

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 MARCH 3, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday March 3

Veneration of the Holy Cross

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Monday March 4

6:00p Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Intention: +Janie Armstrong by G. Armstrong

Wednesday March 6

9:00a 3rd Hour w/Isaiah readings

Friday March 8

6:00p Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Intention: +David Zaroka by M/M R. Zvansky

Saturday March 9

40 Martyrs of Sebaste

6:00p Vespers

Sunday March 10

4th Sunday/Great Fast; St. John Climacus

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish Activities this week

Sun. March 3

11:15a ECF; Parish social

2:00p Ge'ez social

Wed. March 6

6:00p Eucharist Study Group

Fri. March 8

5-8p Hall in use

Sat. March 9

7:45a Men's Bible study

9a Hall in use

4:30p Chant practice-Hall

4:30p Confessions-Church

5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

Readings for the Week of March 3rd

Sun. Mar. 3

Epistle, 4:14-5:6

Gospel, Mk 8:34-9:1

Tues. Mar. 5

Gen 9:8-17

Prov 12:8-22

Thu. Mar. 7

Gen 10:32-11:9

Prov 13:19-14:6

Sat. Mar. 9

Epistle, Heb 12:1-10

Gospel, Mt 21:1-16

Mon. Mar. 4

Gen 8:21-9:7

Prov 11:19-12:6

Wed. Mar. 6

Gen 9:18-10:1

Prov 12:23-13:9

Fri. Mar. 8

Gen 12:1-7

Prov 14:15-26

Sun. Mar. 10

Epistle, Heb 6:13-20

Gospel, Mk 9:17-31

FASTING OBLIGATION FOR BYZANTINE CATHOLICS

Pure Monday (First day of Lent) and Great Friday - strict abstinence from meat, egg and dairy products

Every Wednesday and Friday of Lent - abstinence from meat

Suggestion - abstinence from meat on Mondays as well.

- **TIME CHANGE: EVENING LITURGY SERVICES WILL NOW BEGIN AT 6:00PM**
- **PENITENTIAL LITURGY 03/09:** To prepare properly for the Feast of the Pascha, on Saturday, 03/09 at 4.30pm we will celebrate the Penitential liturgy within which confessions will be heard. Propers will be provided. At 6pm we start the Vespers. Father will be hearing confession during the Vespers as well. Do not leave the confession for the last minute!!!

St. John Chrysostom Contact Information:

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Office Phone: 614-882-7578 Office E-Mail: stjohbyz@hotmail.com

Website: www.byzantinecolumbus.com

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

- **EASTER EGG HUNT:** Palm Sunday, March 24th, is the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. **We are asking for donations of small, individually wrapped candies to be put into the eggs.** Please leave donations in the church office **by March 17th.**



- **HELP FOR PASCHA SALE BAKING NEEDED:** Sharon Mech is looking for help on **Saturday, March 16th** at 10:30am for the making of fruit filled coffee cakes. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let Sharon know. You may also contact the office and we will let her know.
- **ALSO FOR THE PASCHA SALE:** Fr. Robert and Rose Jager are looking for people to help prepare the ingredients for the Hungarian goulash on Thursday, March 21st beginning at 10am. They need help prepping the vegetables and meat for the goulash. If you are handy with a knife please let Father, Rose or the office know that you will help.

- **CHANT PRACTICE:** Every Saturday, starting 02/24, at 4.30pm there will be a chant practice in the Church. Please, if you have a desire to make our celebrations even more solemn, join us! This time we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.
- **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL - STUDY GROUP:** *On Wednesday evenings during the Great Lent. When?* 02/14-03/6 and 03/20 from 6pm - 7pm *Where?* Parish Hall
Bring your Bible and your questions!
- **FOR THE MEN OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - Starting Saturday, March 2,** 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

We will be using the 'That Man is You!' program which 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!

Join us to build fraternity and grow! That Man is You! truly accompanies men and their families on the pathway to holiness. Please let the office know if you are attending.

Volunteers are needed to provide a light snack, please contact the office to let us know what date you will provide it.
- **PASCHA SALE - MARCH 23rd** - The Pascha Foods Sale is March 23rd from 11am until 1pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make food for this sale.
There are order forms for Pascha Sale items FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY on the table in the rear of the church. These may be completed and dropped in the collection boxes or you may email your order to the office. Please get your orders in **by next Sunday March 10th.**
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – The Women's Bible study has been rescheduled for the Easter season. It will meet every other Saturday beginning on April 6th at 10am. The group will study the Gospel of John using the book *The Gospel of John* (2nd Edition) by S. Hahn and C. Mitch, from Ignatius Press.
Please let the office know that you will be attending.
Volunteers are needed to provide a light snack, please contact the office to let us know what date you will provide it.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

- The free will offering for panachidas, All Souls, House blessings, and the liturgy stipends must be made to the priest and not to the parish. This facilitates the proper financial accounting of the parish and tax returns of the priest.
- Our Finance Council has suggested we set up a special fund for supporting property projects and major maintenance. The **Building Reserve Fund** will be a sub account of our parish checking account. It is meant to build up in a continuous manner a fund that will help to cover projects avoiding the need for loans. Please, consider your *extra contributions* (above the weekly offerings).

RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING (March 6th - 8th). Join the St. Gabriel Radio **AM 820 - March Spirit Drive** as we welcome 31 local deacons for a live, three-day radio event from **Wednesday, March 6th** through **Friday, March 8th**. Each participating deacon is grouped with two other deacons as they compete in a live radio basketball tournament. You can help your favorite team by making a donation prior to or during the radio fundraiser.

To make a donation call **(614) 459-4820** or go online to **StGabrielRadio.com**.

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

THE THIRD ANNUAL EPARCHY OF PARMA MEN'S RETREAT: *From Fallen Passions to Apatheia: Pursuing the Virtuous Life*

To be held at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio on **March 15 - 17**. Retreat Master: Father Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA.

For further information contact Karl Busam @ 419-626-6811 or e-mail karl.busam.77@gmail.com

PRE-CANA WEEKEND: preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite. **When:** Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5, 2024 12:30p – 5:00p. **Where:** St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Rd., Solon, OH 44139. **Registration fee:** \$200. **Ways to register:** online at taborlife.org; call Catherine at 708-653-8344; or email infotaborlife@gmail.com

FROM THE METROPOLIA OF PITTSBURGH

2024 BYZANTEEN RALLY - REGISTRATION IS LIVE! This year's National ByzanTEEN Rally will be at the University of San Diego, **June 27-30**. It will be time for fun, fellowship and faith for the future of our Church. Featuring keynote speakers Fr. Chris Zuger from the Eparchy of Phoenix, Mother Iliana of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, and Trent Horn of Catholic Answers. The cost of the weekend is \$380. FINANCIAL HELP for Parma Byzanteens is available. To register as a teen participant or chaperone, go here: <https://archpitt.org/byzan-teen-youth-rally-2024>. To inquire about financial help, see your priest. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Friday, May 31, 2024 @ 5 PM

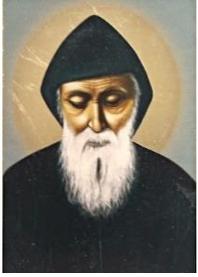


For the catechumens of the early church, and the faithful preparing for Pascha today, the spiritual theme starts to change from personal *faith*, and personal *effort*, to Christ. The Church teaches that it is Christ's cross that saves. One cannot take up his own cross and follow Christ unless one has Christ's cross which he took up to save mankind. Partaking of this tree, one will no longer die, but will be kept alive.

This is done to refresh, reassure and to encourage those participating in Great Lent. The Church equates the appearance of the cross at this time to the banners and symbols that precede the return of a victorious king. The Epistle reading is from Hebrews 4:14-5:6 and explains Christ's priesthood, and the Gospel lesson from Mark 8:34-9:1 ends with *And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."*

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.



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	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	

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

