

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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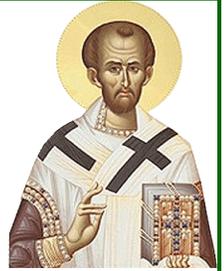
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Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church: To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Feb 9	<i>Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee</i>		
		9:30am	Third Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy w/Baptism	For the Faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy	
Wed	Feb 12	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	+Maria Mudrak
Thu	Feb 13	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	+Maro & Garnik Simonian
Fri	Feb 14	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	+Cyril & +Wilma Ferenchak
Sat	Feb 15	6:00pm	Vespers	

Confessions

Readings

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Feb 9	2 Tim 3:10-15	Luke 18:10-14
Mon	Feb 10	2 Peter 1:20-2:9	Mark 13:9-13
Tue	Feb 11	2 Peter 2:9-22	Mark 13:14-23
Wed	Feb 12	2 Peter 3:1-18	Mark 13:24-31
Thu	Feb 13	1 John 1:8-26	Mark 13:31-14:2
Fri	Feb 14	Heb 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Sat	Feb 15	2 Tim 3:1-9	Luke 20:46-21:4
Sun	Feb 16	1 Cor 6:12-20	Luke 15:11-32

Parish Activities

Sun	Feb 9	11:15am	Parish social; ECF Classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Sun	Feb 16	11:15am	Parish social; NO ECF classes
			World Marriage Day celebration in hall
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



POPE FRANCIS ON THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

The pharisee stood and prayed using many words. His is yes, a prayer of thanksgiving to God, but it is really just a display of his own merits, with a sense of superiority over “other men”, whom he describes as “extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even,” for example, referring to the other one there, “like this tax collector” (v. 11). But this is the real problem: that pharisee prays to God, but in truth he is just self-laudatory. He is praying to himself! Instead of having the Lord before his eyes, he has a mirror. Although he is standing in the Temple, he doesn’t feel the need to prostrate himself before the majesty of God; he remains standing, he feels secure, as if he were the master of the Temple! He lists all the good works he has done: he is beyond reproach, observing the Law beyond measure, he fasts “twice a week” and pays “tithes” on all he possesses. In short, rather than prayer, he is satisfied with his observance of the precepts. Yet, his attitude and his words are far from the way of God’s words and actions, the God who loves all men and does not despise sinners.

Tax collectors — then called “publicans” — were considered impure, subject to foreign rulers; they were disliked by the people and socially associated with “sinners”. The parable teaches us that a man is just or sinful not because of his social class, but because of his way of relating to God and how he relates to his brothers and sisters. Gestures of repentance and the few and brief words of the tax collector bear witness to his awareness of his own miserable condition. His prayer is essential. He acts out of humility, certain only that he is a sinner in need of mercy. If the pharisee asked for nothing because he already had everything, the tax collector can only beg for the mercy of God. And this is beautiful: to beg for the mercy of God! Presenting himself with “empty hands”, with a bare heart and acknowledging himself to be a sinner, the tax collector shows us all the condition that is necessary in order to receive the Lord’s forgiveness

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS RECORDS – For those of you wishing a mailed copy of your contributions record for 2024, please place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection boxes and one will be mailed to you. Or, notify the office via email and we will email you a copy of the letter and detail.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – Next Sunday, February 16th, we will have a celebration of marriage beginning with a blessing of all married couples following Divine Liturgy. Then on to the hall for food and activities to celebrate marriage. *(or however you want o word this)*

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: FAMILY MEETING MARCH 15 - On Saturday March 15th, we continue our successful Family meetings from 4 pm. Prayer, fun - games, sharing with some snacks! We will have the privilege to have Ivana and Mauro Meruzzi sharing their experiences with *The Little Way* spiritually of spouses. More details to come.

LITURGY AT NEWMAN CENTER ON MARCH 23 Bishop Robert Pipta will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday March 23 at the Newman Center (Ohio State University campus) at 12 pm. There will be no liturgy at St. John Chrysostom. All of us are encouraged to attend and share the beauty of the Byzantine Eucharist with college students. Details to come.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, we will celebrate the Byzantine Vespers of Holy (Good) Friday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in downtown Columbus. This is a unique opportunity to share the rich theological and spiritual heritage with the wider Catholic community in Columbus. Details to come.

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

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.

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.



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

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The 4th 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

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



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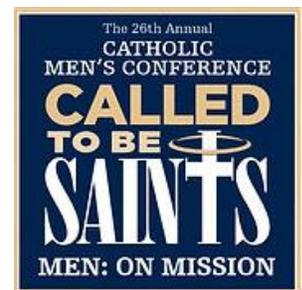
Join the annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. Women from our diocese will gather together on **February 15 from 8am - 5pm** to pray, reflect, and be inspired. Our mission is to provide opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in their realization of their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

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>



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 Czarnik	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	