



**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 DECEMBER 10, 2023**

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

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

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

**Sunday December 10**

**9:30a** Emmanuel Moleben

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

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

**Wednesday December 13**

*St. Nicholas of Myra*

**9:00 a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +Loretta Kotula by M/M Robert Kotula*

**Thursday December 14**

**7:00p** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +David & +Claudia by Bishop Robert*

**Friday December 15**

**7:00p** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +James Abbott by M/M James Pitt*

**Sat. December 16**

**10:00a** Baptism

**7:00p** Vespers

**Sunday December 17**

**9:30a** Emmanuel Moleben

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy; myrovanije

*Intention: for the Faithful*

**Parish Activities this week**

**Sun. Dec. 10**

**11:15a** Christmas movie for ECF Classes; Parish Social; SJC Choir practice

**Sat. Dec. 16**

**5:30p** Ge'ez Choir practice

**Sun. Dec. 17**

**11:15a** Parish Social; ECF Children Christmas Play

**Fri. Dec. 22**

OFFICE CLOSED for CHRISTMAS

**Sat. Dec. 23**

**5:30p** Ge'ez Choir practice

**Readings for the Week of December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. Dec. 10**

Epistle, Col 1:12-18

Gospel, Lk 17:12-19

**Tues. Dec. 12**

Epistle, Heb 9:1-7

Gospel, Lk 1:39-56

**Thu. Dec. 14**

Epistle, Heb 7:1-6

Gospel, Mk 9:10-16

**Sat. Dec 16**

Epistle, Eph 2:11-13

Gospel, Lk 14:1-11

**Mon. Dec. 11**

Epistle, Heb 3:5-11 & 17-19

Gospel, Mk 8:11-21

**Wed. Dec. 13**

Epistle, Eph 6:10-17

Gospel, Lk 21:12-19

**Fri. Dec. 15**

Epistle, Heb 7:18-25

Gospel, Mk 9:33-41

**Sun. Dec 17**

Epistle, Col 3:4-11

Gospel, Lk 14:16-24

**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.*

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*Thank  
you!*

I thank everyone involved in making this year's Cookie Sale a success. Especially, Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, Rose Ann Jirles, in charge of making the rolls and baklava, and Pat Papai, in charge of the making of the pirohi. And, of course, all of you who helped in making these items, all the cookie bakers and those who helped set up the hall and worked the sale.

~Fr. Robert

### **GIVING TREE**

***Feeding the hungry is a greater miracle than raising the dead!***

**~St. John Chrysostom**

ARE YOU GIVING? Throughout the year we collect goods for W.A.R.M. This is the Westerville Area Resources Ministry. They distribute food and other items for those in need. Since this is the time of year when we think more about giving, you are being asked to make a special effort to donate non-perishable food items, toiletries, diapers, feminine hygiene products and paper goods. Place them around the Christmas tree as you enter our church. The goal is to see this area piled high with donations.

Monetary donations may also be made, make checks out to W.A.R.M. and place in the regular collection baskets by the tetrapod. These donations will be forwarded to W.A.R.M.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS MOVIE FOR ECF CHILDREN**

**TODAY** the children of ECF will see the movie, "*Chosen: A Story of the First Christmas*". It runs about a half hour and all are welcome to watch with them.

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

We will begin practicing singing for the Vespereal 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.

### **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.

### **STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023/24**

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

*As of November 3, 2023 \$3,285 has been pledged and \$3,285 has been received in Parma*

**As we continue in this season of preparation for the Nativity**, let us keep focus on the coming Feast of the Incarnation and the great gift the Father has given us in His Son, Jesus. If you have not already made your pledge or donation to the Stewardship Appeal, please visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) and consider a donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs we face. Thank you for your generosity!

### **THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*The Beatitudes: The Way of Life*

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio

February 16, 2024-February 18, 2024

Retreat Master: Father Lukas Mitro

Contact Susan A. Gallagher for further information 419-626-0375

Or e-mail [www.womenretreat2024@yahoo.com](mailto:www.womenretreat2024@yahoo.com)

**THE THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT**

*From Fallen Passions to Apatheia: Pursuing the Virtuous Life*

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio

March 15, 2024-March 17, 2024

Retreat Master: Father Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA.

Contact Karl Busam for further information 419-626-6811

Or e-mail karl.busam.77@gmail.com



**CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Friday, December 22**

*(Day of Strict Fasting)*

**7:00pm** Royal Hours for Christmas

**Saturday, December 23**

**7:00pm** Vespers & Confessions

**Sunday, December 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**10:00pm** Vigil Divine Liturgy for Christmas - Myrovanije

**Monday, December 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**12:00pm** Christmas Divine Liturgy; Myrovanije

**Tuesday, December 26**

**SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

**Wednesday, December 27**

**ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR**

**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 30**

**7:00pm** Vespers

**THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD;**

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

**11:00am** New Year's Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

**7:00pm** Royal Hours for Theophany

**Friday, January 5, 2024**

**EVE OF THEOPHANY** *(Day of Strict Fasting)*

**7:00pm** Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil – Blessing of water - Myrovanje

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

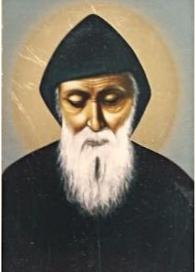
**THEOPHANY** *(No Fast)*

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy for Theophany – Blessing of water - Myrovanie



***Come, O Jesus, Our Savior,  
Redeem and save us!***

### 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.

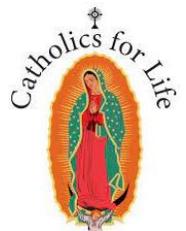
We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.

***For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:***

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

### **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**

