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Liturgy Schedule for the Week

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

Sunday July 23

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wed. July 26

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: +Stan & +Martha Frye

Saturday July 29

7:00p Vespers w/OT readings

Sunday July 30

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wed. August 2

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Health of Steven Smith

Sat. August 5

Wedding & Reception

Readings for the Week of July 23rd

Sun. July 23

Epistle, 1 Cor 1:10-18

Gospel, Mt 14:14-22

Thu. July 27

Epistle, 1 Cor 14:6-19

Gospel, Mt 20:17-28

Mon. July 24

Epistle, Rom 8:28-39

Gospel, Jn 15:17-16:2

Fri. July 28

Epistle, 1 Cor 14:26-40

Gospel, Mt 21:12-14 &
17-20

Tues. July 25

Epistle, Gal 4:22-31

Gospel, Lk 8:16-21

Sat. July 29

Epistle, Rom 14:6-9

Gospel, Mt 15:32-39

Wed. July 26

Epistle, 1 Cor 13:4-14:5

Gospel, Mt 20:1-16

Sun. July 30

Epistle, 1 Cor 3:9-17

Gospel, Mt 14:22-34



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.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND IN THE WHOLE 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.

AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION

OHIOANS: WHY VOTING YES ON ISSUE 1 IS IMPORTANT

There is a special election in Ohio on August 8, 2023, concerning Issue 1 which is a proposed constitutional amendment that would:

- 1)** Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment.
- 2)** Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio be signed by at least five percent of the eligible voters of each county in the state.
- 3)** Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio. If passed, the amendment shall be effective immediately.

Why is voting yes for this amendment important as faithful Catholics? Currently, our Ohio State Constitution can be amended by a favorable majority of 50% + one vote of those who vote in that election. This means that our Ohio State Constitution could be amended by a small number of individuals. Considering the ballot initiative being proposed for the November 7 election to enshrine abortion in our Ohio State Constitution and deprive parents of their rights, it is crucial to make sure that our Ohio State Constitution cannot be amended easily. Voting YES on Issue 1 will make it more difficult to change our Ohio State Constitution and thus allow us to protect our children and families.

According to Right to Life:

For those who want to protect pre-born human beings, Issue 1 is critical because of the probable abortion amendment ballot initiative that will be on the Ohio ballot in November of 2023. This dangerous amendment proposal was passed in several states during the midterm elections of 2022 and in the majority of those states, was passed with far less than 60% of the vote in a campaign heavily supported by lucrative pro-abortion special interest groups. The proposed abortion amendment in Ohio is even more threatening because the language also will endanger parental rights. Should Issue 1 pass by the voters on August 8, it will require the November abortion ballot initiative to pass with at least 60% of the vote.

DEFEAT OHIO'S PROPOSED ABORTION AMENDMENT

The dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by a proposed Ohio Constitutional amendment to enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catholic Conference of Ohio has produced resources for Catholics to learn more about and to take action to defeat the proposed amendment. **Visit www.ohiocathconf.org/protect.**

For additional resources from the statewide Protect Women Ohio coalition working to defeat the amendment, **visit <https://protectwomenohio.com>**. For a list of local informational meetings about the proposed amendment, visit Greater Columbus Right to Life's website at **<https://www.gcrtl.org/stop-events.html>**.



Damian Branham Mark Frye
Kacie Branham Conrad Gozon
John Elliott Myroslava Mudrak

*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Keith Nissen Evangeline Rakowsky
Julia Parks Ilya Rakowsky
Arlene Preece Dave Zaroka

Nick & Kacie Branham
Celebrating 13 years Crowned in Marriage
Jeff & Paula Martin
Celebrating 35 years Crowned in Marriage
Mike & Pat Papai
Celebrating 47 years Crowned in Marriage

Matt & Arlene Preece
Celebrating 7 years Crowned in Marriage
Mark & Helen Stephens
Celebrating 41 years Crowned in Marriage

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARKING LOT RENOVATION

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised **\$177,936.00** of the \$200,000 goal we set for ourselves (89%). We still have way to go so please continue to help with this. Once we have the scope of work finalized, we will be able to have a definitive total cost of this project.

Parish Activities this week

Sun July 23

11:15a Social in hall
2:00p Ge'ez Social

Sat July 29

10:00a Women's Bible Study in hall
5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall

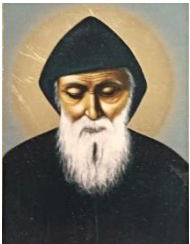
Sun July 30

11:15a Social in hall
2:00p Ge'ez Social

Sat Aug 5

Wedding & Reception

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof

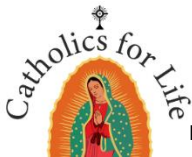


Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, 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	Deborah Gordon	Christine Long	Maria Rakowsky
Hussein Abdi	Charlene Grabner	Jessie Madzia	Terry Rasor
Adrian	Nataly Grace	Bill Martin	Nadia Ritchey
Louis Bambick	John Griffen	Joe Martin	Trey Shearon
William Brake	Hagos	Melissa	John Sikora
Charles Branham	Evelyn Hoehstetter	Joy Mersch	Dennis Stinich
Carol	Esther Imhoff	Angela Merva	Josh Taylor
Mary Carroll	Dora Johnson	Ed Nyahay	L.T. Tekle
Charyton Intentions	Jackson Family	Rosemary Nyahay	Ruth Turanchik
Cindy Cox	Gordon Kaercher	Anne O'Halloran	Owen Ward
Will Culver	Susan Kaiser	Mic O'Halloran	Steve
Maria Czynnik	Kathy	John Oshinski	Nicholas Zvansky
DeClue Intentions	James Kester	Paula Oshinski	Sandra Zvansky
Ron Doctor	Kathy Krofcheck	Beauetta Parks	
Elizabeth Gamez	Regina Lee	Cathy Pitt	
Christopher Gehman	Christine Leon	Maksym Popadyn	



CATHOLICS FOR LIFE: EQUIPPING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES FOR LIFESAVING ACTIVISM

Catholics for Life is a Columbus-based apostolate organizing pro-life and evangelization events (we represent the local St. Paul Street Evangelization team). Our efforts are anchored in the Eucharist and Mary's intercession. Our events include:

- Every weekday starting at 9am and ending between 2-7pm (depending on the day): Join us and our volunteers for prayer, counseling, and evangelization on the sidewalk outside Columbus's two abortion facilities.
- Monthly on the Second Tuesday & Fourth Friday: Join a group for training, Mass, reconciliation, street evangelization, sidewalk counseling, and adoration.

For more information contact Gabriel Vance at 740-972-2570 and **Gabriel@CatholicsForLife.us** or visit **www.CatholicsForLife.us**

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA



ANNUAL EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARIAPOCH

"Under the Protection of Your Veil"

Saturday, August 19th through Sunday August 20th
Shrine of Mariapoch; 17486 Mumford Rd.; Burton, OH
<https://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

Saturday Aug. 19th Schedule

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| 3:00pm - Blessing of Water & Moleben to the Theotokos – Shrine Chapel | |
| 4:00pm – Divine Liturgy (for Saturday) | 5:30pm – Café open for dinner |
| 7:00pm – Great Vespers (for Sunday) | 8:30pm – Campfire & fireside chat |
| 9:30pm – Compline | |

Sunday August 20th Schedule

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| 9:00am – Matins | 11:00am – Teen activity |
| 12:00pm – 6 th Hour/Café open for lunch | 1:30pm – Children's activity/Guest Speaker |
| 3:00pm – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Mirovanija; Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos) | |
| 5:00pm – Café open for dinner | |

The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the Pilgrimage • Camping is permitted • Food will be available for purchase at the cafeteria or you are welcome to bring your own food • Bring your own chairs • The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open



ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH

Registration is now open!

Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh will be hosting the 3rd assembly of our Church on Thursday, November 2 to Sunday, November 5, 2023, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ.

Tracks

The Assembly's theme is Living Our Faith: Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past. The Assembly will consist of two tracks.

- A clergy track will be presented on Thursday and Friday, November 2nd and 3rd.
- A laity track will occur from Friday to Sunday, November 3rd to 5th.

Goals

This gathering aims to increase the appreciation of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church's history (both in the "Old Country" and the United States) and Byzantine Ruthenian art and culture.

The second goal of the assembly is to learn about the best practices occurring in our parishes today, which are contributing to the growth of our communities, with the hope that the attendees will incorporate this information into their parish activities.

A third goal is to develop concrete steps to ensure the future and growth of our Church. The synodal meetings revealed these three topics to be the most important to those participating.

Registration

Registrations may be made through the Assembly website or by mail beginning July 1. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples.

The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35.

Accommodations

Special rates for hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bridgewater, NJ. The reservation link and hotel information may be found [here](#). The hotel is a 15-minute drive to St. Mary's in Hillsborough.

For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimballa, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is byzantineassembly2023.org, and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.



CCO Statement on the FY24-25 Budget

Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, Brian Hickey, issued the following statement commending the expansion of school choice and increased support of pregnant women, children, and other vulnerable Ohioans in the FY24-25 State Budget.

"Ohio's FY24-25 State Budget puts parents and children first in their educational decisions by providing the largest expansion of school choice in Ohio's history. For decades, the Catholic Church in Ohio and nationwide has consistently advocated for public policy that enables children of all backgrounds, no matter their income or zip code, to meaningfully access a school of their choice. The Catholic Conference of Ohio thanks Governor Mike DeWine, Senate President Matt Huffman, and Speaker Jason Stephens for their leadership in allowing every student to receive an EdChoice Scholarship for use at one of Ohio's hundreds of Catholic or other eligible schools.

Additionally, the CCO is grateful for budget items that invest in pregnant women, children, and other vulnerable Ohioans. These include expanding the eligibility of the Ohio Works First cash assistance for a woman's entire pregnancy, eliminating sales tax for baby products, an essential provision to stabilize non-profit senior affordable housing, and a boost in pay for direct-care professionals. We look forward to supporting more policies that express closer solidarity with mothers, families, and vulnerable Ohioans, furthering a culture of life and civilization of love."

School Choice Highlights

Thank you to all who took action and sent notes to your representative and senator to support school choice. It worked—now every Ohio student is eligible to receive an EdChoice Scholarship!

Scholarship amounts will be income-based. Students whose family income is at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or about \$135,000 for a family of four, is eligible to receive the full scholarship amount, and a student whose family income is above 450% FPL is eligible for a scholarship decreased on a sliding scale, displayed in the graph below.

The EdChoice Scholarship increased to \$6,165 for K-8 students and \$8,407 for K-12 students. The Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship amount has also increased, and any student with an autism diagnosis can now qualify for the Autism Scholarship.

Guidance on how to apply and receive an EdChoice Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year is coming soon!

EdChoice: Empowering Parents Today for the Future

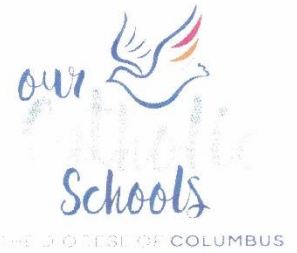
The Ohio Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program provides students throughout the State of Ohio the opportunity to attend participating private schools for **little or no cost**. Enacted in 2005 to serve families living in underperforming school districts, the program has since expanded to provide **increased opportunities** to all Ohio families with scholarships up to \$6,165 for K-8 and \$8,407 for grades 9-12.

Due to the recent changes in the state's biennial budget, families 450% or below of the Federal Poverty Guideline are eligible for the full EdChoice scholarship amount. Families above 450% will be eligible for a portion of the scholarship, dependent on their income and family size.

MAX SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

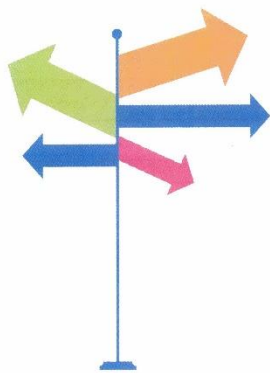
K-8: \$6,165/student
9-12: \$8,407/student

23-24



What are Federal Poverty Guidelines?

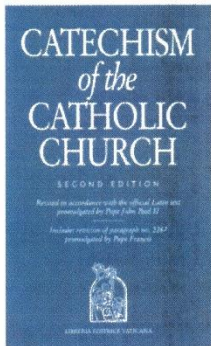
The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the statistical thresholds used by U.S. Census Bureau for calculating the number of people in poverty. Poverty guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to **determine financial eligibility** for certain programs and vary by family size. In 2023, a family of four (4) at 450% of the Federal Poverty Guideline has a **gross income of \$135,000/year**.



School Choice is NOT a New Concept!

There are over **75 educational choice programs** in 32 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including **8 right here in Ohio!**

- EdChoice Scholarship
- Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship
- Ohio Tax Credit Scholarship (SGO)
- Autism Scholarship



The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states, "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children," and, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. The right is fundamental."

Making a high-quality, unapologetically Catholic education affordable for families is one of the foremost priorities for the Diocese of Columbus.

Scan the QR code to learn more about EdChoice and all of the scholarship opportunities available!



"Too often Catholic Americans fail to appreciate that they have a right to subsidies for their schools because these institutions provide a service to society."

-The Holy See

Why EdChoice?

Simply, the EdChoice scholarship provides parents with the opportunity to **choose the school** that is best-suited for their child(ren) based on the **factors most important** to them.

TOP FACTORS WHY PARENTS CHOOSE A PRIVATE EDUCATION*

40.8%

Academic Quality or Reputation

28.7%

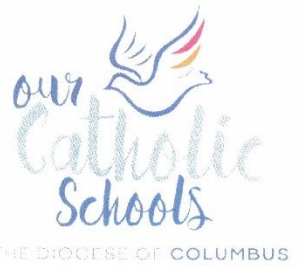
Morals/Character/ Values Instruction

27.3%

Structure/Discipline

*Source: EdChoice, 2022 Schooling in America Survey (conducted April 7--May 16, 2022)

Affording a Catholic Education in Ohio Now at Your Fingertips with Universal EdChoice



Ohio's Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program is now accessible to **ALL Ohioans!** Thanks to sweeping changes outlined in HB 33 and signed into law on July 3 by Governor DeWine, EVERY student now has the opportunity to attend a participating Catholic school for **little or no cost.**

Originally enacted in 2005 to serve families living in underperforming school districts, the program has been expanded multiple times over the past 18 years to aid more families, particularly those with lower incomes. But, now, every Ohio family - regardless of their residence or household income - can utilize state scholarship dollars to help fund tuition at the Catholic **school of their choosing.**

What does this mean for you?

Simply, an **affordable** and **unapologetically Catholic** education is right at your fingertips!

Families at 450% or below of the Federal Poverty Guideline will receive the maximum scholarship allowed

by law. Those at 451% or more will receive a portion of the full scholarship amount, dependent on their household income and family size.



← Scan to Determine Your Family's Eligibility!

Federal Poverty Guideline Percentage	K-8 Scholarship Amount*	9-12 Scholarship Amount*
0-450%	\$6,165	\$8,407
451-500%	\$5,200	\$7,050
501-550%	\$3,650	\$5,000
551-600%	\$2,600	\$3,550
601-650%	\$1,850	\$2,500
651-700%	\$1,300	\$1,750
701-750%	\$900	\$1,250
751% and up	\$650	\$950

*Scholarship amounts shown are for a family of four.

Qualify for EdChoice Traditional AND Expansion?

Families in our diocese living in an underperforming school district who previously qualified for the Traditional EdChoice scholarship now have the option to choose the one that provides the greatest financial benefit to them.

Under the new Expansion guidelines, if their Federal Poverty Guideline results in a scholarship less than the maximum amount of a Traditional Scholarship, the Traditional Scholarship will provide a greater financial benefit. In addition, the family will not need to submit any income verification, unless they qualify for low-income status (200% or below the Federal Poverty Guideline). Contact your school for further clarification.

Applying for a Scholarship is as Easy as 1-2-3!*

- 1 Reach out to your school(s) to get started or visit <https://bit.ly/ohioedchoice>.
- 2 Complete a **Scholarship Request Form** for EACH eligible student in grades K-12 who is enrolled in Our Catholic Schools. Submit the request form, as well as a copy of the **student's birth certificate** and **current proof of address** (see scholarship request form for accepted documents) to the appropriate school(s) for submission via the online application system.
- 3 Complete the **income verification process** at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. An OH|ID is required for online submission.

The deadline to request scholarships for this academic year and receive the entire amount for which the family qualifies is **October 14, 2023**. Any application received after this date will be awarded at a pro-rated amount by the Department of Education and Workforce.

*Families who previously were approved for an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for the 2023-24 school year need to do nothing at this time. Your scholarship will be updated automatically based on the new scholarship amounts.