



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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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 24, 2024

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday

9:30a Blessing of palms in hall; Procession to church

10:00a Divine Liturgy
Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Monday March 25 Annunciation

6:00p Vespers w/Liturgy for the feast

Please see the separate Holy Week & Bright Week schedule for times of services

Sunday March 31 PASCHA!

8:00a Ge'ez Liturgy

10:30a Resurrection Matins; Divine Liturgy
Intention: for the Faithful

Parish Activities this week

Sun. March 24

11:15a Easter Egg Hunt; Parish social

2:00p Ge'ez social

Sat. March 30

4:00p Ge'ez Women's club meeting

5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

11:00p Basket blessings in hall

Sun. March 31

10:00a Ge'ez Social

12:00p Basket blessings; NO ECF

OFFICE CLOSED ALL OF BRIGHT WEEK

April 1 - 5

Readings for the Week of March 24th Holy Week

Sun. Mar. 24

Epistle, Phil 4:4-9

Gospel, Jn 12:1-18

Tues. Mar. 26

Ex 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Mt 24:26-26:2

Thu. Mar. 28

Is 50:4-11; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Mt 26:2-20; Jn 13:3-17; Mt 26:31-39; Lk 22:43-45; Mt 26:40-27:2

Sat. Mar. 30

Epistle, Rom 6:3-11

Gospel, Mt 28:1-20

Mon. Mar. 25

Ex 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Heb 2:11-18; Mt 24:3-35; Lk 1:24-38

Wed. Mar. 27

Ex 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Mt 26:6-16

Fri. Mar. 29

Is 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 27:1-38; Lk 23:39-44; Mt 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-61

Sun. Mar. 31

Epistle, Acts 1:1-8

Gospel, Jn 1:1-17

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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2024 Holy Week and Pascha Schedules

All Visitors Welcome!

2024 Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 25

Feast of the Annunciation

6:00p Divine Liturgy for the Feast

Tuesday, March 26

Great and Holy Tuesday

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified
Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, March 27

Great and Holy Wednesday

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
Presanctified
Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, March 28

Great and Holy Thursday

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Holy Thursday Vespers with
Liturgy of St. Basil

Friday, March 29

Great and Holy Friday

9:00a Royal Hours

6:00p Holy Friday Burial Vespers
Vigil at the Tomb

Saturday, March 30

Great and Holy Saturday

9:00p Vigil of Resurrection with
Adult Baptism

Blessing of baskets in hall

2024 Bright Week Schedule

Sunday, March 31

PASCHA!

8:00a Ge'ez Sunday Liturgy

10:30a Matins of Resurrection and Divine
Liturgy; Blessing of baskets

Monday, April 1

5:45p Paschal Hour

in English/Old Slavonic

6:00p Divine Liturgy

in Old Slavonic/Ukrainian

Tuesday, April 2

5:45p Paschal Hour

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 3

8:45a Paschal Hour

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 4

5:45p Paschal Hour

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Friday, April 5

5:45p Paschal Hour

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 6

5:00p Vespers with Bishop Robert Pipta

Open forum with Bishop Robert after

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH. IT WILL REOPEN MONDAY, APRIL 8TH.

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.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET ON HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 6 & 7, Bishop Robert Pipta will be with us. He will celebrate Vespers on Saturday evening at 5:00pm. Following Vespers, he will host an open forum. Sunday, he will celebrate Divine Liturgy with us and join us for the sharing of the Artos and the parish social after. **We ask everyone to bring a salad, side or dessert to share at the social.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The Women's Bible study will meet on April 6th at 10am and every other Saturday, thereafter. The group will be studying 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 on what date you will provide it.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL & EDCHOICE - Catholic schools are renowned for helping students grow in virtue and academic excellence...and are now more affordable for all families!

Ohio is blessed with 301 Catholic K-8 schools and 72 Catholic high schools across the state. Locally, we have (*make a reference to the elementary and high schools close to you*). Perhaps you have considered a Catholic education for your kids but found it to be cost prohibitive. If so, now is the time to look again at a Catholic school!

Now **ALL** Ohio students qualify for the EdChoice program. A family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 for K-8 and \$8,408 for grades 9-12. Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child.

Generous scholarships are also available for special needs students as well as students with Autism.

The best way to learn more is by contacting the Catholic K-8 or high school you are interested in your kid(s) attending. They will walk you through the entire process and help determine the scholarship amount per child for your family. To learn more about EdChoice Scholarship opportunities, visit www.ohiocathconf.org/edchoice.



FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

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

WOMEN'S RENEWAL:

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Mt 11:2

The Eparchy of Parma and Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church are proud to sponsor a women's renewal. A weekend of rest, prayer, reflection, creativity and community.

The weekend will take place October 25-27, 2024, at a new location. St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St Francis Ave in Tiffin, OH 44883

Rev. Jerome Wolbert, OFM is the spiritual director.

Early registration fee is \$200. After, the fee is \$225. Don't miss your chance, register by September 25, 2024.

Registration: Online registration form available @ <https://www.parma.org/retreats> Send Paper registration and checks to: Women's Renewal, 2023 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109 Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church See brochure at the entrance of the church, for more information. Contact Kim @ kimcocuba@ameritech.net or 216-337-2673 with questions.



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 Zigger 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

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

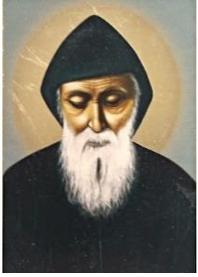
Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357

Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200

Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400

Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County: 740-417-9358





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 Czynnik	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	

How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket

Text by: Rev. Basil Kraynyak

All Illustrations by: Mary Ellen Petro

May You Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

*Christ is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!*

*Christos Voskrese!
Voistinu Voskrese!*



PASCHA or PASKA **The Easter Bread**

A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect, or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for "Christ is Risen."

CHEESE (Hrudka or Sirets)

A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols made of cloves or pepper balls.

HAM

The flesh meat popular with Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer lamb or veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats prepared in advance so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

BUTTER

This favorite dairy product is shaped into the figure of a lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

SAUSAGE

A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity

BACON

A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

EGGS-PYSANKY

Hard boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.

SALT

A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.

HORSERADISH

Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.



These articles are placed in a wicker basket and ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the foods when brought to the church. In some places a large Easter Bread is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing region, a sweet wine may be brought.