

## SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

December 12, 2021



*Icon of the Parable of the Great Feast*

### *The Great Feast*

This familiar parable is read in the Church each year just two Sundays before the feast of our Lord's Nativity. In it we are reminded of the great care with which God prepared the way of His incarnation. All of the Law and the Prophets look forward to this moment, the moment when the God-man Jesus Christ comes into the world. He is, in fact, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets – the goal towards which they were all aiming. The whole world was prepared by them for this great event. As the parable tells us the King – that is God – has prepared a great feast for us and has invited us to come and enter into the joy that He has prepared for us.

Today we begin in earnest to move toward the

feast of the birth of our Incarnate Savior Jesus Christ. Today we are called to see the great preparation that has gone into this event, to marvel at the great love and care of God for us that He would labor so long and with such great care for us. Today we look back at the whole of the history of the people of God and see that it is the history of God's preparation all leading to the moment when He would take flesh, become incarnate and enter the world as a child. We have been given an invitation to come and join the feast, to abandon the world and enter the Kingdom of God, to leave our own life and receive instead the Life of Christ. We have been invited, chosen by God – will we then accept the invitation and choose Him?

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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, December 12**      **Tone 4 pg 141**  
*Sunday of the Forefathers*      *Pg 281*

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
GCU Presentation following Liturgy

**Monday, December 13**  
**8pm** Mothers' Prayers meeting online

**Wednesday, December 15**  
**9:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*+Colin Jirles by Dave & Aloma Chorey*

**Thursday, December 16**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*+Nancy Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. James Pitt*

**Friday, December 17**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*+Colin Jirles by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jirles*

**Sunday, December 19**      **Tone 5 pg 146**  
*Sunday before Christmas;*      *Pg 285*  
*of the Holy Fathers*

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**Sunday, December 19**      **Tone 5 pg 146**  
*Sunday before Christmas;*      *Pg 285*  
*of the Holy Fathers*

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**Wednesday, December 22**  
**9:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*+Colin Jirles by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Chorey*

**Thursday, December 23**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*+Frederick Kowalski by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pitt*

**Friday, December 24**  
**9:00am** ROYAL HOURS with reading of the  
Old Testament promises of the Messiah

**10:00pm** Vigil of the Nativity  
*For the Faithful*

**Saturday, December 25**  
**12:00pm** Liturgy of the Nativity  
*For the Faithful*



## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 2021 Christmas/New Year's/Theophany Schedule

**Fri, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve**  
**9:00am** Royal Hours  
**10:00pm** Vigil of the Nativity

**Sun, Dec. 26**  
**Synaxis of the Theotokos**  
**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Sat, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day**  
**12:00pm** Liturgy of the Nativity  
*(only 1 Liturgy this day!)*

**Mon, Dec. 27**  
**Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr**  
**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**December 28 – 31 NO LITURGIES**

**Sat, January 1, 2022**  
**Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great**  
**12:00pm** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

**Sunday, January 2**  
**Sunday before Theophany**  
**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Thur, Jan 6**  
**Theophany**  
**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Sun, January 9**  
**Sunday after Theophany**  
**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Wed, January 5**  
**9:00am** Royal Hours  
**7:00pm** Vigil of Theophany,  
Blessing of Water

**Fri, Jan 7**  
**Synaxis of St. John the Baptist**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy

## ST. BARBARA, DAYTON

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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



**Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy**

#### Saturday, December 18

*Sunday before Christmas-of the Holy Fathers*

**4:00pm** Vespers followed by Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, December 24

**4:00pm** Christmas Eve Vigil

#### Sunday, December 26

**4:00pm** Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, December 31

**6:00pm** Vigil of the Circumcision

#### Thursday, January 6, 2022

**6:00pm** Liturgy of Theophany, Blessing of Water

#### Saturday, January 8, 2022

**4:00pm** Vespers followed by Liturgy

### ST. BARBARA DEC/JAN ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

**12/18** ECF Classes

**01/01/22** New Year's No ECF

**01/15/22** ECF Classes

**12/25** Christmas No ECF

**01/08/22** ECF Classes resume

**01/22/22** ECF Classes

Please continue to pray for the youth and their families and for the catechists.

Parishioners willing to help prepare or provide a snack please contact Emma Ricketts via email - emma.ricketts1@icloud.com

Due to the various holidays and feasts coming up, the St. Barbara's Men's Group will meet up again at the beginning of January. If you wish to receive email updates, please contact Chris Wagner at cwagner22587@gmail.com

### Readings for the Week of December 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Colossians 3:4-11	Gospel, Luke 14:16-24
<b>Monday</b>	Epistle, Ephesians 6:10-17;	Gospel, Luke 21:12-19
<b>Tuesday</b>	Epistle, Hebrews 9:8-10 & 15-23;	Gospel, Mark 8:22-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	Epistle, Hebrews 10:1-8;	Gospel, Mark 8:30-34
<b>Thursday</b>	Epistle, Hebrews 10:35-11:7;	Gospel, Mark 9:10-16
<b>Friday</b>	Epistle, Hebrews 11:8 & 11-16;	Gospel, Mark 9:33-41
<b>Saturday</b>	Epistle, Galatians 3:8-12;	Gospel, Luke 13:18-29
<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Hebrews 11:9-10 & 32-40	Gospel, Matthew 1:1-25

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**01/16/22** ECF Classes

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**01/23/22** ECF Classes

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### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

An online prayer group, facilitated by Fr. Robert, where members meet every Monday at 8pm and obey the strict rule of confidentiality. During the meetings a mother may share her worries without the fear of anything being repeated outside of the meeting. The other mothers support her in her prayer and she will feel supported by thousands of mothers around the world who are also part of Mothers' Prayers. Mothers experience a great peace with the blessing of this wonderful prayer support.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the office to put your email on the contact list to get the link to join in the online meeting.

### GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU)

We will hold a brief presentation on the GCU following today's Divine Liturgy. It will be held in the church. We are exploring the possibility of establishing a lodge at St. John Chrysostom and incorporating anyone from St. Barbara that would be interested. We need at least 25 members in order to start a lodge.

The GCU is a not-for-profit life insurance company that funds social activities and community involvement opportunities for its members. It works for the members and not the shareholders. A lodge would work for the good of the community while enjoying friendship and fellowship around a shared set of values.

The meeting will give a quick overview of the insurance and annuity products the GCU offers and discuss the other benefits available to members. This would include matching fund programs for church and community projects, college scholarships for members, art and photo contests and national golf and bowling tournaments.

For more information on the GCU, please go to their website [www.gcuusa.com](http://www.gcuusa.com).

### **2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND WALL CALENDARS**

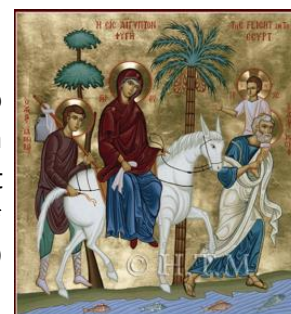
The collection envelopes and wall calendars for next year are in the church vestibule. The envelopes will have the family name on them. If you do not see your name and want a set of envelopes, please contact the office either via email or by phone. We ask that each family take just one calendar so that everyone may receive one.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH SUNDAY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

### **PHILIP'S FAST**

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR THE NATIVITY**

O faithful, let us celebrate beforehand the nativity of Christ; \* let us raise up our minds to Bethlehem, \* and we shall be raised up in spirit. \* We shall gaze upon the great mystery in the cave: \* Eden is opening up, and God is coming forth from the pure Virgin. \* He is perfect in divinity and in humanity. \* Therefore, let us call out: \* O holy God, O unbegotten Father, \* O holy and mighty One, O Incarnate Son, \* O holy immortal One, O comforting Spirit, \* O holy Trinity, glory to You!



**Christmas is the Feast of the Gift of the Son of God, so entering into the preparation for it we may do the same: sharing just as God the Father shared with us His Son.**

### **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**

The vocation of the Christian to share in the life of Christ and to participate in his mission requires unceasing efforts in the spiritual struggle with passions and sins: "For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph 6:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian begins with the public renunciation of the devil and the joining to Christ in the Holy Mystery of Baptism. Subsequently, the strengthening of the Christian in his or her spiritual growth is realized through participation in the Mysteries of Repentance and the Eucharist. In the spiritual struggle, the Christian is not 'left to fend for himself.' Rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit the Christian acts together with Christ (in synergy) under the Church's maternal care. Even though we have been called to grow gradually "to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph 4:13), through human weakness we often go astray, lose hope in God's love, or freely and consciously cooperate with the powers of evil. Nevertheless, God does not turn away from the person who sinned. Instead, in his love and mercy he grants the possibility of repenting—that is, to return to the life that flows from Baptism: "Remember, then, from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first" (Rev 2:5).

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS: DECEMBER 11 AND 12**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown benefit directly from this USCCB Collection for their retired nuns. As they were active and provided ministry to our Eparchy in the past, we wish to help them by participating in this collection. This collection is not for our retired priests but will only benefit the retired nuns of the community of St. Basil the Great.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING**

***"Feeding the hungry is a greater miracle than raising the dead!"*** ~St. John Chrysostom

**W.A.R.M.** Please help us help others in this area. The baskets in the church vestibule that are in front of the icon of St. Tabitha, are for donations of boxed or canned food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. These items are taken to W.A.R.M. (*The Westerville Area Resource Ministry*). In thanksgiving, let us share the gifts God has given us with those in need.

### **ANNIVERSARY BOOKS**

We have additional Anniversary books available for purchase. The \$20 purchase price will be used to fund the needed replacement of the parking lot. There is a sample copy in the back of the church that you can look through. If you wish to purchase a book please contact the office via phone or email.



When you shop using Amazon, go to **smile.amazon.com**, Amazon donates to St. John Chrysostom. Use the following link to sign in to your Amazon account: **<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1231634>**

**LEAVE A LEGACY: AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE SOCIETY OF BLESSED PAUL GOJDICH:** There are pamphlets in the church vestibule on joining the Society of Blessed Paul Gojdich. For more information you may also go to [Parma.org/legacy](http://Parma.org/legacy).

### FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

We believe there is no such a thing as small or ordinary donation. Any donation, big or small, can make an impact on the lives of those we serve.

The Franciscans sponsor orphanages worldwide. According to a recent UNICEF report, there are approximately 140-200 million orphans in the world today. That statistic is staggering, considering the resources many of us have at our disposal.

Every child deserves to have a family. Every child deserves to have a home. Things like quality nutrition, medical care, and education shouldn't be luxuries for children. They are essentials. You may consider a donation to The Franciscan Missions.

General Secretariat of the Franciscan Missions  
PO Box 130  
Waterford, WI 53185

### CATHOLIC MEDICAL MISSION BOARD (CMMB)

For every \$1 you donate, we can ship 4185 worth of medicines and medical supplies to people in desperate need. CMMB works hard to strengthen and support communities through healthcare programs and initiatives around the world. We distribute medicines and medical supplies through our Medical Donations program, and send qualified volunteers to communities in desperate need. No bureaucracy, no wasted money and no gimmicks. We simply offer healthcare to people who have nowhere else to turn.

Our Medical Donations program ships medicine and medical supplies all over the world to people who are sick and suffering –people praying for help, praying for a miracle.

- 18,855 children die from preventable causes every day. \$35 can vaccinate a child in Haiti against polio, diphtheria, rubella and other childhood killers.
- 2 million people die from malaria each year. \$50 can supply two families in Zambia with malaria protection packs, which include insecticide-treated mosquito nets and malaria treatment medicine.
- 1 out of every 48 mothers will die during childbirth in South Sudan. \$250 can provide Midwife Kit in South Sudan, which includes tools and supplies needed to deliver babies safely.

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile effort through our parish, please make your donation, mark it for CMMB and put it in the collection basket. You may also donate directly to CMMB, 100 Wall Street, Floor 9, New York, NY 10005

### MARIAN LIBRARY LIGHTING THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS

The Marian Library is once again celebrating the joyful anticipation of Christmas with a virtual Advent Wreath! Each week during Advent, we will light a new candle and share a special gift from the Marian Library. We are hoping that you will share this information with the families in your church community and help us spread the joy of the season.

Visit [go.udayton.edu/adventwreath](http://go.udayton.edu/adventwreath) to interact with our Advent wreath. Check back during each week of Advent for a special gift created for you and your family.



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| Nicolas Bukaczyk | David Lonzrick  |
| Dennis Hartung   | Tim Lyons       |
| Gregory Hartung  | Rosemary Nyahay |
| David Homan      | James Pitt      |
| Martin Hummel    | Mark Stephens   |
| John Ivan        |                 |

Mic & Ann O'Halloran  
*Celebrating 31 years Crowned in Marriage*

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

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

**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.

