



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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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

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, April 23

9:45a Paschal Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intentions: For the Faithful;

For the Health of Maksym Popadyn

Social in hall; ECF Classes

12:00p Ge'ez Liturgy

Social in hall following Liturgy

Wednesday, April 26

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: +Nicole Churchill

Thursday, April 27

7:00p Divine Liturgy

Intention: Dovanna Goode

Friday, April 28

7:00p Vespers

Father is attending Metropolitan Assembly

Saturday, April 29

7:00p Vespers w/OT readings

Sunday, April 30

9:45a Paschal Hour

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Readings – Week of April 23

Sunday, April 23

Epistle, Acts 6:1-7 & 12:1-11

Gospel, Mark 15:43-16:8 &

John 15:17-16:2

Monday, April 24

Epistle, Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60

Gospel, John 4:46-54

Tuesday, April 25

Epistle, 1 Peter 5:6-14

Gospel, Mark 6:7-13

Wednesday, April 26

Epistle, Acts 8:18-25

Gospel, John 6:35-39

Thursday, April 27

Epistle, Acts 8:26-39

Gospel, John 6:40-44

Friday, April 28

Epistle, Acts 8:40-9:19

Gospel, John 6:48-54

Saturday, April 29

Epistle, Acts 9:19-31

Gospel, John 15:17-16:2

Sunday, April 30

Epistle, Acts, 9:32-42

Gospel, John 5:1-15

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD: *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.*

ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

04/23 – ECF

04/30 – ECF

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.

SLAVIC EVENING

Saturday, May 6th, we are having a dance. We thank all of you who have volunteered to work the dance. There are sign-up sheets for the various positions needed before and during the dance. If you would like to volunteer and have not yet do so, please see Pat Papai.

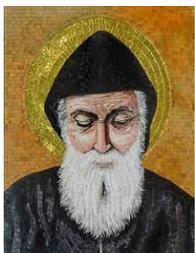
Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door; children under 13 are FREE. There will be plenty of food and drink available for sale during the evening, multiple raffles, music by the Tom Katrenich Orchestra and a performance by Selo, a Croatian Dance Troop.

To purchase advance tickets, go to our website www.byzantinecolumbus.com and click on the Slavic Celebration picture on the home page.



PARKING LOT RENOVATION

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised **\$166,759.00**. We still have way to go so please continue to help with this.



Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf

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

Parish Activities

Sun. April 23

11:15a Social & ECF classes following Liturgy

2:00p Ge'ez Social following Ge'ez Liturgy

Fri. April 28

5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall

Sun. April 30

11:15a Social & ECF classes following Liturgy

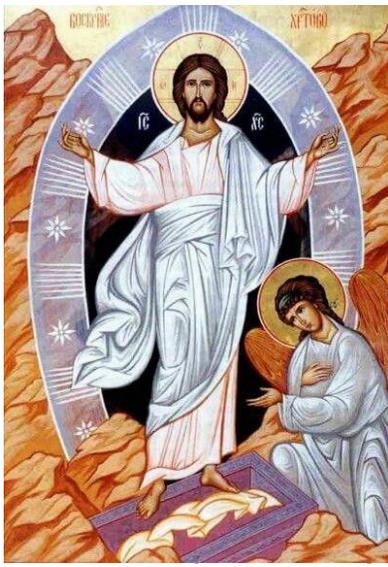
2:00p Ge'ez Social following Ge'ez Liturgy



Jennifer Boniface
Maria Czynrik
Sofia Jager
Donovan Koval
Rebecca Krofcheck

Matthew Mnich
Bohdan Rakowsky
Maria Rakowsky
Anna Rich
Ruth Turanchik

Stephen & Jennifer Boniface
Celebrating 16 years Crowned in Marriage
Fr. Robert & Rosalia Jager
Celebrating 21 years Crowned in Marriage
Bill & Margo Hospodar
Celebrating 53 years Crowned in Marriage



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

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!!!

Pope Francis on Conversion (Catechesis on 03/29/2023)

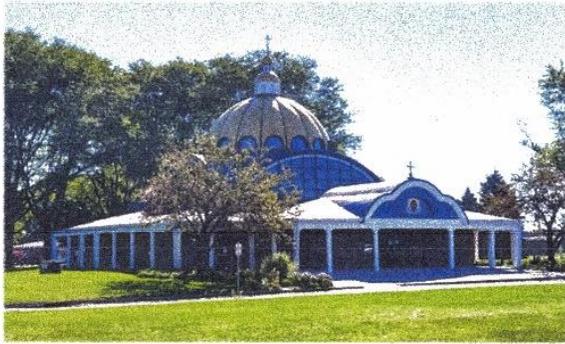
In our journey of catechesis on apostolic zeal, let us start today to look at some figures who, in different ways and times, bore exemplary witness to what passion for the Gospel means. And the first witness is naturally the Apostle Paul. I would like to devote two catechesis to him.

The story of Paul of Tarsus is emblematic in this regard. In the first chapter of the Letter to the Galatians, as in the narration of the Acts of the Apostles, we can see that his zeal for the Gospel appears after his conversion, and takes the place of his previous zeal for Judaism. He was a man who was zealous about the law of Moses for Judaism, and after his conversion, this zeal continued, but to proclaim, to preach Jesus Christ. Paul loved Jesus. Saul — Paul's first name — was already zealous, but Christ converts his zeal: from the Law to the Gospel. His zeal first wanted to destroy the Church, whereas after, it builds it up. We might ask ourselves: what happened, that passed from destruction to construction? What changed in Paul? In what way was his zeal, his enthusiasm for the glory of God, transformed?

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that passion, from the moral point of view, is neither good nor evil: its virtuous use makes it morally good, sin makes it bad (Quaestio "*De veritate*" 24, 7). In Paul's case, what changed him is not a simple idea or a conviction: it was the encounter with the risen Lord. Do not forget this: it is the encounter with the Lord that changes a life. It was Saul's encounter with the risen Lord that transformed his entire being. Paul's humanity, his passion for God and his glory was not annihilated, but transformed, "converted" by the Holy Spirit. The only one who can change our hearts is the Holy Spirit. And it was so for every aspect of his life. Just as occurs in the Eucharist: the bread and wine do not disappear, but become the Body and Blood of Christ. Paul's zeal remains, but it becomes the zeal of Christ. It changes direction, but the zeal is the same. The Lord is served with our humanity, with our prerogatives and our characteristics, but what changes everything is not an idea, but rather life itself, as Paul himself says: "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). The encounter with Jesus Christ changes you from within, it makes you another person. If one is in Christ, he or she is a new creation, this is the meaning of being a new creation. To become Christian is not to apply make-up that changes your face, no! If you are Christian, your heart changes, but if you are Christian [only] in appearance, this will not do ... made-up Christians will not do. True change is of the heart. And this happened to Paul.

Passion for the Gospel is not a matter of comprehension or studies, which are helpful but which do not inspire it. Rather, it means going through the same experience of "fall and resurrection" that Saul/Paul lived and which is at the origin of the transfiguration of his apostolic zeal. You can study all the theology you want; you can study the Bible and all that, and become atheist or worldly, it is not a question of studies; in history there have been many atheist theologians! Studies are useful but they do not generate the new life of grace. Indeed, as Saint Ignatius of Loyola says: "For it is not knowing much, but realizing and relishing things interiorly, that contents and satisfies" (*Spiritual Exercises*, Annotations, 2, 4). It is about things that change you within, that let you know something else, savour something else. May each of us reflect: "Am I a religious person?" — "Fine" — "Do I pray?" — "Yes" — "Do I try to obey the commandments?" — "Yes" — "But where is Jesus in your life?" — "Ah, no, I do the things the Church commands". But where is Jesus? Have you encountered Jesus, have you spoken with Jesus? Do you pick up the Gospel or talk with Jesus, do you remember who Jesus is? And this is something that we very often lack. When Jesus enters your life, like he entered Paul's life, Jesus enters and changes everything. Many times, we have heard comments about people: "But look at him, he was a wretch and now he is a good man, she is a good woman... who changed them?". Jesus, they found Jesus. Has your Christian life changed? "No, more or less, yes...". If Jesus did not enter your life, it did not change. "You can be Christian only on the outside". No, Jesus has to enter and this changes you, and this is what happened to Paul. We have to find Jesus, and this is why Paul said that Christ's love drives us, it is what takes you forward. The same change happened to all the saints, who went forward when they found Jesus.

We can reflect further on the change that takes place in Paul, who from a persecutor became an apostle of Christ. We note that there is a sort of paradox in him: indeed, as long as he feels he is righteous before God, he feels authorized to persecute, to arrest, even to kill, as in the case of Stephen; but when, enlightened by the Risen Lord, he discovers he was a "blasphemer and persecutor" (cf. 1 Tim 1:13) — this is what he says of himself, "I formerly blasphemed and persecuted" — then he starts to be truly capable of loving. And this is the way. If one of us says, "Ah, thank you Lord, because I am a good person, I do good things, I do not commit major sins...", this is not a good path, this is the path of self-sufficiency, it is a path that does not justify you, it makes you an elegant Catholic, but an elegant Catholic is not a holy Catholic, he is elegant. The true Catholic, the true Christian, is one who receives Jesus within, that changes your heart. This is the question I ask you all today: what does Jesus mean for me? Have I let him enter my heart, or do I keep him within reach but so that he does not really enter within? Have I let myself be changed by him? Or is Jesus just an idea, a theology that goes ahead... And this is zeal: when one finds Jesus and feels the fire, like Paul, they must preach Jesus, they must talk about Jesus, they must help people, they must do good things. When one finds the idea of Jesus, he or she remains an ideologue of Christianity, and this does not save, only Jesus saves us, if you have encountered him and opened the door to your heart to him. The idea of Jesus does not save you! May the Lord help us find Jesus, encounter Jesus, and may this Jesus change our life from within and help us to help others.



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presents

A Slavic Evening!

Saturday, May 6, 2023 7:30 – 11:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Food and drink for sale
all evening including;

- Pierogi •Cabbage Rolls
- Kielbasa & Kraut
- Kolachi and other special
Desserts
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8:30 pm



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PDHC Current Volunteer/Employment Needs

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) is looking for a Full-time and Part-time Nurse. Ultrasound training provided. Send inquiries to Jenns@pdhc.org. PDHC is also in need of volunteers to help with our 24/7 crisis hotline, material aid help and Family Advocates for the Family Empowerment Center, and Greeters and Chaperones for our pregnancy centers. If interested, please contact Andreas@pdhc.org.

More information can be found at SupportLifePDHC.org

PDHC 2023 PDHC Golf Outing

Please save the date for our Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) Golf for Life Outing May 22, 2023 at the Lakes Golf and Country Club. We are registering golfers and sponsors if you know anyone who might be interested in golfing and supporting life! Please check the following link for more information or to register: <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/golf.html>. For any other questions, please reach out to Anne Marie Weakley at annemariew@pdhc.org.



FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA 2022-2023 Annual Stewardship Appeal St. John Chrysostom's Goal is \$9,500

As of March 30, 2023; \$10,035.00 has been pledged; \$9,985.00 has been received by Parma. We are at 105% of our goal! Remember: Any amount over our goal is returned to the parish

THOSE WHO PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP have a keen sense of what it means to give back to God. A good steward has gratitude and knows everything is from our Lord. We need to reflect on what we have done with our life, our time, our talent, and our opportunities. How did we care for God's blessings we have received?

If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Eparchy financially this year. Visit parma.org to donate. Thank you for your generosity!



FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (MAY 20, 5-9 P.M.): Have you seen the movie *Night At The Museum*? Come Join us for a fun night of experiencing history come alive. Learn about the Catholic Church throughout the centuries through art and stories. You may be surprised at who you will meet. Located downtown Columbus near St. Joseph Cathedral at 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact the Museum at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.

BUS TOUR OF SEVEN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN COLUMBUS: Join this fun and educational tour of several churches in Columbus. Learn about their fascinating histories as vital places of Catholic worship, evangelization, and learning in our Diocese. This event is May 13 and is \$70 per person (lunch is included in the price). There are 40 spots available. RSVP email is museumtours@catholicmuseum.org. For more information, contact the Museum at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS: Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 9:30am-4:00pm. Our Third Friday event is May 19, 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.

