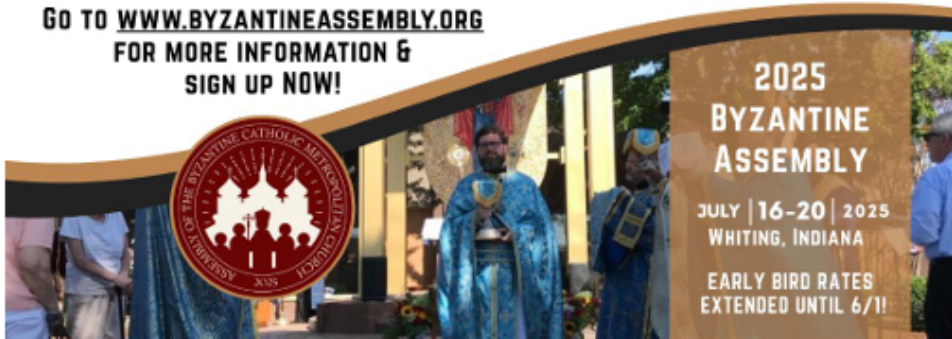
*We have a new Pope!*

## **AND THE VATICAN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Caring for the Eastern Catholic Churches was actually one of the TOP QUESTIONS raised by bishops worldwide during the Vatican Synod on Synodality.

Seize this historic and unprecedented opportunity to bear witness and make your voice heard before the representatives of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV himself!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION &  
SIGN UP NOW!**



### **Worship and Walk with Our Bishops!**

#### **Register for Assembly 2025**

**(July 16-20, 2025):** The 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> (4:00pm) through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> (10:00am) at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lakes, IN (near Chicago). This year's camp programming is inspired by *Oriente Lumen*, Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Eastern Churches, as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> 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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