

# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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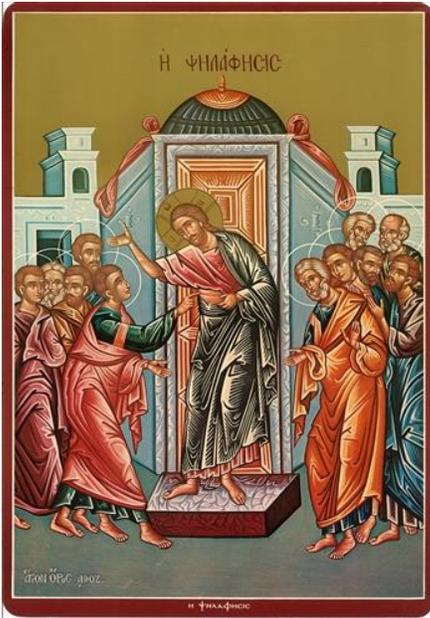
Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church: To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

## Liturgical Schedule

## Intention

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

Sun	Apr 27	<b><u>St. Thomas Sunday</u></b>	
		9:30am	Third Hour
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
Wed	Apr 30	9:00am	Divine Liturgy
Thu	May 1	<b>9:00am</b>	Divine Liturgy
Fri	May 2	<b>9:00am</b>	Divine Liturgy
Sat	May 3	6:00pm	Vespers
Sun	May 4	<b><u>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</u></b>	
		<b>10:30am</b>	Divine Liturgy
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy



## Readings

Sun	Apr 27
Mon	Apr 28
Tue	Apr 29
Wed	Apr 30
Thu	May 1
Fri	May 2
Sat	May 3
Sun	May 4

## Epistle

Acts	5:12-20
Acts	3:19-26
Acts	4:1-10
Acts	12:1-11
Acts	4:23-31
Acts	5:1-11
Heb	13:7-16
Acts	6:1-7

## Gospel

John	20:19-31
John	2:1-11
Luke	3:16-21
Luke	5:1-11
John	5:24-30
John	5:30-6:2
Luke	6:17-23
Mark	15:43-16:8

## 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	Apr 27	11:15am	ECF Easter play; Children's Easter Egg Hunt; parish social
		2:00pm	Geez social
Mon	Apr 28	9:00am	Office reopens, normal hours
Sat	May 3	4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mothers meet with Fr. Weldit



**TODAY** – Following Divine Liturgy, we will have a Parish meal beginning with the blessing and sharing of the Artos Bread. All are welcome to partake. The ECF children will present their Pascha Play, followed by the children's Easter Egg hunt.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR APRIL 28-MAY 2 ALL LITURGIES will be held at 9:00am** due to Father's attending the online Parma Clergy Conference.

## PILGRIMAGE TO JUBILEE CHURCH COLUMBUS

On May 31 we would like to continue our pilgrimages to special churches. This year we will visit St. Joseph Cathedral Columbus Downtown, which is assigned as a jubilee church. Last year we had a great time at St. Mary of Assumption Basilica in Lancaster.

10:00 am Welcome & intro by Fr. Jan Sullivan, Rector of the Cathedral

10.30 am Moleben to St. Joseph & Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm Potluck lunch at the Cathedral followed by tour (relics included)

Confessions will be available during the Moleben and Liturgy.

**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

## FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024/25: We are now in our final month for promoting the 2024-2025 Stewardship Appeal.** The Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$320,000. This year's Annual Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Support of Mission & Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support of our Retired and Active Priests.

Your generosity is appreciated and thanks to everyone for their contributions. We hope to finish this year's campaign strong! If you have not made a gift, please do so today! Visit us online at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to make your donation.

**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.



## HIS MERCY SAVES...

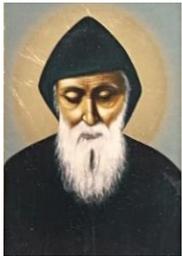
Last Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection; today we witness the resurrection of his disciple. It has already been a week, a week since the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, but in spite of this, they remained fearful, cringing behind "closed doors" (Jn 20:26), unable even to convince Thomas, the only one absent, of the

resurrection. What does Jesus do in the face of this timorous lack of belief? He returns and, standing in the same place, "in the midst" of the disciples, he repeats his greeting: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19, 26). He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here, from this *faithful and patient mercy*, from the discovery that God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet.

Jesus said to St. Faustina "I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy" (*Diary*, 14 September 1937). At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus' answer stunned her: "You have not offered me the thing is truly yours". What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: "My daughter, give me your failings" (10 October 1937). We too can ask ourselves: "Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?" Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person... The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy. (Pope Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, 2020)



### 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:***

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 Razor	
Mazon Family	Regina Lee	Nadia Ritchey	