



**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**  
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**Summer Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 1:00pm**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

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

**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

**Sunday August 6**

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

**12:00p** Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Wed. August 9**

**9:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +Lillian Meeker*

**Sat. August 12**

**7:00p** Vespers w/OT readings

**Readings for the Week of July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. July 30**

Epistle, 1 Cor 3:9-17

Gospel, Mt 14:22-34

**Thu. August 3**

Epistle, 2 Cor 1:1-6

Gospel, Mt 21:43-46

**Mon. July 31**

Epistle, 1 Cor 15:12-19

Gospel, Mt 21:18-22

**Fri. August 4**

Epistle, 2 Cor 1:12-20

Gospel, Mt 22:23-33

**Tues. August 1**

Epistle, 1 Cor 1:18-24

Gospel, Jn 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35

**Sat. August 5**

Epistle, Rom 15:30-33

Gospel, Mt 17:24-18:4

**Wed. August 2**

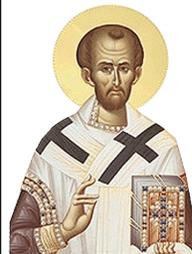
Epistle, 1 Cor 16:4-12

Gospel, Mt 21:28-32

**Sun. August 6**

Epistle, 2 Peter 1:10-19

Gospel, Mt 17:1-9



**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](http://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>**.

### **FROM PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTERS**

Thank you for your generous gift of **\$1,046.71!** Just to give you an idea of what this donation could do - It is enough to:

- *give 5 life-saving ultrasounds*
- *empower 4 moms/dads through parenting education and baby boutique shopping visits*

Praise the Lord! THANK YOU so much for your support and helping to make this possible!

Our PDHC staff is grateful for YOUR partnership and thankful that together we can impact generations for Christ through the legacy of life!

## 2023-2024 ECF SCHOOL YEAR

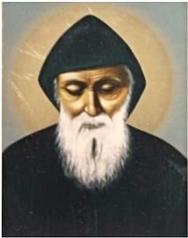
Registration forms for the 2023-2024 ECF school year are available on the table in the vestibule. We are asking parents to complete these forms and return to the office by August 27<sup>th</sup> so we may have enough time to order any needed books and supplies.

**IMPORTANT:** In addition, we are asking for parents to volunteer to assist in their children's classes. We need to have at least two adults in every class. We are also in need of any adult that would be willing to teach classes. If any adult that does not have a child in ECF is willing to teach, please contact the office or Father Robert as soon as possible.

### ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARKING LOT RENOVATION

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised **\$180,247.00** of the \$200,000 goal we set for ourselves (90%). Included in this amount is the 2023 Stewardship Rebate amount. 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.

### **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	Ron Doctor	Susan Kaiser	Ed Nyahay	John Sikora
Hussein Abdi	Elizabeth Gamez	Kathy	Rosemary Nyahay	Dennis Stinich
Adrian	Christopher Gehman	James Kester	Anne O'Halloran	Josh Taylor
Louis Bambick	Deborah Gordon	Kathy Krofcheck	Mic O'Halloran	L.T. Tekle
William Brake	Charlene Grabner	Regina Lee	John Oshinski	Ruth Turanchik
Charles Branham	Nataly Grace	Christine Leon	Paula Oshinski	Owen Ward
Carol	John Griffen	Christine Long	Beauetta Parks	Steve
Mary Carroll	Hagos	Jessie Madzia	Cathy Pitt	Nicholas Zvansky
Charyton Intentions	Evelyn Hoehstetter	Bill Martin	Maksym Popadyn	Sandra Zvansky
Cindy Cox	Esther Imhoff	Joe Martin	Maria Rakowsky	
Will Culver	Dora Johnson	Melissa	Terry Razor	
Maria Czyrnik	Jackson Family	Joy Mersch	Nadia Ritchey	
DeClue Intentions	Gordon Kaercher	Angela Merva	Trey Shearon	

### ***Parish Activities for July***

#### **Sun July 30**

11:15a Social in hall

2:00p Ge'ez Social

#### **Thurs August 3**

5:30p Ge'ez Choir Practice in hall

#### **Sat August 5th**

Wedding reception in hall

#### **Sun August 6**

11:15a Social in hall

2:00p Ge'ez Social

#### **Thurs August 10**

5:30p Ge'ez Choir Practice in hall

#### **Sat Aug 12**

10:00a Women's Bible Study in hall

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Lucas Boniface	Bob Kotula	Christian Preece
Greta Gozon	Rowan Lyons	Matt Preece
Dina Hodovanich	Mary Beth McCallister	Linda Sachs
Aniko Kocsis	Bill Mnich	

Christine Charyton & John Elliott

*Celebrating 25 years Crowned in Marriage*

Mark & Teresa Frye

*Celebrating 39 years Crowned in Marriage*

Randy & Janet James

*Celebrating 35 years Crowned in Marriage*

Bob & Connie Kotula

*Celebrating 46 years Crowned in Marriage*

Tom Marco & Myroslava Mudrak

*Celebrating 11 years Crowned in Marriage*

Jeff & Mary Beth McCallister

*Celebrating 39 years Crowned in Marriage*

Matthew & Dorinda Mnich

*Celebrating 21 years Crowned in Marriage*

Ed & Rosemary Nyahay

*Celebrating 54 years Crowned in Marriage*

## **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**

### **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!

**THERE IS A FLYER ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK WITH INFORMATION EXPLAINING AND ON APPLYING FOR THIS BENEFIT.**



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

### **Saturday Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> Schedule**

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> Schedule**

- 9:00am** – Matins    **11:00am** – Teen activity  
**12:00pm** – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is [byzantineassembly2023.org](http://byzantineassembly2023.org), and the email is [byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com).

# St. John Chrysostom August 2023 Calendar

Please see current week's bulletin for any changes to this schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00a Divine Liturgy	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Wedding Reception in hall
6 <b>Transfiguration</b> 9:30a Third Hour 10:00a Divine Liturgy Social after 12:00p Ge'ez Liturgy Social after	7 9a-1p Office Hours	8	9 9:00a Divine Liturgy 9a-1p Office Hours	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 10:00a Women's Bible Study in hall 5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall 7:00p Vespers
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20 9:30a Third Hour 10:00a Divine Liturgy Social after 12:00p Ge'ez Liturgy Luncheon after	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22	23 9:00a Divine Liturgy 9a-1p Office Hours	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 10:00a Women's Bible Study in hall 5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall 4:00p Ge'ez Mother's Mtg in hall 7:00p Vespers
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