

# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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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.

## Liturgical Schedule

## Intention

Sun	Feb 2	<b><i>Sunday of Zacchaeus/Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna Blessing of Candles</i></b>	
		9:30am	Third Hour
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy
Wed	Feb 5	9:00am	Divine Liturgy
		<i>Students from St. Mary, Delaware and Our Lady of Perpetual Help attending Liturgy w/Q &amp; A after</i>	
Thu	Feb 6	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy
Fri	Feb 7	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy
Sat	Feb 8	6:00pm	Vespers

## Confessions

one hour before liturgy or by appointment

## Readings

	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun Feb 2	1 Tim 4:9-15 & Heb 7:7-17	Luke 19:1-10 & Lk 2:22-40
Mon Feb 3	Heb 9:11-14	Luke 2:25-38
Tue Feb 4	1 Peter 3:10-22	Mark 12:18-27
Wed Feb 5	1 Peter 4:1-11	Mark 12:28-37
Thu Feb 6	1 Peter 4:12-5:5	Mark 12:38-44
Fri Feb 7	2 Peter 1:1-10	Mark 13:1-8
Sat Feb 8	2 Tim 2:11-19	Luke 18:2-8
Sun Feb 9	2 Tim 3:10-15	Luke 18:10-14

## Parish Activities

Sun	Feb 2	11:15am	Parish social; <b>NO</b> ECF Classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Sun	Feb 9	11:15am	Parish social; ECF classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

## CHRIST THE TRUE LIGHT

The light of Faith: this is how the Church's tradition speaks of the great gift brought by Jesus. In John's Gospel, Christ says of himself: "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness" (*Jn* 12:46). Saint Paul uses the same image: "God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts" (*2 Cor* 4:6). The pagan world, which hungered for light, had seen the growth of the cult of the sun god, *Sol Invictus*, invoked each day at sunrise. Yet though the sun was born anew each morning, it was clearly incapable of casting its light on all of human existence. The sun does not illumine all reality; its rays cannot penetrate to the shadow of death, the place where men's eyes are closed to its light. "No one — Saint Justin Martyr writes — has ever been ready to die for his faith in the sun".<sup>[1]</sup> Conscious of the immense horizon which their faith opened before them, Christians invoked Jesus as the true sun "whose rays bestow life".<sup>[2]</sup> To Martha, weeping for the death of her brother Lazarus, Jesus said: "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" (*Jn* 11:40). Those who believe, see; they see with a light that illumines their entire journey, for it comes from the risen Christ, the morning star which never sets. (Pope Francis, *The Light of Faith*, 6/29/2013)



**PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCE BOARD ELECTIONS** – There is a ballot sheet with the names of the people nominated for the boards. Your votes should be cast by 2/8 either via email or placing your votes in the collection box. Following the count, new board members will be announced 2/15. -- Fr. Robert

**JOIN OUR PARISH'S "BAND" GROUP!** This is a group page for parishioners and regular attendees to grow in faith, build meaningful connections and deepen our Byzantine Catholic faith. Stay up-to-date on liturgies, feast days and parish events while sharing prayer intentions and encouragement with fellow parishioners. Scan the QR code that is on the poster in the vestibule to download and join.

**SPLENDOR OF LOVE** - Prayer, Workshop & Talk, Dinner and Dance For Single Catholics. A unique opportunity to pray, to learn more about love, and have fun! Dr. Perry Cahall, from the Pontifical College Josephinum, will offer a talk on the essence of love, following St. Paul - *Live in love, as Christ loved us* (Eph 5:2). We start with prayer in the Church, followed by talk in the Hall. Dinner and dance included. Early bird price \$35 (until 2/11), afterwards \$50.

More information and registration may be found at:

[www.byzantinecolumbus.com/events/splendor-of-love-workshop](http://www.byzantinecolumbus.com/events/splendor-of-love-workshop)

**WOMEN'S RETREAT IN MARCH** - For the ladies who are considering going to the retreat in Fremont in March, given the distance and the opportunity for fellowship, it would be great if we could travel together. If you would be interested in traveling together, Sharon Mech is willing to organize this. Please email her at [smech46@gmail.com](mailto:smech46@gmail.com).

**SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE** – This is one of the Church's National Collections. There are special envelopes for this on the table in the vestibule. All the money collected that is marked for this will be forwarded to Parma to be sent on.

**ALL SOULS SATURDAYS** – The first All Souls Saturday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please get the lists of people you wish to be mentioned at the Liturgy and your liturgy stipends into the office by Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.



**FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA - Stewardship Appeal 2024/25: The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including the support of our retired and active priests.** Ever-increasing costs related to health insurance and Medicare for our active and retired clergy must remain a significant part of our goal. Our retired priests are truly deserving of care and support as they have spent their entire life serving our people.

Visit us online at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

Any amount over the assigned goal for our parish is returned to us. **Our parish goal for this year is \$13,050.**  
**Amount contributed to date: \$9,940 from 11 donors.**



### **12th Annual Women's Retreat - March 7-9, 2025**

**Location:** Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center - Fremont, OH

**Theme:** Our Lord Jesus Christ-The Path to the Father

**Retreat Master:** Fr. Jan Maturkanic

Contact Joan Washburn for further information at 865-696-7809

or [stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com)

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### **The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat**

**March 14,-16 2025**

**Location:** Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center - Fremont, OH

**Theme:** The Beatitudes: The Way of Life

**Retreat Master:** Fr. Lukas Mitro

Contact Karl Busam for further information at 419-626-6811  
or [karl.busam.77@gmail.com](mailto:karl.busam.77@gmail.com)

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There are Save the Date cards and mail-in registration forms for both events on the table in the vestibule.

### **BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN METROPOLITAN CHURCH TO HOST JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE**

Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the people of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a Pilgrimage to Italy from May 5 to 15, 2025, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. This pilgrimage costs only \$4,829 per person, which covers airfare from Newark Liberty International Airport, accommodations in first class/select hotels based on double occupancy, most meals, the services of an English tour director, comprehensive sightseeing all admission fees and hotel service charges and airport transfers in Italy.

Fr. Ed Cimbala, who will serve as the general tour coordinator, will be your main point of contact for any questions or concerns. Each eparchy will have a coordinator: Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich, Archdiocese of Pittsburgh, Very Rev. Yuriy Oros, Eparchy of Passaic, Very Rev. Brian Eyman, Eparchy of Parma, Very Rev. Stephen Washko, Eparchy of Pheonix, and Very Rev. Marek Novicky, Exarchy of Toronto. The initial deposit is to be sent to Fr. Ed Cimbala, who will forward your names to the coordinator with your eparchy.

Everyone is invited to come share during this time of prayerful celebration. With the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other services, our pilgrimage will be a joyful journey designed to highlight our Byzantine Catholic faith, help us appreciate its historical past, and view the art inspired by the Church.

Use this link to view the brochure for this exciting journey:

<https://stmarybccnyc.org/files/Brochure/Italy-Jubilee-2025-Metropolitan-Church-of-Pittsburgh.pdf>

### **IN COLUMBUS**

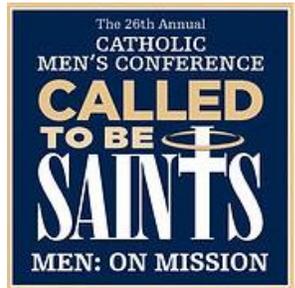


**Join the annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference.** Women from our diocese will gather together on **February 15 from 8am - 5pm** to pray, reflect, and be inspired. Our mission is to provide opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in their realization of their dignity as Catholic women, and to strengthen their commitment to be disciples of Christ.

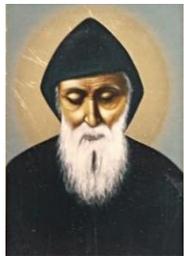
The day is filled with amazing speakers, faith-filled music, and Mass (4pm). You will enjoy 2 of our life-giving Sacraments; Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation as well as share the beauty that Eucharistic Exposition brings. Wherever you may be in your journey of faith, please join us! If you have attended before, bring a friend!

See details: <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>

**2025 Catholic Men's Conference – Called to be Saints Men: on Mission** The 28th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on **February 22, 2025**. This final year of the Eucharistic Revival is the Year of Mission and becomes a fitting theme to remind us that we are Men On Mission. The Catholic Men's Conference continues to dedicate itself to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, and this year we particularly acknowledge our role – our Mission – as Men Called to be Saints, carrying out our mission of faith, fellowship, evangelization, and role models.



<https://www.catholicmensministry.com/2025conference>



**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:***

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