

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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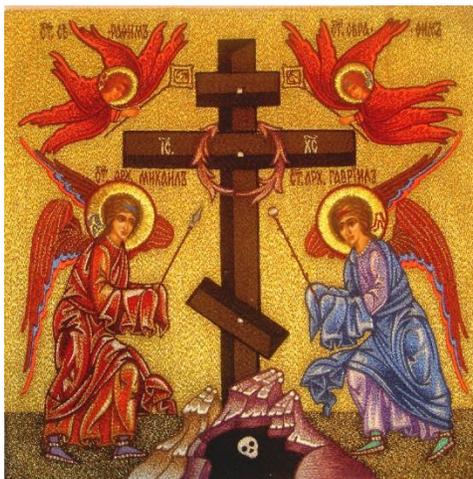
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Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church: To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.



Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Mar 23	3rd Sunday of Great Lent-Veneration of the Holy Cross	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy
		12:00pm	St. John Chrysostom Liturgy @ Newman Center w/Bishop Robert Pipta celebrating
Mon	Mar 24	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory (<i>Presanctified</i>)
		7:00pm	Ukrainian Liturgy for Annunciation
Tue	Mar 25	Feast of the Annunciation	
		6:00pm	Divine Liturgy
Wed	Mar 26	9:00am	3 rd Hour-Isaiah readings
Fri	Mar 28	5:45pm	Panachida for All Souls
		6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory (<i>Presanctified</i>)
Sat	Mar 29	6:00pm	Vespers
Sun	Mar 30	4th Sunday of Great Lent-St. John Climacus	
		9:30am	Third Hour
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy For the Faithful
			<i>Exemplification of Knights of Columbus; Blessing of Advisory and Financial Board members following Divine Liturgy and before the social</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Readings

Sun	Mar 23
Mon	Mar 24
Tue	Mar 25
Wed	Mar 26
Thu	Mar 27
Fri	Mar 28
Sat	Mar 29
Sun	Mar 30

Epistle

Heb	4:14-5:6
Gen	8:21-9:7
Heb	2:11-18
Gen	9:18-10:1
Gen	10:32-11:9
Gen	12:1-7
Heb	6:9-12
Heb	6:13-20

Gospel

Mark	8:34-9:1
Prov	11:19-12:6
Luke	1:24-38
Prov	12:23-13:9
Prov	13:19-14:6
Prov	14:15-26
Mark	7:31-37
Mark	9:17-31



Parish Activities

Sun	Mar 23	2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Wed	Mar 26	6:00pm	Nicene Creed Study Group in hall
Sat	Mar 29	10:00am	Pascha Bread baking in hall
		4:00pm	Ge'ez Women's Club meeting in hall
Sun	Mar 30	11:15	SJC Parish Social; ECF; short practice for Easter Play
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



From our Pastor

THE CROSS OF OUR LORD...

Confronting our misery, God gives us a new horizon: if we keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the sting of evil can no longer prevail over us, for on the cross he took upon himself the venom of sin and death, and crushed their destructive power. That was the Father's response to the spread of evil in the world: he gave us Jesus, who drew near to us in a way we could never have imagined. "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin" (2 Cor 5:21). Such is the infinite grandeur of divine mercy: Jesus "became sin" for our sake. Jesus, we could say, on the cross "became a serpent", so that by gazing upon him we might resist the poisonous bites of the evil serpents that assail us.

Brothers and sisters, this is the path, the path to our salvation, our rebirth and our resurrection: to behold the crucified Jesus. From the heights of the cross, we can view our life and the history of our peoples in a new way. For from the cross of Christ we learn love, not hatred; compassion, not indifference; forgiveness, not vengeance. The outstretched arms of Jesus are the embrace of tender love with which God wishes to embrace us. They show us the fraternal love that we are called to have for one another and for everyone. They show us the way, the Christian way. It is not the way of imposition and force, of power and status; it never brandishes the cross of Christ against our brothers and sisters for whom he gave his life! Jesus' way, the way of salvation is different: it is the way of a humble gratuitous and universal love, with no "ifs", "ands" or "buts".

Yes, for on the wood of the cross Christ removed the venom from the serpent of evil. Being a Christian, then, means *living without venom*: not biting one another, not complaining, blaming and backbiting, not disseminating evil, not polluting the earth with the sin and distrust that comes from the evil one. Brothers and sisters, we have been reborn from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus. May we be free of the poison of death (cf. *Wis* 1:14), and pray that by God's grace we can become ever more fully Christian: joyful witnesses of new life, love and peace. (*Pope Francis, Homily on the Feast of Exultation of the Holy Cross, 2022*)

NICENE CREED STUDY GROUP - On Wednesdays during the Lent, **March 5th – April 9th**, our Parish is offering study sessions from 6pm-7pm, diving into the profession of faith, the Creed. Study materials will be provided. Useful will be the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Christ Our Pascha catechism. If you need these, please, let the Office know.

After Pascha another study group will be offered on the book of Benedict XVI. *Jesus of Nazareth*. Details to come!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling their annual **Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets** after the liturgy in the Hall, until May. You will have the opportunity to participate in the raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece, and the proceeds benefit the Charitable efforts of the Knights in the State of Ohio. Proceeds from the raffle support Catholic High School Education, Vocations, Religious Education and Evangelization, Veterans, and a variety of other charities in each diocese in the state. Assumption Council uses funds to support Seminarians, the Pregnancy Decision Health Center, and various food banks in our local area. Likewise, to support the faith building activities at St. John Chrysostom

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.

AT GREATER COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE, we are working hard to grow a community of life dedicated to promoting and protecting the dignity of all innocent human life. We can only do this with your help. We encourage you to sign up for our Spring 40 Days for Life campaign.

As an individual, you can adopt an hour or more. The spring campaign will run from Wednesday, March 5th until Sunday, April 13th from 7 am until 7 pm at The Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic (3255 E Main Street, Columbus).

We know firsthand that there is power in gathering in peaceful prayer and we know that both unborn lives can be saved and abortion-minded women can be protected through compassionate education about choices.

Please prayerfully consider joining us.

Parishioner Kathy Krofcheck plans on praying in front of the Planned Parenthood Center during Lent. She usually stays an hour and prays the rosary. If others join that would be great!

If you would like more information you can contact Kathy Krofcheck at 614-357-7605 or let the office know and they will contact her for you.

The Ukrainian Society at the Ohio State University Presents: Ancient Church Iconography

Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00PM Building 248 - Enarson Classroom Delve into the mysteries and art of ancient Church Iconography.

Join us for a captivating showcase and overview of Ancient Ukrainian Iconography with Master Artist Daria Hulak Kulchytsky. Delve into the meaning, ritual, and inspiration of these religious works. Ms. Kulchytsky is the premiere authority on these ancient works. Her works are exhibited throughout the world and held in various museums and presidential collections. Ms. Kulchytsky uses the 1000-year-old methodology to bring history to life in the multitude of icons and churches she has painted.



FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

Stewardship Appeal 2024/25: When you walk in faith you continue the work of God. The Eparchy's future is marked by one thing above all: hope. This is said with certainty because the Eparchy's future has the same foundation as its past: Jesus Christ. What better foundation is there?

Thankfully, we have an opportunity to help build the Kingdom of God in a particular way: by supporting the Eparchy's Stewardship Appeal. Won't you please show your support with a gift today? Visit us online at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to submit your donation.

Our parish goal for this year is \$13,050. Amount contributed to date: \$10,040. Remember, any amount over the assigned goal for our parish is returned to us.

Show Your Eparchial Spirit!

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma is offering exclusive Eparchial polo shirts and t-shirts for our parishioners and benefactors! This is not a fundraiser but an opportunity to visually express our unity and shared faith as a community. Wear your Eparchial apparel with enthusiasm at parish events, gatherings, and in everyday life.

Please refer to the email sent out this past week, or you can go to <https://parma.org/eparchial-shirts> for more information.

Orders must be placed by March 31, 2025—don't miss out on this chance to represent our Eparchy!

COLUMBUS DIOCESE

LOOK NO FURTHER....Wondering what you can do in your spare time? We have the answer.... Why not become a volunteer tutor at the Dominican Learning Center. The DLC needs volunteer tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED). For more information, please visit the Dominican Learning Center webpage at Get Involved - Dominican Learning Center (domlearningcenter.org). **To sign up for Tutor Training, call Billie Lunn, 614-444-7330 (x) 11104, or email Billie at Billie.lunn@oppeace.org**



Stay Connected with Our Parish BAND Group! Join our parish's BAND Group to deepen your Byzantine faith, stay informed, and build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners!

Why Join?

- 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.

Scan the QR Code to download the app and become part of our online parish family today!



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	

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

