

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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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
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday November 26

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wednesday November 29

9:00 a Divine Liturgy

Intention: +Loretta Kotula by Beth & Dennis Burdick

Thursday November 30

No Divine Liturgy this evening

Friday December 1

7:00p Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Sick of the parish

Sat. December 2

7:00p Vespers w/OT readings

Sunday December 3

9:30a Emmanuel Moleben

10:00a Divine Liturgy; myrovanije

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish Activities this week

Sun. Nov. 26

11:15a NO ECF Classes; Parish Social

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Thur. Nov. 30

8:00a Parishioner baking in hall

Sat. Dec. 2

8:00a Men's Bible study

5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice

Sun. Dec. 3

11:15a ECF Classes and Parish Social; Set hall for Cookie Sale

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Readings for the Week of November 26th

Sun. Nov 26

Epistle, Eph 5:9-19
Gospel, Lk 13:10-17

Tues. Nov. 28

Epistle, 1 Tim 5:11-21
Gospel, Lk 19:45-48

Thu. Nov 30

Epistle, 1 Cor 4:9-16
Gospel, Jn 1:35-51

Sat. Dec 2

Epistle, Gal 5:22-6:2
Gospel, Lk 12:32-40

Mon. Nov. 27

Epistle, 1 Tim 5:1-10
Gospel, Lk 19:37-44

Wed. Nov 29

Epistle, 1 Tim 5:22-6:11
Gospel, Lk 20:1-8

Fri. Dec 1

Epistle, 2 Tim 1:1-2 & 8-18
Gospel, Lk 20:19-26

Sun. Dec 3

Epistle, Eph 6:10-17
Gospel, Lk 18:18-27

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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 10TH UP TO DECEMBER 24TH, THE VIGIL OF NATIVITY IS STRICT FAST.

ECF CHRISTMAS PLAY

On December 17th, 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 at the parish hall after Sunday liturgy. All are welcome to participate.

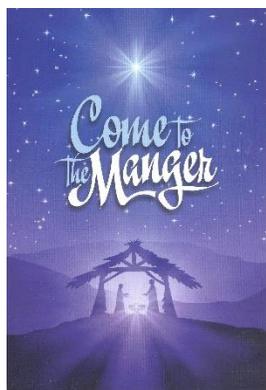
ADVENT EVENING BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST. PATRICK

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 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.



POPE FRANCIS ON HEALING THE CURVED WOMAN (Lk 13:10-17)

"In this passage, we do not find Jesus on the road as was his habit, but rather in the synagogue" he noted, where "there was a woman completely bent over" from "an illness of the spinal column". Francis asked the faithful, "what does Jesus do?". Speaking of Jesus' reaction to the woman's suffering, the Pope admitted, "I am moved by the verbs used by the Evangelist here: "'he saw', he sees her; 'he called', he calls her; 'he said to her'; 'he laid his hands upon her and he healed her'".

These are the "verbs of closeness" depicting "the attitude of the good shepherd" he continued, because "a good shepherd is always nearby", and Jesus, the Pope affirmed, "cannot be far from his people." Whereas those such as "the ruler of the synagogue" as was the case in the Gospel reading, and some of the "scholars, lawyers, Pharisees, Sadducees and the illustrious, lived separately from the people, continually reproaching them", and consequently, Francis explained, "they were not good shepherds, they were closed; they were not near to the people".

On the contrary, "Jesus always presents himself nearby", said the Pontiff, and "many times it happens in the Gospel that such nearness comes from what He felt in His heart". For this reason, "He stayed with the rejected people: the poor, sick, sinners and lepers". He walked among those in need "because Jesus had such a capacity to be moved in the face of sickness".



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.

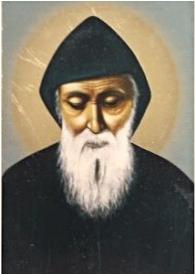
Stewardship Appeal 2023/24

St. John Chrysostom's goal for this year is \$9,700

The 2023-2024 Annual Stewardship Appeal continues. God gives us many blessing. As stewards, we joyfully worship the Lord each Sunday by giving back to him so the church may do meaningful work for God's kingdom in the world. As the 2023-2024 Annual Stewardship Appeal continues, remember the many blessing you have received from our Lord.

Visit us online at parma.org to submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

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	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

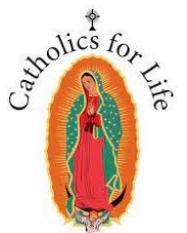
CATHOLICS FOR LIFE: EQUIPPING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES FOR LIFESAVING ACTIVISM

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 or visit 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





2023 COOKIE SALE
19TH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE
DECEMBER 9, 2023

**THIS IS OUR BIG FUNDRAISER,
EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED AND REQUESTED.**

Please volunteer your time for the day of sale and set-up & assembly.

We are in need of people to help with tray assembly on Friday (*December 8th*) morning, making baklava on Friday afternoon and at least one or two to help with parishioner pick-up on Friday evening. We also need people to work the sale on Saturday. PLEASE, contact the office either by email or phone; or sign up on the sheets located in the vestibule.

As always, if you have any questions, contact the office.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN VESTIBULE; YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE OFFICE

- **Thu, Dec 7th Cookie Drop-Off**
10am Drop your cookies off in the hall
 - **Fri, Dec 8th Cookie Tray Assembly**
9am until complete
 - **Fri, Dec 8th 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 8th.
 - **Sat, December 9th**
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**