

# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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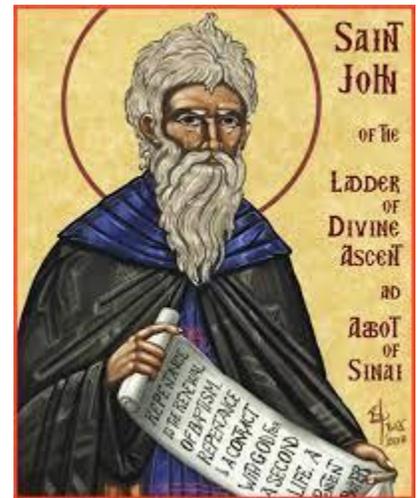


Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church: To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

## Liturgical Schedule

## Intention

Sun	Mar 30	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent-St. John Climacus</b>	
		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
Mon	Mar 31	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory ( <i>Presanctified</i> )
Wed	April 2	9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour-Isaiah readings
Thur	April 3	6:00pm	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Fri	April 4	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory ( <i>Presanctified</i> )
Sat	Apr 5	6:00pm	Akathistos
Sun	April 6	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent-St. Mary of Egypt</b>	
		9:30am	Third Hour
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy For the Faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy



**Confessions:** one hour before liturgy or by appointment



## Readings

Sun	Mar 30
Mon	Mar 31
Tue	Apr 1
Thu	Apr 2
Fri	Apr 3
Sat	Apr 4
Sun	Apr 5

## Epistle

Heb	6:13-20
Gen	13:12-18
Gen	15:1-15
Gen	17:1-9
Gen	18:20-33
Gen	22:1-18
Heb	9:11-14

## Gospel

Mark	9:17-31
Prov	14:27-15:4
Prov	15:7-19
Prov	15:20-16:9
Prov	16:17-33
Prov	17:17-18:5-6
Mark	10:32-45

### 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.*

### **Parish Activities**

Sun	Mar 30	11:15	SJC Parish Social; ECF; short practice for Easter Play
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Wed	Apr 2	6:00pm	Nicene Creed Study Group in hall
Sat	Apr 5	10:00am	Pascha Bread baking in hall
		2:00pm	Pysanky workshop in hall
		4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mothers mtg w/Fr Weldit
Sun	Apr 6	11:15	SJC Parish Social; ECF; short practice for Easter Play
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



**A WORKSHOP IN THE ART OF THE UKRAINIAN PYSANKA** will be held for adults and older children in the church hall on **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00pm. Please contact Myroslava Mudrak (mudrak.1@osu.edu) as to the number of people attending. There will be no babysitting services available. The use of lit candles precludes the attendance of small children.

**LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 12, in the parish hall, is the Pascha Foods Sale between 11:00am and 1:00pm.** Pascha bread loaves, pirohi, Nut or poppyseed rolls, lamb cakes, and other goodies will be available for sale on a first come, first sold basis. Parishioners ONLY may preorder loaves, rolls and pirohi. There are paper order forms on the table in the vestibule. A fillable PDF form was sent out to parishioners last Wednesday. This form can be downloaded, completed, saved and returned via email. Parishioners must get their orders in to the office by Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH CLEAN AND PALM SUNDAY PREPARATION is on April 12<sup>th</sup>** following the 9:00am Liturgy. We have a few people who have offered to help, but more hands are always welcome!

**PALM SUNDAY, we will begin at 9:30 am in the parish hall** with the blessing and distribution of palms and pussy willows. We will then process to the church for Divine Liturgy. Also on this day, following Liturgy, we will have the traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the children. If you can donate bags of small wrapped candies by this Friday, it would be greatly appreciated.

**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.

**"WILL YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?" April 18<sup>th</sup>, The Vigil at the Grave** will be held here at St. John Chrysostom from 8:30pm Good Friday to 7:00am Holy Saturday. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule. We would like to have at least one person or family here for every hour. We ask that you park in the front drive as that is where the deputy will be.

**NICENE CREED STUDY GROUP** – The next two Wednesdays, from 6pm-7pm, **April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>**, are the last two study sessions 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 HOLY WEEK AND BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULES** are an insert this bulletin. The directions for making a traditional Pascha basket are on the back side of the schedule.

### **THE SPLENDOR OF LOVE**

All Single Catholics are invited to a special evening of worship, talk and dinner dance at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church (5858 Cleveland Ave, Columbus) on **April 26, 2025**. Talk given by **Dr. Perry Cahall** from the Pontifical College Josephinum on the nature of true love (Eph 5:2) ***Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you.***

The seminars for Catholic singles began to promote the teaching of the Church on love and to help singles to recognize love when it presents itself, cherish it when they find it, and appreciate it as they experience it. According to the Church's teaching, human love as Christianity presents it is not, as many believe, a set of harsh rules and punishments that imprison people and control their consciences. Nor is it an emotional upheaval. On the contrary, it is the release of God's gift to us, awakening us to who we are and blossoming into the fullness of self (cf. Gaudium et Spes 22). The seminars aim to introduce Catholic singles to the Splendor of Love so that their love will never cease to shine despite the difficulties that the bonds of partnership inevitably entail.

**Early bird until 04/10 \$35. After 04/10 \$50. Registration link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-54130263-thesplendor>

**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

**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.



## **FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA**

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024/25: Have you considered your gift to this year's Stewardship Appeal?** The Eparchy of Parma relies on your continued support to provide for our various programs and outreaches. Please make your gift today! An online donation may be made at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal>. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. John Chrysostom's 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 [www.parma.org/eparchialshirts](http://www.parma.org/eparchialshirts) for more information.

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

## **FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS**

**WITHOUT HIS CROSS THERE IS NO CROWN** - FREE concert with St. John's Passion Reading. Palm Sunday April 13, 7PM at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church; 1559 Roxbury Rd. Columbus 43212

A Sacred Concert featuring Our Lady of Victory Holy Week Choir and chamber orchestra Director, Mark Voris. This free concert will deeply enrich your Holy Week journey with stirring pieces such as 'Echoes of Golgotha,' 'He is Wounded,' 'Without His Cross There is No crown,' and many more. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect and prepare your heart for the sacred days ahead.

**BEYOND THE MEN'S CONFERENCE; LENTEN CHALLENGE.** How will you continue the conversation after the Men's Conference? Lent provides the opportunity to reflect on this year's Conference presentations and the challenges each speaker gave.

Go to <https://stgabrielradio.com/category/st-gabriel-radio-podcasts/special-features/> and you can click on the links to listen to the presentations.

### **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:***

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	

# 2025 Holy Week and Pascha Schedules

*All Visitors Welcome!*

## 2025 Holy Week Schedule

### Monday, April 14

#### *Great and Holy Monday*

- 5p Confessions
- 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great

### Tuesday, April 15

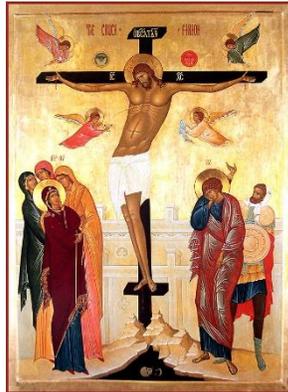
#### *Great and Holy Tuesday*

- 5p Confessions
- 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great

### Wednesday, April 16

#### *Great and Holy Wednesday*

- 5p Confessions
- 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great, Anointing of the Sick



### Thursday, April 17

#### *Great and Holy Thursday*

- 4p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
- 6p Byzantine Vespers w/Liturgy

### Friday, April 18

#### *Great and Holy Friday*

- 9a Byzantine Royal Hours
- 5:30p Holy Friday Burial Vespers at St. Joseph Cathedral
- 8p Vigil at the Tomb @ St. John

### Saturday, April 19

#### *Great and Holy Saturday*

- 9p Byzantine Vigil
- 11p Blessing of baskets in hall



## 2025 Bright Week Schedule

### Sunday, April 20

**PASCHA!**

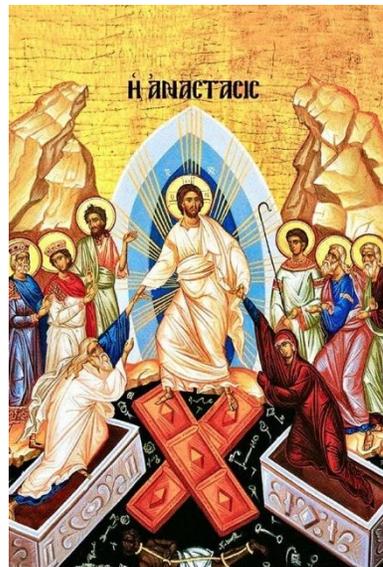
- 9a Ge'ez Paschal Celebration
- 12p Byzantine Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy; Blessing of baskets

### Monday, April 21

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy

### Tuesday, April 22

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy



### Wednesday, April 23

- 8:45a Paschal Hour
- 9a Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, April 24

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy

### Friday, April 25

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, April 26

- 6p Vespers

# HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

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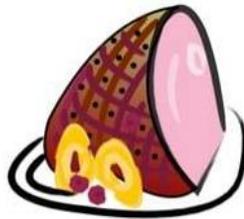


**PASCHA** - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

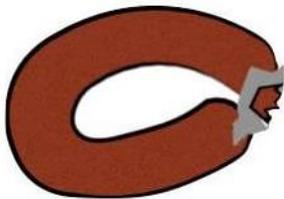
**CHEESE** - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



**HAM** - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the 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 so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

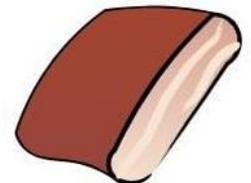


**BUTTER** - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

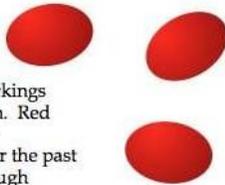


**SAUSAGE** (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

**BACON** - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



**EGGS** (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



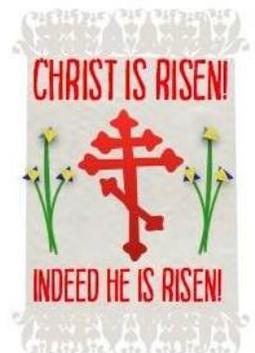
**SALT** - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



**HORSERADISH** (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes 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. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the 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 food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought



# St. John Chrysostom Calendar for April 2025

Please see current week's bulletin for any changes to this schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9a Office Hours 9a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour w/Isaiah readings 6p Nicene Creed Study Group in hall	3 6p Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	4 9a Office Hours 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory (Presanctified)	5 10a Pascha bread baking 2p Pysanky Workshop 4p Ge'ez Young Mothers meet w/Fr. Weldit 6p Akathistos
6 9:30a Third Hour 10a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Social; ECF 12p Ge'ez Liturgy 2p Social	7 9a Office Hours 6pm Liturgy of St. Gregory (Presanctified)	8	9 9a Office Hours 9a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour w/Isaiah readings 6p Nicene Creed Study Group in hall	10	11 9a Office Hours 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory (Presanctified)	12 9a Divine Liturgy 10a Church clean & decorate 11a Pascha Sale
13 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 9:30a Process from hall 10a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Social; ECF 12p Ge'ez Liturgy 2p Social	14 <u>Holy Monday</u> 9a Office Hours 5p Confessions 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory (Presanctified)	15 <u>Holy Tuesday</u> 5p Confessions 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory (Presanctified)	16 <u>Holy Wednesday</u> 9a Office Hours 5p Confessions 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory w/Anointing of sick	17 <u>Holy Thursday</u> <b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR PASCHA &amp; BRIGHT WEEK</b> 4p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy 6p Vespers w/Divine Liturgy	18 <u>Holy Friday</u> 9a Royal Hours 5:30p Burial Vespers @ St. Joseph Cathedral	19 <u>Holy Saturday</u> 9p Pascha Vigil Liturgy 11p Blessing baskets in hall
20 <u>PASCHA</u> 9a Ge'ez Paschal Celebration 12p Resurrection Matins; Divine Liturgy; Blessing of baskets	21 <u>Bright Monday</u> ← 5:45p Paschal Hour 6p Divine Liturgy	22 <u>Bright Tuesday</u> <b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR PASCHA &amp; BRIGHT WEEK</b> 5:45p Paschal Hour 6p Divine Liturgy	23 <u>Bright Wednesday</u> 8:45a Paschal Hour 9a Divine Liturgy	24 <u>Bright Thursday</u> 5:45p Paschal Hour 6p Divine Liturgy	25 <u>Bright Friday</u> → 5:45p Paschal Hour 6p Divine Liturgy	26 <u>Bright Saturday</u> 4p Young Adult Wkshp in hall 6p Vespers
27 9:30a Third Hour 10a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Social; ECF 12p Ge'ez Liturgy	28 9a Office Hours	29	30 9a Office Hours 9a Divine Liturgy			

