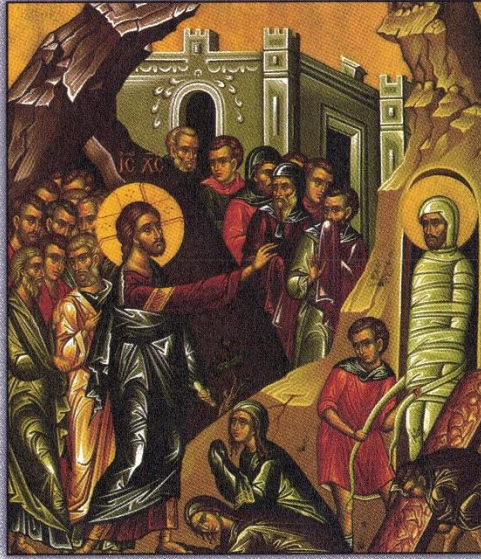


THE GREAT WEEK THE HOLY DAYS OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

Lazarus Saturday

You have come to the tomb of Lazarus, O Lord, and You called the dead one to awaken him from his sleep. He shook off the dust of the tomb of your immortal words; and, still bound by the grave-clothes, he came forth at the sound of your voice.

Having come to the end of the forty days, we cry out: Rejoice, O city of Bethany, the home of Lazarus. Rejoice, Martha and Mary, for Christ shall come to you tomorrow; by his word, He shall give life to your departed brother. Struck with admiration, the Hebrew people will carry palms and branches, and they shall go before Him. The children shall praise the One whom their parents looked upon with envy: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!

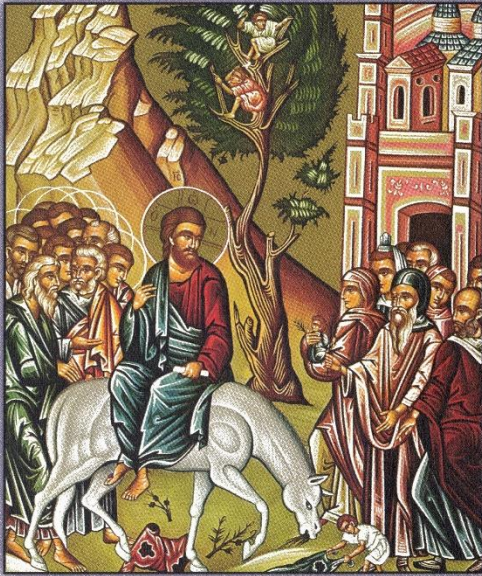


Palm Sunday

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

He who has heaven as his throne and earth as his footstool, the Son and coeternal Word of the father, humbles himself to mount a senseless beast, as he comes to Bethany. Carrying branches, the Hebrew children welcome Him, saying: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He who is coming, the King of Israel!

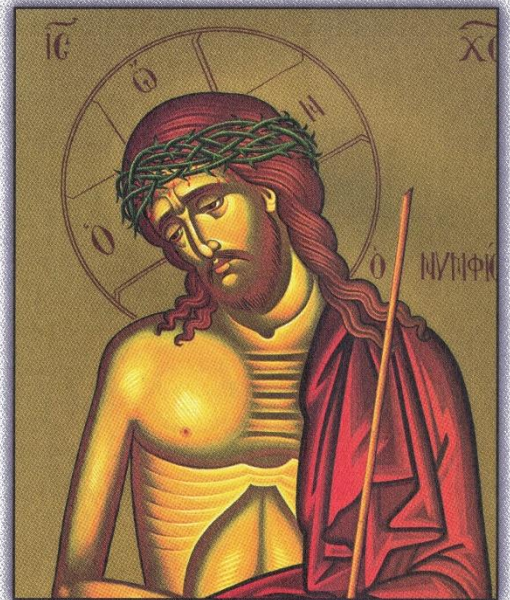
Let us all gather this day, the new Israel, the Church of the gentiles, and with the prophet Zechariah, let us say: Rejoice, O daughter of Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you; He is the Savior, meek and humble, seated on the foal of a donkey, a beast of burden.



Great and Holy Monday

Commemoration of the unproductive fig tree the Lord Jesus curses as He walks outside Jerusalem (Mt 21:18)

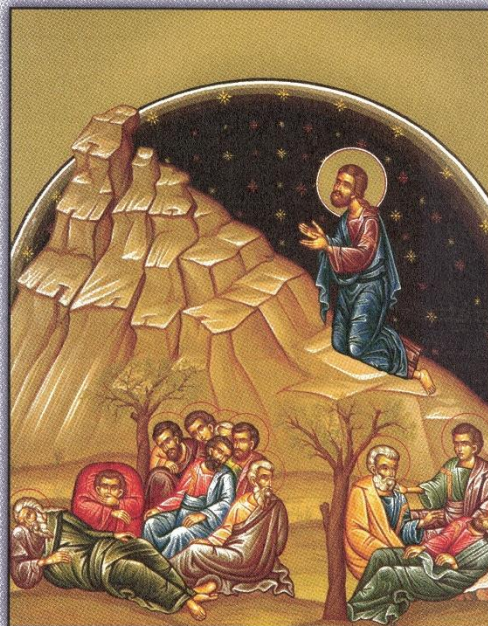
When You were going to your Passion, O Lord, You confirmed the faith of your disciples by taking them aside and saying: How can you forget the words I have spoken to you? The Scriptures say that all the prophets die only in Jerusalem! Now the time of which I have spoken to you has arrived; behold I shall be delivered into the hands of sinners; they shall mock Me and nail Me to the Cross; and after burying Me, they shall number Me among the dead. Take courage, however, for I shall rise on the third day, to bring joy and eternal life to all the faithful.



Great and Holy Tuesday

Commemoration of the Lord's parable of the Ten Wise Virgins (Mt 25:14)

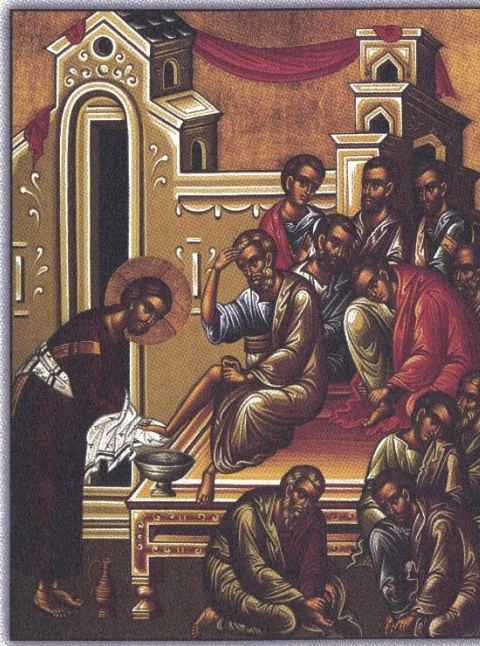
Come, O faithful, let us zealously labor for the Lord; for He entrusts his riches to his servants; let us each multiply the talent of grace. Let one gain wisdom by doing good; let another serve with splendor; let the faithful share the knowledge of faith with the enlightened; let others share their goods with the poor. Thus we shall multiply the treasure that has been entrusted to us, and we shall be faithful stewards of grace, and we shall be worthy of the joy of the Lord. Grant this to us, O Christ our God, in your goodness toward mankind.



*Great and Holy Wednesday
Commemoration of the betrayal of our Lord by
Judas, and the anointing of our Lord by Mary
at Bethany*

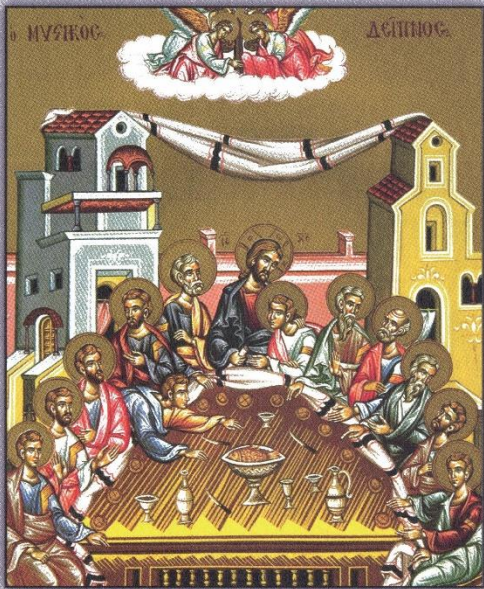
O the misery of Judas! He saw the sinful woman kiss the feet of the Lord, and he shamefully thought of his kiss of betrayal. While she loosened her hair, he let himself be bound up by passion; instead of the fragrance of myrrh, he bore the odor of his perverse and evil ways; for jealousy does not know how to seek what is good. O the misery of Judas! O Lord, keep our souls from falling like him.

The sinful woman hastened to buy the perfume of great price, to anoint her Benefactor with it. To the seller of perfume, she said: Give me the myrrh that I might anoint the One who washed me of all my sins.



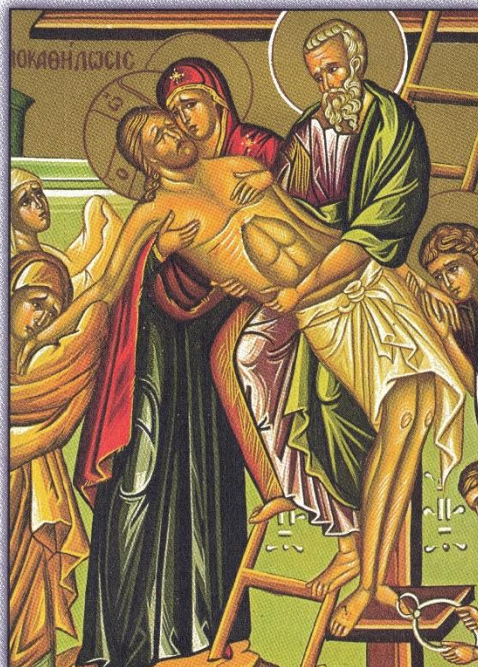
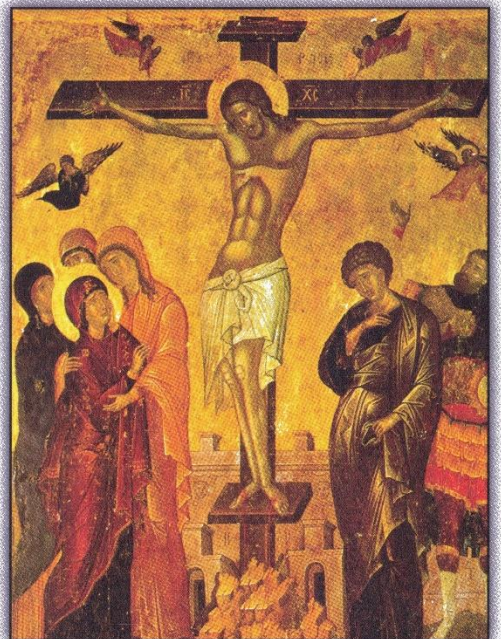
*Great and Holy Thursday
Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, and the
washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus*

Truly, Judas is the son of those ungrateful who ate the manna in the wilderness, and murmured against the Nourisher; for, while food was still in their mouths, those ingrates murmured against God. Likewise this wicked one, while the holy bread was still in his mouth, conspired to betray the Savior. O what greedy purpose! What bold inhumanity! For he betrayed their Nourisher and delivered to death the Master who loved him. In truth, this lawbreaker is a son of unbelievers, and inherited destruction with them. Save our souls, O Lord, from such unkindness; for you alone can endure such long-suffering.



*Great and Holy Friday
The Crucifixion, Death and Burial of Our Lord*

O, how could the lawless council condemn to death the King of creation, without being ashamed at the thought of his good works which He recounted to them, saying: O my people, what have I done to you? Have I not filled Judea with miracles? Have I not raised the dead with a word? Have I not cured infirmities and sufferings? So now, what do you give Me in return? Why have you not remembered me? For the healing, you have wounded Me; for life, you gave Me death; you hang Me, your Benefactor, on a tree as a criminal. You treat Me, the Lawgiver, as a lawbreaker. You condemn the King of all. O long-suffering Lord, glory to you.



*Great and Holy Saturday
The Great and Holy Sabbath rest in the tomb
and the conquering of Hades*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary who, although born of our humanity, gave birth to the Lord of all. The angels extol her with song; for she is the glory of the whole world, the gateway to heaven, and the adornment of the faithful. As the Mother of God, she is heaven itself and the very temple of God. She broke down the wall of enmity between mankind and God, thereby bringing us peace and opening the gates of the kingdom. Let us, therefore, cling to her as the anchor of our faith; and our Lord, who was born of her, will be our protector. Take courage then, O people of God, for the Almighty himself will defeat your enemies.

*All text from Vesper Stichera of Holy Week, The Lenten
Triodion, Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA*



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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.

Holy Week Liturgy Dates and Times

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

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 2

- 9:20a** 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings
- 9:45a** Blessing of palms in hall (weather permitting)
- 10:00a** Blessing of palms in church (if raining);
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Intention: For the Faithful
Social & ECF following Liturgy
- 12:00p** Ge'ez Liturgy
Social in hall

Great and Holy Monday, April 3

- 5:00p** Confessions
- 7:00p** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 4

- 6:00p** Confessions
- 7:00p** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified; Anointing of the Sick

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 5

- 6:00p** Confessions
- 7:00p** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified; Anointing of the Sick

Great and Holy Thursday, April 6

- 6:00p** Confessions
- 7:00p** Holy Thursday Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil

Great and Holy (Good) Friday, April 7

- 9:00a** Royal Hours
Vespers w/Ritual of Burial celebrated by
Bishop Kurt Burnette; Vigil at the Tomb
begins

Great and Holy Saturday, April 8

- Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil; Adult
- 9:00p** Baptism; Resurrection Matins; Blessing of baskets in hall

Pascha Sunday, April 9

- 8:00a** Ge'ez Palm Sunday Liturgy; Social in hall
- 11:00a** Resurrection Matins; Divine Liturgy;
Blessing of baskets in hall
Intention: For the Faithful

Readings – Holy Week

Sunday, April 2

Flowery (Palm) Sunday
Epistle, Phil 4:4-9
Gospel, John 12:1-18

Holy Monday, April 3

Exod 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12;
Matt 24:3-35

Holy Tuesday, April 4

Exod 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22;
Matt 24:36-26:2

Holy Wednesday, April 5

Exod 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10;
Matt 26:6-16

Holy Thursday, April 6

Is 50:4-11; 1 Cor 11:23-32;
Matt 26:2-20; John 13:3-17;
Matt 26:31-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matt 26:40-27:2

Good Friday, April 7

Is 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-2:2; Matt 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-44; Matt 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt 27:55-61

Holy Saturday, April 8

Epistle, Rom 6:3-11
Gospel, Matt 28:1-20

Pascha Sunday, April 9

Epistle, Acts 1:1-8
Gospel, John 1:1-17

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

IMPORTANT: PLEASE PARK IN FRONT OF CHURCH WHEN YOU COME.

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"**

BASKET BLESSING: Please bring your basket into the hall **BEFORE** the Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday.

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church **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 Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil; Adult Baptism;
Resurrection Matins; Blessing of baskets in hall

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 baskets in hall

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

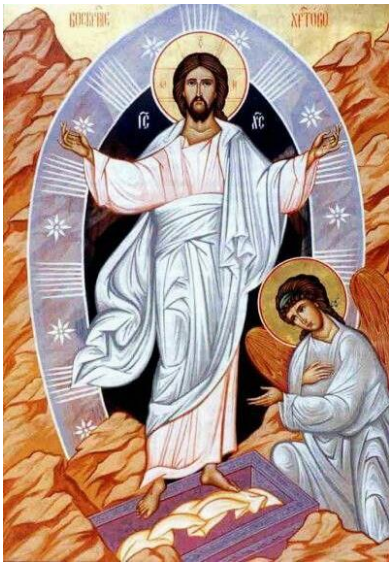
6:45p Paschal Hour

7:00p Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 15

8:00p Ge'ez Confessions heard

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



I have a dream...

I have a dream about our parish. A dream – vision for our community. All of you, who have accepted the invitation to pray, reflect and discuss together the state of our parish community and its future during the synodal process in 2022, expressed a desire to grow, strengthen, and become better. You have contributed the little pieces for this dream.

I have a dream that our community will return to the zeal of the first Christian community, imitating what they were doing...and receiving the same gifts that the Lord gave them.

42 And they **devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching** and the **fellowship**, to **the breaking of bread and the prayers**. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common [...] **46** **Every day, attending the temple together and breaking bread** in their homes, they received their food with glad and **generous hearts**, **47 praising God** and having favor with all the people. (Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47)

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of **one heart and soul**, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. **33** And **with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus, and **great grace was upon them all**. **34** There was not a needy person among them (Acts 4:32-34)

Key words from this short passage are *every day + one heart and soul + devoted + attending together prayer, breaking the bread, fellowship*. The miracles of the first community – great grace upon them, no one is needy and alone, the community grows, they enjoy life with the Lord with glad hearts – can be repeated only if we change the culture in our community.

Changing structures, ministries, abandoning what did not really work, setting up new commissions and activities, will not change anything, unless the culture is changed. Culture in the sense of our priorities, thinking, ways of doing things, attitudes, engagement, openness and welcoming... Culture can change when our hearts are changed!

When James and John, seizing the opportunity, asked Jesus to be seated on his right and left in his glory (Mk 10:35-45), they simply wanted to become someone important, admired; someone who rules... as a result the rest of the disciples were angry and there was division among them. What did Jesus respond? *"You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions use their authority over them. But it is not this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all. For even **the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**"*

Jesus is very clear. If you want to rule, be first, become someone important, then you must become a slave servant. Jesus is using this image to point out that the most important thing for the slave is to fulfill his master's will and the common good of the household, not his pleasures, desires and presumptuous wishes. This leads us all to recognize **the servant heart** and the **focus on the common good of the community**. It is far away from the clique mentality, from 'my way of highway' attitude... Jesus wants them to change their hearts first.

This change will be seen in our joy when others offer their talents, time, energy and willingness to build up the community. This change of hearts will be seen in our openness to accept the stranger, the visitor, and accompany them from entering the church, helping them navigate the liturgy, and bringing them to our fellowship in the hall...not leaving behind anyone.

There is a great potential in our community that we have already experienced on many occasions (project days, beautification projects, Christmas plays, caroling, fundraising etc.) My dream is that we use the potential even better. But we put first things first! The relationship with the Lord and among us, following the pattern given in the Scriptures. Whenever the Christians returned to this pattern there was a renewal. Whenever they went 'my way', there was decline!

I invite and encourage you to pray and reflect during this Holy Week and Easter season focusing on your heart. What is there? What are your priorities? Is there a space for the Lord? For our community? What do you think of this community? What do you dream about this community? Are you willing to restart following the model of the Acts of the Apostles?

On Holy Monday we will read from Exodus about the hardships of the Hebrews in Egypt (Exodus 1:8-14). What are those things that enslave and oppress you? That does not allow you to live fully in peace?

Let us do this kind of reflection, praying and bringing the honest answers to the Lord, so the one who suffers with you, in your inner, hidden struggles, may lead you out to his resurrection! Wishing you all a blessed time of Holy Week and Pascha!!!

Fr. Robert Jager

ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

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

- 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.

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday mornings after the Third Hour, we start a Book Study Group reading *Worshiping 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.

04/12 04/19

Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8pm we meet to continue the reading of Christopher Hall's, *Worshiping 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.

04/12

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.

THIS INFORMATION NEEDED TODAY! 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.

PARKING LOT RENOVATION

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised \$165,450.00.

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.*

Parish Activities this week

Sun. April 2

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

Fri. April 7

7p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall

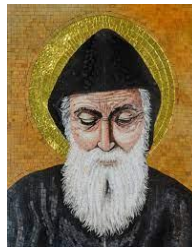
Sat. April 8

Basket blessing in hall following Pascha Vigil Liturgy

Sun. April 9 – PASCHA SUNDAY

Basket Blessing in hall following 11am Pascha Liturgy NO ECF

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
 Dana Hardin
 Martin Hodovanich
 Margo Hospodar

Rose Ann Jirles
 Michael O'Halloran
 John Oshinski
 Helena Zvansky

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

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.