

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 23	Sunday of Meat-Fare		
		9:30am	Third Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy	
		2:30pm	Ukrainian Liturgy	
Wed	Feb 26	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	+Maria Mudrak
Thu	Feb 27	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Feb 28	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	for All Souls
Sat	Mar 1	6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Mar 2	Sunday of Cheese-Fare/Forgiveness Sunday		
		9:30am	Third Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Faithful
		<i>Catechumens from St. Paul attending; short introduction to history of church following Liturgy</i>		
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy	
		1:pm	Forgiveness Vespers in hall	

Confessions

one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Readings

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Feb 23	1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Luke 15:11-32
Mon	Feb 24	2 Cor 4:6-15	Matt 11:2-15
Tue	Feb 25	Jude 1-10	Luke 22:39-42 & 45-23:1
Wed	Feb 26	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 4:12-21
Thu	Feb 27	Jude 11-25	Luke 23:1-34 & 44-56
Fri	Feb 28	Zech 8:7-17	Zech 8:19-23
Sat	Mar 1	Rom 14:19-23 & 16:25-27	Matt 6:1-13
Sun	Mar 2	Rom 13:11-14:4	Matt 6:14-21

Parish Activities

Sun	Feb 23	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF Classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Sun	Mar 2	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF Classes
		1:00pm	Forgiveness Vespers in Hall
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

Next Sunday, March 2nd, is Cheese-Fare Sunday, also known as Forgiveness Sunday. Forgiveness Vespers will be held in the hall beginning at 1:00pm.

The office will be closed on Clean Monday, March 3rd.



CHRYSOSTOM: WAYS TO REPENTANCE

Saint John Chrysostom encourages us to repent, to return to God, the Father, offering us concrete steps: *"The first path is the path of condemnation of sins. As Isaiah says, tell your sins, and you will be acquitted. And the Psalmist adds: I said "I will bear witness against myself before the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. So, you too, must condemn the sins you have committed. Condemn them, and that condemnation will excuse you in front of the Lord, since whoever condemns the sins he has committed will be slower to commit them next time. Stir up your own conscience to be your accuser – so that when you come before the judgement-seat of the Lord no-one will rise to accuse you.*

"This is the first path to repentance but the second is in no way inferior to it in excellence. It is to forget the harm done to us by our enemies, to master our anger, to forgive the sins of those who are slaves together with us. As much as we do this, so much will our own sins against the Lord be forgiven. So, this is the second path to the expiation of our sins. As the Lord says, Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours.

"Would you like to know the third path to repentance? It is prayer: fervent prayer, sincere and focused prayer, prayer coming from the depths of the heart. If you want to know the fourth path, I will tell you it is the giving of alms. It has great power. And finally, if someone acts with modesty and humility, that path is no less effective to deprive sin of its substance. Look at the publican, who had no good deeds to speak of. In place of good deeds, he offered humility, and the huge burden of his sins fell away.

"So now I have shown you the five paths to repentance. First, condemnation of sins. Second, forgiving the sins of those near us. Third, prayer. Fourth, almsgiving. Fifth, humility. So do not be idle but advance along all these paths every day at once. They are not hard paths to follow. Poverty is no excuse for not setting out on the journey. Even if you are destitute, you can do all these things: put aside anger, carry humility in front of you, pray hard, condemn your sins. Poverty is no obstacle – not even to that path of penitence that demands money: that is, almsgiving. Remember the story of the widow's mite. Now we have learned the right way to heal our wounds, let us apply these remedies." (St John Chrysostom, Hom. de diabolo tentatore 2, 6. PG 49, 263-264)



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.

MARCH 1 SPLENDOR OF LOVE WORKSHOP – Postponed until April 26th

MARCH 15 FAMILY MEETING 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 LITURGY WILL BE HELD AT ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER Bishop Robert Pipta will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday March 23 at the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave. 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.

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

Stewardship Appeal 2024/25: As our minds look to the Great Fast with today's celebration of Meat-fare, let us remember how Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us. How can we repay Him? What can we do to strengthen His Church on earth? The Stewardship Appeal is just one of ways we can give back and show our appreciation. Please also consider the ways that you can help at your local parish to strengthen and build up your community.

Visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

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.



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 Hoehstetter	Mic O'Halloran	Ruth Turanchik	Steve
Esther Imhoff	John Oshinski	Owen Ward	



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- Stay Updated - Get real-time updates on liturgies, feast days, and parish events.
- Strengthen Faith - Share prayer intentions, reflections, and encouragement.
- Build Community - Connect with parishioners and regular attendees in a private, faith-centered space.

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