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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

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy or by appointment

Sunday, March 26

5th Sunday of the Great Fast; St. Mary of Egypt

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10:00am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Intention: For the Faithful

Social & ECF following Liturgy

12:00pm Ge'ez Liturgy

Social in hall

Monday, March 27

7:00pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified

Intention: +Ronda Hardin

Wednesday, March 29

9:00am Third Hour

Friday, March 31

6:30p Mothers' Prayers

7:00pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified

Saturday, April 1 **Lazarus Saturday**

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: +Clara Littleboy

Sunday, April 2

Flowery (Palm) Sunday

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10:00am Blessing of palms; Divine Liturgy of St.
Basil

Intention: For the Faithful

Social & ECF following Liturgy

12:00pm Ge'ez Liturgy

Social in hall

Readings – Week of March 26

Sunday, Mar. 26

5th Sunday of the Great Fast;

St. Mary of Egypt

Epistle, Heb 9:11-14

Gospel, Mark 10:32-45

Monday, Mar. 27

Gen 27:1-41

Prov 19:16-24

Tuesday, Mar. 28

Gen 31:3-16

Prov 21:3-21

Wednesday, Mar. 29

Gen 43:26-45:16

Prov 21:23-22:4

Thursday, Mar. 30

Gen 46:1-7

Prov 23:15-24:5

Friday, Mar. 31

Gen 49:33-50:26

Prov 31:8-31

Saturday, April 1

Lazarus Saturday

Epistle, Heb 12:28-13:8

Gospel, John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 2

Flowery (Palm) Sunday

Epistle, Phil 4:4-9

Gospel, John 12:1-18

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: *We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war. Grant peace to your servants. Implant in them the fear of You and confirm in them love one for another. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

LENTEN REFLECTION

Do not be ashamed to enter again into the Church. Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance. However, sin has the shame and repentance possesses the courage.

+St. John Chrysostom, Homily 8, *On Repentance and Almsgiving* (Fathers of the Church Patristic Series)

Mystery of Confession

Confession is a "sacrament of joy", indeed a "feast", in Heaven and on earth. It is not the sacrament, scarcely frequented these days, that is changing. What the Pope proposes is a completely different outlook on confession, different from the experience of so many Christians and different from a certain historical legacy.

First of all, the Pope indicated that within the sacrament lies "the remedy" for the moments in life when we are down. And to the question of a young lady, Petra, who asked him how her peers could "overcome the obstacles on the path to God's mercy", he responded with another question: "If I ask you: what do you think about when you go to confession? I am almost certain of the answer: sins. But are sins really the focus of confession? Does God want you to approach Him by thinking about you, your sins, or about Him?"

The Christian way, Pope Francis said, begins with taking a step backward, with removing oneself from the center to make room for God. This same criterion, this same outlook, applied to confession, can provoke a smaller or greater Copernican revolution in the life of each person: I am no longer at the center of the sacrament of penance, humiliated with my list of sins — perhaps always the same ones — to be told with difficulty to the priest. At the center is the encounter with God who welcomes, embraces, forgives, raises up.

"One does not go to confession," the Pope explained to the young people, "as chastised people who must humble themselves, but as children who run to receive the Father's embrace. And the Father lifts us up in every situation, He forgives our every sin. Hear this well: God always forgives! Do you understand? God always forgives!" One is not going to a judge to settle accounts, but "to Jesus who loves me and heals me".

Pope Francis advised priests to "feel" in God's place: "Let them feel themselves to be in the place of God the Father who always forgives and embraces and welcomes. Let us give God first place in confession. If God, if He, is the protagonist, everything becomes beautiful, and confessing becomes the Sacrament of joy. Yes, of joy: not of fear and judgment, but of joy".

The new outlook on the sacrament of penance proposed by the Pope, therefore, asks us not to remain prisoners of shame for our sins — shame which "is a good thing" — but to overcome it, because "God is never ashamed of you. He loves you right there, where

you are ashamed of yourself. And He loves you, always". To those who still cannot forgive themselves, believing that not even God can do it "because I will always fall into the same sins", Pope Francis says, "When does God take offence? When you go to ask Him for forgiveness? No, never. God suffers when we think He can't forgive us, because it is like telling Him, 'You are weak in love!' Instead, God rejoices in forgiving us, every time. When He raises us up, He believes in us as He did the first time, He does not get discouraged. We are the ones who are discouraged, He is not. He does not see sinners to label, but children to love. He does not see people who have erred, but beloved children; wounded, perhaps; and then He has even more compassion and tenderness. And every time we confess — never forget this — there is a celebration in Heaven. May it be the same on earth!"

(From <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-09/confession-sacrament-pope-francis-joy-editorial.html>)

Receive the mercy of God!

There is no true celebration of Pascha (Easter) without receiving the mystery of Reconciliation (Confession). Reflecting on the perspective of Pope Francis, I encourage you to plan on receiving it in the following days. I am always available one hour before any service or by appointment. Furthermore, the Confessions is necessary condition to receive the mystery of the Anointing of the sick as well! If the Lord commands us to forgive not seven times but 77x7 - endlessly - than he is the first to forgive endlessly! "Therefore, **confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed!**" (James 5:16)

-Fr. Robert Jager

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday mornings after the Third Hour, we start a Book Study Group reading *Worshipping with the Church Fathers* by Christopher Hall. This group focuses on the sacraments. We start at 9am with prayer in the church and study from 9.30 - 10.30am in the Hall. This group will meet every other Wednesday.

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Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm we meet to continue the reading of Christopher Hall's, *Worshipping with the Church Fathers*, focusing on the section on prayer! We gather in the Hall. This group will meet every Wednesday evening beginning February 22nd.

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ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

03/26 – ECF **04/23** – ECF
04/02 – ECF **04/30** – ECF
04/09 – No Classes **05/07** – ECF
04/16 – No Classes

- Children and students of ECF **must be in the hall by 11:30pm for the snack; otherwise, no snack and they go directly to classes!**

- We ask parents to supply **pre-packaged** snacks and water. Please, see Lisa Sulich or Emma Ricketts.
- Parent volunteers are needed for clean-up in the classrooms and hall after classes.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Friday, April 7th, Bishop Kurt Burnette, Administrator for the Eparchy of Parma, will visit St. John Chrysostom and lead the Burial Vespers.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL AT THE TOMB

Following the Burial Vespers on Great and Holy Friday (April 7th), the Vigil at the Grave begins. We need at least one person or family (there can be more than one) to sign up for each hour following Vespers through 8:00am Holy Saturday.

Please, sign up on the form in the back of church, or, if you wish, email Teresa in the office with the time you are willing to pray at the tomb of Christ.

"...stay awake with me one hour...See the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed..." Matt 26:40; 45

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Franciscan priests and brothers are the custodians of the Christian sites in the Holy Land and they are counting on our financial help to assist them in providing presence, care and service on that holy ground. These dedicated servants of God work tirelessly to preserve the sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets. Funds collected last year on Good Friday helped to preserve 74 Christian sites and supported over 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers. Your contribution to the Good Friday collection this year will help this most worthy cause. Can we count on you? **Please mark your donations "Church in the Holy Land"**

PASCHA SALE

The Pascha Foods Sale is this Saturday, April 1st from 11:00am until 1:00pm. This sale is on a first come, first served basis.

We will have Pascha loaves @ \$13 each, Nut and poppy seed rolls @ \$15 each; Potato/cheese and sauerkraut pirohi @ \$7 per package of 12. We will have Lamb cakes @ \$15; other baked goods and quart containers of various soups, priced as marked.

APRIL 1ST CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

We will be cleaning the church and decorating for Palm Sunday following the 9am Divine Liturgy this day. We are not asking for people to sign up, just show up at 9:45am and help prepare our church for Easter.



Parish Activities this week

Sun. March 26

Social & ECF following 10a Liturgy
Ge'ez Social following 12p Liturgy

Wed. March 29

9:30a Book study in hall
7:00p Book Study in hall

Thurs. March 30

5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall

Fri. March 31

6:30p Mother's Prayers

Sat. April 1

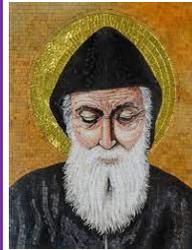
10:00a Church Clean

11:00a Pascha Foods Sale

Sun. April 2

Social & ECF following 10a Liturgy
Ge'ez Social following 12p Liturgy

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.

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

Abby	Tim Hill	Cathy Pitt
Hussein Abdi	Esther Imhoff	Keith Pope
Adrian	Tad Imhoff	Maria Rakowsky
Bob Atha	Dora Johnson	Terry Rasor
Paula Balcarcel	Jackson Family	Nadia Ritchey
Louis Bambick	Gordon Kaercher	Stephanie Salerno
Charles Branham	Susan Kaiser	Trey Shearon
Carol	Kathy	Rosemary Steinbauer
Mary Carroll	James Kester	John Sikora
Charyton Intentions	Kathy Krofcheck	Dennis Stinich
Will Culver	Regina Lee	Josh Taylor
Maria Czynnik	Christine Leon	L.T. Tekle
DeClue Intentions	Jessie Madzia	Ruth Turanchik
Ron Doctor	Bill Martin	Owen Ward
Aimeé Evans	Joe Martin	Stelmack Intentions
Joseph Evans	Judy Martin	Steve
Frye Intentions	Madelyn Martz	Steven Woryk
Elizabeth Gamez	Melissa	Dave Zaroka
Weyni Girmay	Joy Mersch	Rita Zaroka
Deborah Gordon	Angela Merva	Nicholas Zvansky
Charlene Grabner	Rosemary Nyahay	Sandra Zvansky
Nataly Grace	Mic O'Halloran	Intentions of Fr. Robert
John Griffen	John Oshinski	Dave Martz
Hagos	Paula Oshinski	Fr. Ignatius Harrington
Gerri Herald	Carol Osifchin	
Jeanette Hill	Beauetta Parks	



Isaac Figler	Rose Ann Jirles
Dana Hardin	Michael O'Halloran
Martin Hodovanich	John Oshinski
Margo Hospodar	Helena Zvansky

PARKING LOT RENOVATION

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised \$165,170.00.

A SLAVIC EVENING

Dance on May 6, 2023

Included in this bulletin is a flyer with information on a dance scheduled for May 6, 2023. We are in need of approximately 20 volunteers to prepare for and work the evening of the dance or it cannot be held. Volunteers will be scheduled in "shifts" during the dance so that everyone may enjoy the evening. Please contact Pat Papai at the number on the flyer to volunteer.

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Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 3

Great & Holy Monday

5:00p Confessions

7:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified

Tuesday, April 4

Great and Holy Tuesday

6:00p Confessions

7:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great, Presanctified;
Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, April 5

Great and Holy Wednesday

6:00p Confessions

7:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great, Presanctified;
Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, April 6

Great and Holy Thursday

6:00p Confessions

7:00p Holy Thursday Vespers with St. Basil Liturgy

Friday, April 7

Great and Holy Friday

9:00a Royal Hours

7:00p Holy Friday Burial Vespers celebrated by
Bishop Kurt Burnette; Vigil at the Tomb

Saturday, April 8

Great and Holy Saturday

9:00p Vigil of Resurrection with Adult Baptism;
Blessing of the baskets

Pascha Sunday & Bright Week Schedule

Sunday, April 9

PASCHA!

8:00a Ge'ez Palm Sunday Liturgy;
Social in hall

11:00a Matins of Resurrection; Divine Liturgy;
Blessing of the baskets

Monday, April 10

6:45p Paschal Hour

7:00p Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 11

6:45p Paschal Hour

7:00p Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 12

8:45a Paschal Hour

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 13

4:00p Ge'ez Holy Thursday Liturgy

7:00p Paschal Hour

Friday, April 14

12-5p Ge'ez Good Friday prayers; Social in hall
following

6:45p Paschal Hour

7:00p Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 15

8:00p Ge'ez Confessions heard

9:00p Ge'ez Easter Liturgy; Social in hall following

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

2022-2023 Annual Stewardship Appeal

St. John Chrysostom's Goal is \$9,500

\$9,105 has been pledged; \$9,055 has been received by Parma. We are at 95% of our goal! Remember: Any amount over our goal is returned to the parish

As we move closer to the great Feast of Pascha, we continue in our process to identify the gifts given to us by God and ponder the ways in which we can respond to His generosity. Please remember the annual Stewardship Appeal as you prepare for the upcoming Feast of Pascha.

Visit parma.org for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

Pre-Cana Weekend

Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

Saturday and Sunday, April 29th & 30th, 2023

St. John Byzantine Catholic Church
36125 Aurora Rd.; Solon OH 44139

Ways to register:

Online: tabor-life.org

Call Catherine: 708-653-8344

Email: taborlife@earthlink.net

Registration fee: \$150 per couple

Sponsored by the Marriage and Family Life ministry of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma in cooperation with the Tabor Life Institute

Please speak with your pastor regarding this and for registration form.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign will run from Wednesday, February 22nd, until Sunday, April 2nd, from 7am until 7pm at Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main Street, Columbus). You are invited to pray for an hour with the campaign. You can learn more about the campaign at www.gctrl.org/40-days-for-life

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS

Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Our Third Friday event is April 21, 2023 from 7:00am-12:00pm.

For more information or to RSVP please email: Gabriel Vance at gabriel@catholicsforlife.us or call/text him at 740-972-2570.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2023 program beginning with a weekend on April 14, 15, 16 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

A Slavic Evening

Save the Date! → Saturday, May 6, 2023

Volunteers are Needed!

Before the Event:

- Food Preparation
- Decoration/ Setup
- Raffle Donations

Night of Event:

- Ticket Sales
- Food/ Drink Sales
- Clean-up



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A Show by **Selo**
Dance Troup

**To volunteer contact Pat Papai
(614)457-0764.**

Sign-up sheets with times will also be available.

How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket

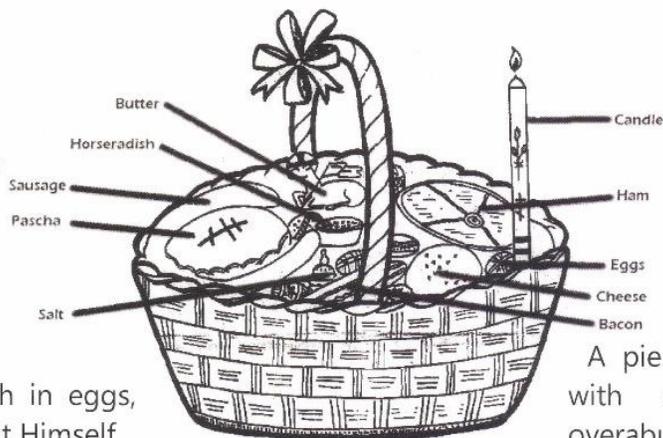
Text by: Rev. Basil Kraynyak

All Illustrations by: Mary Ellen Petro

May You Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

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

*Christos Voskrese!
Voistinu Voskrese!*



PASCHA or PASKA **The Easter Bread**

A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect, or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for "Christ is Risen."

CHEESE (Hrudka or Sirets)

A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols made of cloves or pepper balls.

HAM

The flesh meat popular with Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer lamb or veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats prepared in advance so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

BUTTER

This favorite dairy product is shaped into the figure of a lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

SAUSAGE

A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity

BACON

A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

EGGS-PYSANKY

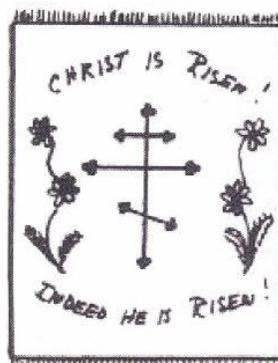
Hard boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.

SALT

A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.

HORSERADISH

Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.



These articles are placed in a wicker basket and ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the foods when brought to the church. In some places a large Easter Bread is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing region, a sweet wine may be brought.