

**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**

5858 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43231

Pastor: Fr. Robert Jager

Deacon: Fr. Deacon Jeffrey Martin



**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.*

**BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

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

**Sunday November 19**

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy; Blessing of children; Myrovaniye

*Intention: for the Faithful*

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday November 21**

*Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple*

7:00p Divine Liturgy

*Intention: Health of John & Christine by Bishop Robert*

**Wednesday November 22**

7:00p Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy

*In thanksgiving for all we have*

**Thursday November 23**

No evening Divine Liturgy

**Friday November 24**

No evening Divine Liturgy

**Saturday November 25**

No Vespers

**Sunday November 26**

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Parish Activities this week**

**Sun. Nov. 19**

11:15a ECF Classes and Parish Social

2:00p Ge'ez Social

**Wed. Nov. 22**

**Office Closed**

**Thurs. Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day**

12:00p Thanksgiving Meal in hall

**Fri. Nov. 24**

**Office Closed**

**Sat. Nov. 25**

4:00p Ge'ez Women's mtg in hall

5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice

**Sun. Nov. 26**

11:15a NO ECF Classes; Parish Social

2:00p Ge'ez Social

**Readings for the Week of November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. Nov 19**

Epistle, Eph 4:1-6

Gospel, Lk 12:16-21

**Tues. Nov. 21**

Epistle, Heb 9:1-7

Gospel, Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

**Thu. Nov 23**

Epistle, 1 Tim 3:1-13

Gospel, Lk 18:31-34

**Sat. Nov 25**

Epistle, Gal 3:8-12

Gospel, Lk 10:19-21

**Mon. Nov. 20**

Epistle, 1 Tim 1:1-7

Gospel, Lk 17:20-25

**Wed. Nov 22**

Epistle, 1 Tim 1:18-20

Gospel, Lk 18:15-17 & 26-30

**Fri. Nov 24**

Epistle, 1 Tim 4:4-8 & 16

Gospel, Lk 19:12-28

**Sun. Nov 26**

Epistle, Eph 5:9-19

Gospel, Lk 13:10-17

**St. John Chrysostom Contact Information:**

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**Website: www.byzantinecolumbus.com**

**To schedule an event, send an email to: eventstjohn@outlook.com**



# Thanksgiving Blessings

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." *James 1:17*

May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving.

**The office is closed Wednesday and Friday of this week.**

### **PHILIP'S FAST (CHRISTMAS FAST)**

- It is a time set aside to spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The emphasis is reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.
- The Nativity Fast starts earlier than Advent. It begins the day after the feast of St. Philip on the Eastern Catholic liturgical calendar on November 15. This is how the fast became known by another title: Philip's fast. Either title is used.
- The fast period is a full 40 days corresponding to the full 40 days of the Great Lent fast.

REQUIRED ABSTINENCE ON FRIDAYS (NO MEAT), STRONGLY SUGGESTED ABSTINENCE ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THOUGH NOT OBLIGATORY. SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS NO FASTING. STRONG FASTING FROM DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> UP TO DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, THE VIGIL OF NATIVITY IS STRICT FAST.

### **ECF CHRISTMAS PLAY**

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Christmas play performed by ECF students following the Divine Liturgy at 10am. Our children would like to offer it as a Christmas gift to our entire community.

For the Social we ask to everyone to bring side dishes and salads. The Ladies Guild will provide the main dish.

### **PRACTICE SINGING HYMNS AND MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS VESPER LITURGY**

We will begin practicing singing for the Vespers liturgy on the night of Dec 24, 2023. Parishioner Ben Yip, one of our cantors, is holding informal practices, open to everyone, on Sundays starting today at the parish hall after Sunday liturgy. All are welcome to participate.

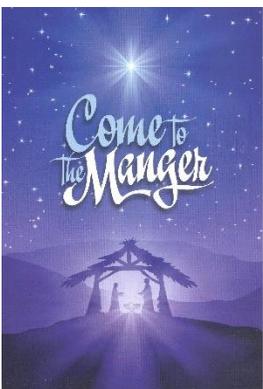
### **ADVENT EVENING BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST. PATRICK**

Thursday, Nov 30th, at 6:30-9pm St. Patrick Hall;  
St. Patrick Church 280 N. Grant Ave.; Columbus, OH

Our parishioner Mary Parker will be the speaker at the Evening of Candlelight, offering reflections on "Come Away to the Manger". Ladies don't miss out on this wonderful evening of faith and fellowship!

RSVP at: [Nancy@madridfamily.com](mailto:Nancy@madridfamily.com) or 740-404-1107

It is a potluck and ladies are asked to bring decorations as well for their table. It is possible to reserve a table of 8 to be seated with friends.



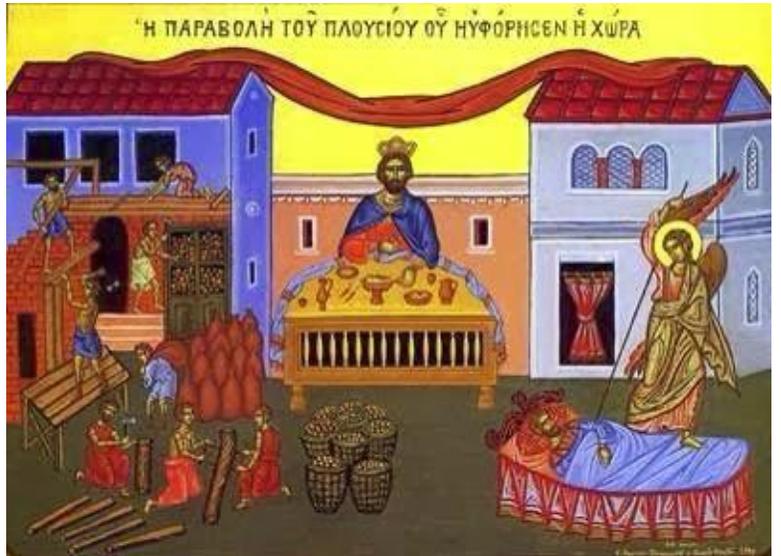
### **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD**

*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.*

**Pope Francis on the foolish rich man (Lk 12:16-21)**

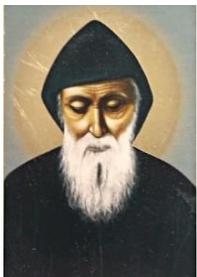
“The end of the parable as recounted by the Evangelist is uniquely effective: ‘So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God’ (v. 21). It is a warning which reveals the horizon towards which we are called to look. Material goods are necessary — they are goods! —, but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven. Saint Paul also reminds us of this in today’s second reading. It says ‘seek the things that are above.... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth’ (Col 3:1-2).

It is understood that this does not mean estranging oneself from reality, but rather seeking the things that have true value: justice, solidarity, welcome, fraternity, peace, all things that make up the true dignity of mankind. It is a case of leading a life that is fulfilled not according to a worldly manner, but rather according to the style of the Gospel: to love God with all one’s being, and love one’s neighbor as Jesus loved him, that is, in service and in giving oneself. Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger! Covetousness is like those tasty candies: you take one and say: ‘Ah! It is so good’, and then you take another; and one follows the other. Such is covetousness: it never satisfies. Be careful! Love that is understood and lived in [the style of the Gospel] is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.



May the Virgin Mary help us not to be attracted by forms of security that fade, but rather to be credible witnesses of the eternal values of the Gospel, each day.”

**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:**

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| Abby                | John Griffen        | Jessie Madzia   | Cathy Pitt       |
| Hussein Abdi        | Hagos               | Mara            | Maksym Popadyn   |
| Adrian              | Evelyn Hoechstetter | Bill Martin     | Maria Rakowsky   |
| William Brake       | Esther Imhoff       | Joe Martin      | Terry Rasor      |
| Charles Branham     | Dora Johnson        | Mech Intention  | Nadia Ritchey    |
| Carol               | Lois Johnson        | Melissa         | Trey Shearon     |
| Mary Carroll        | Jackson Family      | Joy Mersch      | John Sikora      |
| Charyton Intentions | Gordon Kaercher     | Angela Merva    | Bob Steinbauer   |
| Cindy Cox           | Susan Kaiser        | Katie Nann      | Dennis Stinich   |
| Will Culver         | Kathy               | Ed Nyahay       | Josh Taylor      |
| Maria Czynnik       | James Kester        | Rosemary Nyahay | L.T. Tekle       |
| DeClue Intentions   | Kathy Krofcheck     | Anne O'Halloran | Ruth Turanchik   |
| Ron Doctor          | Regina Lee          | Mic O'Halloran  | Owen Ward        |
| Deborah Gordon      | Christine Leon      | John Oshinski   | Steve            |
| Charlene Grabner    | Christine Long      | Paula Oshinski  | Nicholas Zvansky |
| Nataly Grace        | David Lonzrick      | Beauetta Parks  | Sandra Zvansky   |



## 2023 COOKIE SALE

**19<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE      DECEMBER 9, 2023**  
**THIS IS OUR BIG FUNDRAISER, EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED AND REQUESTED.**

### IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

**Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are in vestibule; you may also contact the office**

- **Thu, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Cookie Drop-Off**  
10am Drop your cookies off in the hall
- **Fri, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Cookie Tray Assembly**  
9am until complete
- **Fri, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Parishioner Order Pick-up**  
5-8pm We ask that all parishioners please pick up their orders on Friday. If you need a different time, please contact Lisa or the office BEFORE December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sat, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
8am Divine Liturgy

**Volunteers need to be here by 9:15am. If you are planning on volunteering later then 9:15am, please contact Lisa.**

**9:15am** Volunteer assignments and preparation for sale

**10:00am DOORS OPEN**

**MORE BAKERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.** Monetary donations are greatly appreciated but, product is what is needed the most.

**One of our parishioners has offered the use of their freezer. Contact the office and Teresa will put you in contact with them.**

**ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE.** To place an order for trays, rolls, pirohi or baklava go to the Cookie Sale page on our website, [www.byzantinecolumbus.com](http://www.byzantinecolumbus.com). You are able to prepay through that page or you can pay at the time you pick up your order. If you are picking up orders for multiple people, please order ALL through your name as one order. Flyers and paper order forms (*for your use*) are available in the back of the church for you to distribute. You may also request order forms and flyers via email at ([stjohnbyz@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnbyz@hotmail.com)) Any questions, contact Teresa in the office.

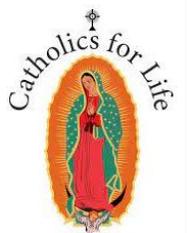
### CATHOLICS FOR LIFE: EQUIPPING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES FOR LIFESAVING ACTIVISM

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:

1. 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.

1. 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](mailto:Gabriel@CatholicsForLife.us) or visit [www.CatholicsForLife.us](http://www.CatholicsForLife.us)



### Pregnancy Support Resources

**Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411**

**Birthright: 614-221-0844**

**Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308**

**Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357**

**Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200**

**Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400**

**Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County: 740-417-9358**

