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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.

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.

August 24, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun Aug 24	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
	2:30pm	Ukrainian Liturgy	<i>Ukrainian Independence Day</i>
Fri Aug 29		<i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>	
	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat Aug 30	6:00p	Vespers	
Sun Aug 31	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings

Sun Aug 24
Mon Aug 25
Tue Aug 26
Wed Aug 27
Thu Aug 28
Fri Aug 29
Sat Aug 30
Sun Aug 31

Epistle

1 Cor 9:2-12
2 Cor 5:10-15
2 Cor 5:15-21
2 Cor 6:11-16
2 Cor 7:1-10
Acts 13:25-33
1 Cor 1:26-29
1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel

Matt 18:23-35
Mark 1:9-15
Mark 1:16-22
Mark 1:23-28
Mark 1:29-35
Mark 6:14-30
Matt 20:29-34
Matt 19:16-26

Parish Activities

Sun	Aug 24	11:15am	Parish Potluck; Ice Cream Social & ECF Kick-Off
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Sun	Aug 31	11:15am	Parish Social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

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AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

TODAY - POTLUCK SOCIAL & ECF KICK OFF

Potluck – Everyone is welcome!

ECF - As the new school year approaches, we are thrilled to launch the new ECF cycle with prayer and much fun! ECF enrollment forms will be sent out via email in the next few days. There will be hard copies available in the vestibule as well every Sunday.

Make sure you fill them out with all the required details and return by September 1st.

First day of classes is September 14th.

PARENTS: We need more teachers and aides. The teachers are given all the materials - what to teach, how to teach, what interaction to use. They are never alone, because we have 2 teachers. Father will meet with all the teachers before we start to explain everything.

If you are not able or willing to teach every week, we ask you to volunteer as an aide during the ECF lessons. Each group requires one aide; therefore, we ask the parents to sign up. Aides help the children with the in-class activities, oversee behavior, help the teacher, and help with cleaning up after the class. The aide is not teaching!!!

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NEW WOMEN’S MINISTRY

What: Chance for women of the parish to come together for prayer and fellowship

When: Second Saturday of the month @ 1pm-2:30 (9/13, 10/11)

Where: Schimmoeller Residence 288 Cliffview Drive

Contact Carol Schimmoeller with questions. 614-404-4117

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SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Beginning on August 24th, the Knights will have a table to sell the K of C’s fundraiser NFL CRAZR tickets. This Football Sweepstakes involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season – games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket.

At least \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded each week or at least \$25,000 over the contest period.

The 23 winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games.

The scores from the previous week’s games are used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week. Details of the raffle and a winners’ list are/will be posted on ***www.fundcrazr.com*** and ***www.kofcoho.org***

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FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE - UNIONTOWN, PA

AUGUST 29 @ 8AM - SEPTEMBER 1 @ 5PM

Mount St. Macrina Monastery 500 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 878 Uniontown, PA 15401. For program specifics, please visit - ***sistersofstbasil.org/pilgrimage-program***

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 – SPEAKER FATHER JACQUES KIK. Join us Friday, September 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father Jacques Kik, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish. Since July 2023, Our Lady of Victory Parish has been the spiritual home for the Maronite Mission of *Our Lady of Lebanon*. Fr. Kik's talk will be on "The Lebanese Maronite Church." St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the September luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Fr. Kik's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon on Friday October 3, 2025 will feature a talk by Father William Hahn on vocations. Please mark your calendar.**

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ON PRAYER

Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression. Like a cry that issues from the heart of those who believe and entrust themselves to God. Let us think about the story of Bartimaeus, a character in the Gospel (cf. Mk 10:46-52), and I confess that for me he is the most likeable of all. He was blind and sat begging for alms by the roadside on the periphery of his city, Jericho. He is not an anonymous character. He has a face and a name: Bartimaeus, that is, "son of Timaeus". One day he heard that Jesus would be passing through there. In fact, Jericho was a crossroads of people, continually criss-crossed by pilgrims and tradesmen. Thus, Bartimaeus positioned himself: he would have done anything possible to meet Jesus.

So many people did the same. Let us recall Zacchaeus who climbed up the tree. Many wanted to see Jesus; he did too. In this way the man enters the Gospels as a voice that loudly cries out. He cannot see. He does not know whether Jesus is near or far away but he hears him. He understands this from the crowd which, at a certain point, grows and comes closer.... But he is completely alone and no one is concerned about him. And what does Bartimaeus do? He cries out. And he cries out and continues to cry out. He uses the only weapon he possesses: his voice. He begins to shout: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47). And he continues to cry out in this manner. His repeated cries are a nuisance. They do not seem polite and many people scold him, telling him to be quiet: "But be polite; do not do this". However, Bartimaeus does not keep silent but rather cries out even more loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47): That beautiful stubbornness of those who seek a grace and knock and knock on the door of God's heart. He cries out; he knocks. That expression: "Son of David", is very important. It means "the Messiah" — he professes the Messiah. It is a profession of faith that emerges from the mouth of that man who was despised by all. And Jesus listens to his cry.

Bartimaeus' prayer touches his heart, God's heart, and the doors of salvation open up for him. Jesus calls for him. He jumps to his feet and those who had first told him to be quiet, now lead him to the Master. Jesus speaks to him. He asks him to express his desire — this is important — and then the cry becomes a request: "that I may see again, Lord!" (cf. v. 51). Jesus says to him: "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (v. 52). He recognizes in that poor, defenseless and despised man, all the power of his faith, which attracts the mercy and the power of God. Faith is having two hands raised up, a voice that cries out to implore the gift of salvation. The Catechism states that "humility is the foundation of prayer" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2559). Prayer is born of the earth, of the humus from which "humble", "humility" derive. It comes from our precarious state, from our continuous thirst for God (cf. *ibid.*, 2560-2561). Faith, as we have seen with Bartimaeus, is a cry. Lack of faith is the suppression of that cry. That attitude that the people had, in making him keep quiet: they were not people of faith, whereas he was. To suppress that cry is a type of *omertà* (code of silence).

Faith is a protest against a pitiful condition the cause of which we do not understand. Lack of faith is to limit ourselves to endure a situation to which we have become accustomed. Faith is the hope of being saved. Lack of faith is becoming accustomed to the evil that oppresses us and continuing in that way. Dear brothers and sisters, we begin this series of catecheses with Bartimaeus' cry because perhaps everything is already written in someone like him. Bartimaeus is a persevering man. He was surrounded by people who explained that imploring was useless, that it was clamoring without receiving a reply, that it was noise that was only bothersome, and thus please stop crying out. But he did not remain in silence. And in the end he obtained what he wanted.

Greater than any discussion to the contrary, there is a voice in mankind's heart that invokes. We all have this voice within. A voice that comes forth spontaneously without anyone commanding it, a voice that asks itself about the meaning of our journey on earth, especially when we find ourselves in darkness: "Jesus, have mercy on me! Jesus have mercy on me!". This is a beautiful prayer. But are these words perhaps not chiseled in all of creation? Everything invokes and implores so that the mystery of mercy may be definitively fulfilled. Not only Christians pray; they share their cry of prayer with all men and women. But the horizon can be further widened: Paul states that all of creation "has been groaning in travail together until now" (Rom 8:22). Artists are often the interpreters of this silent cry of creation that is found in every creature and emerges above all in the heart of men and women, because they are "beggars before God" (ccc, 2559). It is a beautiful definition of mankind: "beggars before God".

(Pope Francis, May 2020)



The **Beheading of St. John the Forerunner** is the commemoration of the martyrdom of John the Forerunner. It is a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. It is commemorated by the Church on August 29.

Although the Forerunner was beheaded in the Spring, around the time of the Passover, this feast was fixed for August, when a church was dedicated in its honor.

The accounts about the martyrdom of John the Baptist are provided by Ss. Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29). It was in the 32nd year after the Birth of Christ.

JOIN OUR PARISH'S "BAND" GROUP! This is a group page for parishioners and regular attendees to grow in faith, build meaningful connections and deepen our Byzantine Catholic faith. Stay up-to-date on liturgies, feast days and parish events while sharing prayer intentions and encouragement with fellow parishioners. You can go online to <https://www.band.us/en> or scan the QR code to download and join.



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

