

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 2021



Icon of Saints Charitina and Methodia -- October 5th

Life's Choices

Native Americans have a legend about the two paths one can take in life. One path is broad and easy and slopes down rolling hills. At the bottom of the hill, however, is a barren dessert where nothing lives. The other path is narrow and rocky. It winds around dangerous curves and is filled with unexpected difficulties. However, at the end of this path is the lush greenness of life and happiness.

The Native Americans told this story to their children in order to teach them that the easy way is not always the best way. Strong character is built by facing obstacles, not by avoiding them. In the same way, Christians grow in virtue and grace often through facing trials and struggles.

The life of the holy martyr Charitina

is witness to this lesson. She was a young orphan girl – of great beauty – who was raised by devout Christian parents. At an early age she made the decision to dedicate her life to Christ in perpetual virginity. Through her example, many others were converted to Christ. This infuriated the pagan emperor who ordered that the hair of this beautiful servant of God be cut off and that hot coals be placed upon her head. She endured this and other inhumane and degrading tortures until the Lord took her soul to abide with Him in Paradise.

Her path in life was not an easy one, but it was the right one. Upon which path do the decisions that we make in life place us? Do we choose merely the easy path or the path that leads to Life?

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Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church
To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

LITURGY SCHEDULE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, COLUMBUS

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy

Sunday, October 3 *Tone 2*
19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Presentation by Fr. Dcn. Jeffrey Martin
 on **'Byzantine Liturgical Spirituality'**

11:00am Divine Liturgy and Installation of the Icon -- *The Theotokos, Protectress of Persecuted Christians*

Wednesday, October 6

9:00am Divine Liturgy
+Paul Mech by the St. John Chrysostom Ladies Guild

Thursday, October 7

7:00pm Divine Liturgy
Special Intention by Zebib

Friday, October 8

7:00pm Divine Liturgy
+Donald Krofcheck by Kathleen Krofcheck

Sunday, October 10 *Tone 3*
20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Father out of town

ST. BARBARA, DAYTON

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Celebrating at: St. John Bosco Chapel
 Wright State University
 3650 Colonel Glenn Highway Fairborn, Ohio 45324



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Saturday, October 2

5:00pm In Columbus @ St. John Chrysostom -- Vespers with Bishop Milan Lach for the 60th Anniversary of St. John Chrysostom Church

Saturday, October 9

20th Sunday after Pentecost
4:00pm Solemn Vespers
For the Faithful



ST. BARBARA ACTIVITIES

THE NEXT ST. BARBARA'S MEN'S GROUP MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 9 PM. A virtual option will be available for anyone interested who can't come in person. For more information you can contact Chris Wagner (cwagner22587@gmail.com).



Readings for the Week of October 3rd

Sunday	Epistle, 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9;	Gospel, Luke 6:31-36
Monday	Epistle, Philippians 2:12-16;	Gospel, Luke 6:24-30
Tuesday	Epistle, Philippians 2:16-23;	Gospel, Luke 6:37-45
Wednesday	Epistle, 1 Corinthians 4:9-16;	Gospel, John 20:19-31
Thursday	Epistle, Philippians 3:1-8;	Gospel, Luke 7:17-30
Friday	Epistle, Philippians 3:8-19;	Gospel, Luke 7:31-35
Saturday	Epistle, 1 Corinthians 4:9-16;	Gospel, Luke 10:16-21
Sunday	Epistle, Galatians 1:11-19;	Gospel, Luke 7:11-16

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

60TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE FOUNDING OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH AND PARISH

We welcome Bishop Milan Lach of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Bishop Robert Brennan of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus and all of our visitors and are thankful that you are all here to help us celebrate this milestone.

We would also like to congratulate Bishop Brennan on his appointment as Bishop of Brooklyn, New York. May God grant him many happy and blessed years. Axios!



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM OCTOBER ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

10/03 NO ECF – Parish 60th Anniversary Luncheon

10/10 ECF Classes

10/24 ECF Classes

10/17 ECF Classes

10/31 ECF Classes



COOKIE SALE 2021

We are holding our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on December 11th. Because of the ongoing health concerns, it will be held as a drive-thru again this year. We will need help with the following:

PIROHI -- If you are willing to help make pirohi please contact Pat Papai at **614-578-5698** or email her at **mpapai@att.net** for dates and times.

Baking the nut and fruit rolls -- The schedule for roll making is 10am **every Saturday, beginning on October 9th**. If you are willing to help make nut/poppysseed rolls, please contact Rose Ann Jirles at **614-296-4289**.

Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, will be contacting everyone regarding the sale and how you can help with baking or volunteering. If you have any questions, please email Lisa or you may email the church office and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa. **Lisa's contact information is: phone - 937-844-7778 or you may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com**

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each year, the first Sunday of October is designated: "Respect Life Sunday", when we are asked to re-commit ourselves to promoting the culture of LIFE. It is a good time to ask ourselves whether we are good witnesses to the respect we are called to have for all human life, from conception to natural death. This is challenging because we are members of a society in which there is tremendous pressure to limit our love and ignore the sacredness of human life.

We live in a violent society that sees violence and death by abortion, euthanasia, suicide and capital punishment as a solution to many of our personal and societal "problems". And many of these attitudes are enshrined in our law and culture, leading to more



St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God, that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

violence, manifested in spousal and child abuse, the gang culture and so on.

On this Respect Life Sunday, we should pray hard for our legislators, for those mothers who feel forced to choose abortion and for those who provide and promote abortion. But we must also look at ourselves. Do we speak up for the innocent abortion victims? Do we promote pro-life values? Do we vote for pro-life politicians? Do we do anything tangible to protect the unborn?

We can definitely help change our society to become a culture of LIFE, but we must be active, informed and faithful witnesses.

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

EVENING OF HOPE to benefit the Eparchy of Parma. Saturday October 23, 2021 beginning at 6pm at the Holiday Inn in Independence, OH. Your gift will directly impact the four established eparchial funds for 1) development of parishes; 2) promotion of vocations and seminary education; 3) the eparchial pension fund for priests; and 4) works of the apostolate.

Please go online to parma.org for more information on sponsorships and donations.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM MONASTERY

You are invited to the "Bridegroom's Banquet", a benefit dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, on Saturday, November 13, at a new location: the Astrodome Event Center in Parma, OH. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required (**by October 29th**). Adults 21 years of age and older may attend.

Enjoy a dinner, entertainment, and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Watch the premier of the nuns' new video; "**Be Poor with Me: Reflections on Poverty**". Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors.

For more information and to register, please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

FROM THE METROPOLIA OF PITTSBURGH

ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC (RUTHENIAN) METROPOLITAN CHURCH

"ONE BODY IN CHRIST: RE-EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC"

November 5 & 6, 2021; St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA

"It is designed with eminently qualified presenters and presentations of vital significance, with consideration for every age and interest. We live in an unprecedented time of lives disrupted by the covid pandemic. This assembly offers an opportunity for us to together grow spiritually and to begin to bring ourselves and our Church into a time of renewed interest, growth and participation.

Kindly make every effort to attend, and please encourage your parishioners to likewise join you in listening, learning, sharing, and becoming a part of contributing to the Life of our Church, its parishes and its people."

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

For more information or to register visit archpitt.org or parma.org

"COME AND SEE" AT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY

An in-person "Come and See" Weekend of Discovery Retreat for discerning Byzantine Catholic Men, 18 to 35 years old, single or married, is being hosted by the

Byzantine Catholic Seminary. It begins on Friday evening (5 PM), Nov. 5, 2021 and concludes on Sunday afternoon (4 PM), Nov. 7, 2021. *The deadline for registering is Oct. 13, 2021. For more details and to register go to www.bcs.edu. You may also contact B.C.S. at 412-321-8383 or rector@bcs.edu. Only those who are fully COVID vaccinated will be permitted to register this year.*



Michael Christie	Liam Hurley	Rose Jager	Alexandra Rakowsky
John Czynnik	Anna Ilko	Aurora Nunnery	Jim Wallace
Bill Hospodar	Doris Ivan	Joel Perkins	Rita Zaroka

John & Doris Ivan *Celebrating 24 years Crowned in Marriage*
Alexander & Alexandra Rakowsky *Celebrating 30 years Crowned in Marriage*
Jerry & Dana Stasek *Celebrating 40 years Crowned in Marriage*

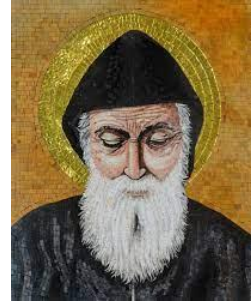
For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Charles Branham	Jeanette Hill	Judy Martin	Nadia Ritchey	Nicholas Zvansky
Garey Conley	Tim Hill	Angela Merva	Stephanie Salerno	Sandra Zvansky
Will Culver	Esther Imhoff	Norma Mnich	Justine Schwenk	Intentions of C. Charyton
Maria Czynnik	Tad Imhoff	Rosemary Nyahay	John Sikora	Intentions of Fr. Robert
Lori DeClue	Jackson Family	Mic O'Halloran	Harriet Slifko	Dave
Randy DeClue	Gordon Kaercher	John Oshinski	Dennis Stinich	Hagos
Ron Doctor	Susan Kaiser	Paula Oshinski	L.T. Tekle	Kathy
Aimeé Evans	James Kester	Carol Osifchin	Linda Travis	Steve
Joseph Evans	Frederick Kowalski	Beauetta Parks	Joe Travis	Paula Balcarcel
Weyni Girmay	Christine Leon	Cathy Pitt	Ruth Turanchik	Josh Taylor
Deborah Gordon	Bill Martin	Keith Pope	Owen Ward	Hussein Abdi
Charlene Grabner	Joe Martin	Maria Rakowsky	Steven Woryk	

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.



The feast day (October 1) celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

About the icon

Two different events that took place four hundred years apart are combined in this one icon. Both events took place in the former Church of Blachernae in Constantinople.

The icon of the feast, Protection of the Mother of God, shows the Theotokos standing above the faithful with her arms outstretched in prayer and draped with a veil. On both sides of her are angels. On the lower right of most icons of this feast, are saints Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius who saw this vision of the Mother of God, with the twelve apostles, bishops, holy women, monks and martyrs, spreading her veil in protection over the congregation. St. Epiphanius is wearing a tunic under his cloak and gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance, while St. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, is dressed only in a cloak.

Below the Theotokos, in the center of the icon, stands a young man with a halo, he is clothed in a deacon's sticharion. In his left hand, he is holding an open scroll with the text of the Kontakion for Nativity in honor of the Mother of God. This is St. Romanus the Melodist, the famous hymnographer whose feast is also celebrated on the same day, October 1. He is with his choir attended by the Emperor Leo the Wise together with the Empress and the Patriarch of Constantinople.



Dr. Robert P. George

GARDNER SERIES FALL 2021 EVENT

HUMAN DIGNITY: HOW DO LAW AND VIRTUE INFORM THE MORAL LIFE?

Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 pm



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY
& SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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Join us for our 2021 fall Gardner Lecture with Dr. Robert P. George who will be speaking on "Natural Law, God and Human Dignity." Dr. George is the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University

Dr. George will discuss how natural law relates to theories based on commands, rules, obligations, duties, etc. Drawing upon the rich Catholic natural law tradition, Dr. George will explain how (or whether) natural law lends itself to virtue-based moral reasoning, accounting for whether law and virtue should be understood as complementary or adversarial.

Date: Wednesday, October 6

Time: 7:30 pm (doors open at 7 pm)

Place: Bartlett Center, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230

The event is open to the public and there is no admission cost. Masks are required to enter. Additionally, the event will be livestreamed at athenaeum.edu/live.



Join us for

Solemn Vespers & Choral Concert

Sunday, October 10 at 7 pm



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY
& SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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I'd like to invite you to join us on Sunday, October 10 at 7 pm as we kick off our 2021-22 Music & Liturgy season.

This is an opportunity to experience the special talents of The Athenaeum Chorale and Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola as they sing Solemn Vespers in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great.

Following Vespers, in gratitude for the return of the public, the Athenaeum Chorale and a chamber ensemble of strings, trumpet, oboe and organ will perform the *Gloria in D* by Antonio Vivaldi.

We hope you can join us for this evening of sung prayer and a special performance of a great masterwork of the sacred music repertoire.

The event will be open to the public and there is no admission cost.

Please join us for our first performance of the season!

Blessings,

Dr. Mary Catherine Levri, Director of Music