



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 24, 2023

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS – OF THE ANCESTORS

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday December 24

9:30a Emmanuel Moleben

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: *for the Faithful*

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

10:00p Christmas Vigil Liturgy; myrovaniye

Monday December 25

Christmas

12:00p Christmas Day Liturgy; myrovaniye

Intention: *For the Faithful*

Tuesday December 26

Synaxis of the Theotokos

7:00p Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

Wednesday December 27

St. Stephen, Proto-martyr

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: *+Loretta Kotula by Elise & Mark Harmon*

NO Liturgies Thursday or Friday

Saturday December 30

7:00p Vespers

Sunday December 31

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: *for the Faithful*

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Monday January 1, 2024

11:00a New Year's Divine Liturgy

Parish Activities this week

Sun. Dec. 24

Presentation immediately following Liturgy given by parishioner Mary Parker; NO Social

OFFICE CLOSED

ALL OF CHRISTMAS WEEK

Sat. Dec. 30

4:00p Ge'ez Mother's Meeting

5:30p Ge'ez Choir Practice

Office is Closed Mon., Jan. 1, 2024

Office will reopen Wed., Jan. 3rd

Readings for the Week of December 24th

Sun. Dec 24

Epistle, Heb 11:9-10, 17-23 & 32-40

Gospel, Mt 1:1-25

PM Vigil Liturgy

Heb 1:1-12

Lk 2:1-20

Mon. Dec. 25

Epistle, Gal 4:4-7

Gospel, Mt 2:1-12

Tues. Dec. 26

Epistle, Heb 2:11-18

Gospel, Mt 2:13-23

Wed. Dec. 27

Epistle, Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60

Gospel, Mt 21:33-42

Thu. Dec. 28

Epistle, James 1:19-27

Gospel, Mk 11:27-33

Fri. Dec. 29

Epistle, James 2:1-13

Gospel, Mk 12:1-12

Sat. Dec 30

Epistle, 1 Tim 6:11-16

Gospel, Mt 12:15-21

Sun. Dec 31

Epistle, Gal 1:11-19

Gospel, Mt 2:13-23

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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.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WISH

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." (Jn 3:16). You are not alone; you are not forgotten. You are precious and unreplaceable! May you experience His peace, joy, and hope! May His face shine upon you and strengthen you as you enter into the New Year 2024!

Fr. Robert, Rose, Sofia, and Mike Jager

'COME AWAY TO THE MANGER'

Today, after the 10am liturgy our parishioner Mary Parker will give a talk on one aspect of our Christmas spirituality. It will take place in the church right after the liturgy. Let us focus together on the most important thing of Christmas - Christ himself!!!

CHRISTMAS EVE OBSERVANCE

Since this year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, there is no fast on this day. In other words, the strict fast is on the previous Friday, 12/22. On 12/24 the Holy Supper can have meat and dairy!

On 12/24 there is the obligation to attend the morning liturgy at 10am which is for the last Sunday before Christmas and the Vigil Liturgy in the evening, which is already part of Christmas!

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.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The collection envelopes for 2024 are in the church vestibule. The envelopes will have the family name on them.

'WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE SCRIPTURE, DOESN'T KNOW CHRIST'

(St. Jerome)

All are invited to join a five-week study on the Scriptures, **Wednesdays, January 17 through February 10, 2024**. St. Jerome, Father of the Church, insists that the ignorance of Scripture is the ignorance of Christ himself. Let us dive deeper into the Word of God then together!

Where?	In the Parish Hall
When?	10am - 11.30am
What do I need?	Bible (if you don't have, the Parish will provide)

Coffee & snack will be provided. The study program is very interactive. We will cover themes such as 'what is really the Bible? - Book, Books, THE Book?'; how to read it for spiritual growth; 'what do we learn from the Fathers of the Church?'; 'How reliable is the Bible?'; 'Is it all true?'; Individual and communal reading.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Faithful friends are a life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them." Sirach 6:16

Starting during Lent, Saturday February 17, 2024, all the ladies are invited to join a Women's Bible Study on Saturdays from 10am. No experience is required! Theme of the year: *Touching the Divine*. This Bible study is a study focused on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality. Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Through John's eyes, we learn how much Jesus deeply loves us, and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Knowing Christ more intimately, as John did, will touch your heart and fill you with hope!

Learn about Christ's divine qualities:

- Our source of fulfillment for all that we need

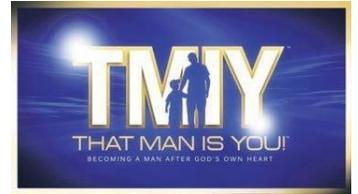


- The ultimate gift giver
- Our model of fidelity
- Our redeemer and restorer

A series of talks accompanies this 22-lesson Bible study. Let us know if you are interested in! Book will be purchased as bulk for a discounted price!

FOR THE MEN OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!



Starting on February 17, 2024, in the Hall every Saturday morning for 60 minutes only!

- 7:45am Light Breakfast and coffee
- 8:00am Opening prayer followed by video
- 8:30am Group sharing
- 8:55am Closing prayer

Join us to build fraternity and grow! That Man is You! truly accompanies men and their families on the pathway to holiness.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP **DURING THE GREAT FAST (LENT) 2024**



Fr. Marek Visnovsky will be offering an iconography workshop at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43231. This class will be held on Thursday, February 29, and Friday, March 1, from 5 pm to 10 pm, then class will continue on Saturday, March 2 from 9 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, March 3, from 1 pm to 6 pm. There will be time for prayer, talk, discussion, personal instructions, reflections and a hands-on demonstration. We will paint the Icon of Christ the Bread of Life.

The cost is \$400 (includes icon boards and painting material). Beginners as well as advanced artists are welcome. The deadline for registration is Sunday, February 18, 2024. For the registration form and any further information please email Fr. Marek at marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com

Fr. Marek is a Byzantine Catholic priest, serving the Eparchy of Parma. With his wife Miriam they raise three children. For 23 years he has been teaching iconography classes in the USA and Europe. He has painted over 750 icons which are venerated in churches and private homes around the world.

SAVE THE DATES

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

for further information

contact Susan A. Gallagher @ 419-626-0375

or e-mail 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

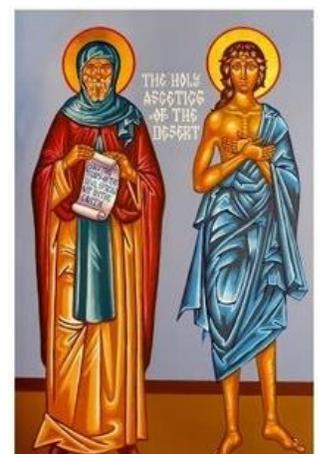
March 15, 2024-March 17, 2024

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

For further information

contact Karl Busam @ 419-626-6811

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STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023/24

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

As of December 1, 2023 \$6,165 has been pledged and received in Parma. 64% of our goal!

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Consider the Father's Gift of the Christ Child and how you can offer your time, talent, and treasure back to God in thanksgiving. Help support the Eparchy of Parma's Annual Stewardship Appeal through a one-time or monthly donation at parma.org. Thank you for your generosity and a blessed Nativity to you!



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 - Myrovanije

Saturday, January 6, 2024
THEOPHANY (No Fast)
10:00am Divine Liturgy for Theophany – Blessing of water - Myrovanije

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 Hoehstetter	Mech Intention	Trey Shearon
Carol	Esther Imhoff	Melissa	John Sikora
Mary Carroll	Dora Johnson	Joy Mersch	Helen Stephens
Charyton Intentions	Jackson Family	Angela Merva	Dennis Stinich
Cindy Cox	Gordon Kaercher	Katie Nann	Josh Taylor
Will Culver	Susan Kaiser	Ed Nyahay	L.T. Tekle
Maria Czyrnik	Kathy	Rosemary Nyahay	Ruth Turanchik
DeClue Intentions	James Kester	Anne O'Halloran	Owen Ward
Ron Doctor	Kathy Krofcheck	Mic O'Halloran	Steve
Jack Figel	Regina Lee	John Oshinski	Nicholas Zvansky
Elizabeth Gamez	Christine Leon	Paula Oshinski	Sandra Zvansky
Christopher Gehman	Christine Long	Beauetta Parks	
Deborah Gordon	David Lonzrick	Cathy Pitt	