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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

Sun	Apr 13	<u>Palm Sunday</u>
	9:30am	Blessing of Palms in hall ; Process to church
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy
Mon	Apr 14	<u>Great & Holy Monday</u>
	5:00pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory
Tue	Apr 15	<u>Great & Holy Tuesday</u>
	5:00pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory
Wed	Apr 16	<u>Great & Holy Wednesday</u>
	5:00pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory w/Anointing of the Sick
Thu	Apr 17	<u>Great & Holy Thursday</u>
	4:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
	6:00pm	Byzantine Vespers w/Liturgy
Fri	Apr 18	<u>Great & Holy Friday (Good Friday)</u>
	8:30am	Byzantine Royal Hours
	10:00am	Ge'ez Good Friday services
	5:30pm	Holy Friday Burial Vespers at St. Joseph Cathedral
	8:30pm	Ukrainian Good Friday Vigil
	8:30pm	Vigil at the Tomb at St. John Chrysostom
Sat	Apr 19	<u>Great & Holy Saturday</u>
	9:00pm	Byzantine Pascha Vigil Liturgy followed by blessing of baskets in hall
Sun	Apr 20	<u>PASCHA!</u>
	9:00am	Ge'ez Paschal Liturgy
	12:00pm	Byzantine Resurrection Matins; Divine Liturgy; blessing of baskets

Readings

Sun Apr 13
 Mon Apr 14
 Tue Apr 15
 Wed Apr 16
 Thu Apr 17

 Fri Apr 18

 Sat Apr 19
 Sun Apr 20

Epistle

Phil 4:4-9
 Exod 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12
 Exod 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22
 Exod 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10
 Isaiah 50:4-11; 1 Cor 11:23-32

 Isaiah 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-2:2

 Rom 6:3-11
 Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26

Gospel

John 12:1-18
 Matt 24:3-35
 Matt 24:36-26:2
 Matt 26:6-16
 Matt 26:2-20; John 13:3-17; Matt 26:31-39;
 Luke 22:43-45; Matt 26:40-27:2
 Matt 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-44; Matt 27:39-54;
 John 19:31-37; Matt 27:55-61
 Matt 28:1-20
 John 1:1-17

**Parish Activities**

Sun Apr 13 11:15 SJC Parish Social; Easter egg hunt; short practice for Easter Play
 2:00pm Ge'ez Social
 Fri Apr 18 OFFICE CLOSED Friday, April 18 through ALL of Bright Week
 Sun Apr 20 PASCHA!
 Sat Apr 26 4:00pm **Splendor of Love** Young Adult Workshop

**FROM THE PASTOR:****HOLY WEEK ATTITUDE**

Before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his hour had come, to pass out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the end. (Jn 13:1) 'Be imitators of me,' said Paul, 'as I am of Christ.' That is why He took flesh from our clay, in order that by this means He might teach us virtue. Indeed: 'In the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin-offering, he has condemned sin in the flesh,' Paul declared. Moreover, Christ Himself said: Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.'

Let us see, on the other hand, how He acted in the present instance toward His disciples, or, rather, how He treated His betrayer. He had reason to despise him most of all, because, in spite of being a disciple, and a companion of His table and hospitality, and an eyewitness of His miracles, and so highly honored, he committed the most serious offense of all. He did not, to be sure, cast stones at Christ, or openly insult Him, but he betrayed Him and gave Him up. Yet see how kindly Christ received him and washed his feet. He did so, for He wished by this action to restrain the betrayer from that evil deed. (John Chrysostom, *Homily on John*, 70)

What St. John Chrysostom suggests about Jesus' attitude toward his betrayal is true of each of us. Jesus does not despise me, even though I sin, I neglect him, I keep distance from him. With his tenderness and mercy accompanies me. Washes my feet – touches the dirt of my life. Should not this attitude motivate me to return to him with my whole heart? Holy Week offers numerous occasions to receive his mercy in the mystery (sacrament) of reconciliation!

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13:

We begin at 9:30am in the parish hall with the blessing and distribution of palms and pussy willows. We will then process to the church for Divine Liturgy. Following Liturgy there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18:

Royal Hours begin at **8:30am**.

We will celebrate the Byzantine Vespers of Holy (Good) Friday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in downtown Columbus beginning at 5:30pm. This is a unique opportunity to share the rich theological and spiritual heritage with the wider Catholic community in Columbus.

"WILL YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?" - 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. (*There can always be more than one*) We ask that you park in the front drive as that is where the deputy will be.

THE HOLY WEEK AND BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULES are in 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>

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024/25: How are we using our gifts to build up the Kingdom of God? What treasure do we have stored here on earth that could be offered for the Kingdom? Thankfully, we have an opportunity this Holy Week to help build the Kingdom of God in a particular way: by supporting the Eparchy's Stewardship Appeal. The Stewardship Appeal provides critical support for God's Church by supporting parishes and missions, evangelization and ministries, caring for retired and active priests, and the Clergy Benevolence Fund.

Please contribute to the Appeal today. You may visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through the website.

St. John Chrysostom's goal for this year is \$13,050. Amount contributed to date: \$14,920.

Remember, any amount over the assigned goal for our parish is returned to us.

There is still space available for our Spring PreCana that will take place May 3rd and 4th, at St. John Parish in Solon, OH! Please visit <https://taborlife.org/> for more information.

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 for each speaker to present presentations and the challenges



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:

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

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.

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

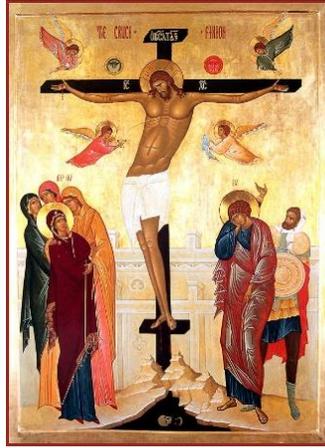
Great and Holy Tuesday

- 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

- 8:30a Byzantine Royal Hours
- 10a Ge'ez Good Friday services
- 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!

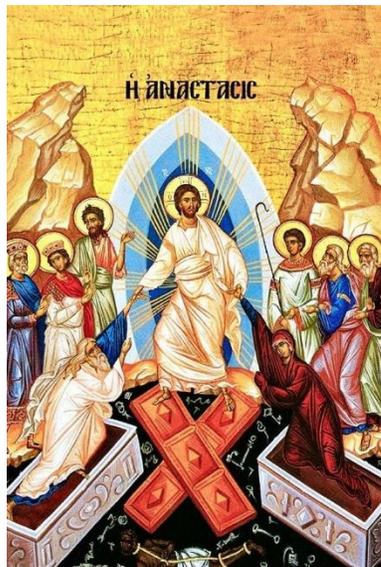
- 9a Ge'ez Paschal Celebration
- 12p Byzantine Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy; Blessing of baskets

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

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON

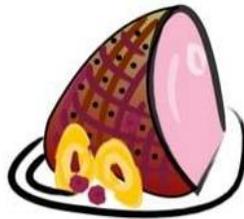


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given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

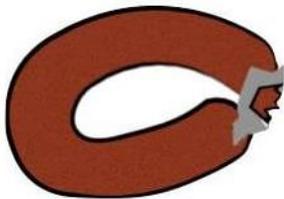
CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper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

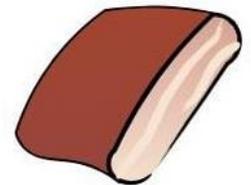


BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

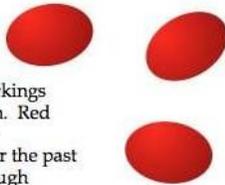


SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

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

