



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



Birthdays		
Olena Belei	Nathan Kuhn	Catherine Pitt
Stephen Boniface	Lora Lonzrick	Alexander Rakowsky
Elijah Fernandes	Jeff McCallister	Adelyn Rumberger
Fr. Robert Jager	Sharon Mech	Tate Spicer
Connie Kotula	Louise Mnich	Helen Stephens
Taras Krychun	Edward Nyahay	Irena Wallace

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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.



August 31, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Sept.7	9:40am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Mon	Sept 8	6pm	D. Liturgy, Birth of the Theotokos	
Wed	Sept 10	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Thu	Sept 11	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Sept 12	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Sept 13	6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Sept 14	9:40am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy & Myrovaniye	For the faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings

Epistle

Gospel

Mon	Sep 8	Phil 2:5-11	Luke	10:38-42
Tue	Sep 9	2 Cor 12:20-13:2	Mark	4:24-34
Wed	Sep 10	2 Cor 13:3-13	Mark	4:35-41
Thu	Sep 11	Gal 1:1-10;20-2:5	Mark	5:1-20
Fri	Sep 12	Gal 2:6-10	Mark	5:22-25;35-6:1
Sat	Sep 13	1 Cor 2:6-9	Matt	10:37-11:1
Sun	Sep 14	1Cor 1:18-24	John	19:6-35

**Parish Activities**

Sun	Sep 7	11:15am	ECF Kickoff Ice Cream Social,
		2:00pm	Presentation of the ECF program, enrollment Ge'ez social
Sat	Sep 13	9am	Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 3255 E. Main St.
		1-2.30pm	Women's Ministry (see below)
Sun	Sep 14	11:15am	Parish Social
		11:30am	ECF Classes & Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

**AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

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

**The first day of classes is September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**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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**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>,** our Knights of Columbus Council is meeting here in the parking lot at 8:45am to carpool downtown **to pray the rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic.** This is a regular event every second Saturday of the month.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 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

**BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS, SEPTEMBER 8**

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or *Protevangelion*. According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the Temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks. As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

**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.*

**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.



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**SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER**  
**Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Programs**

The Knights 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. Details of the raffle and a winners' list are posted on ***www.fundcrazr.com*** and ***www.kofcoho.org***

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**PRAYER: MYSTERY OF CREATION**

Let us continue the catechesis on prayer, by meditating on the mystery of Creation. Life, the simple fact that we exist, opens mankind's heart to prayer. The first page of the Bible resembles a great hymn of thanksgiving. The narrative of Creation has a rhythm with refrains, where the goodness and beauty of every living thing is continually emphasized. With his word, God calls to life, and everything comes into existence. With his word, he separates life from darkness, alternates day and night, interchanges the seasons, opens a palette of colors with the variety of plants and animals. In this overflowing forest that quickly vanquishes the chaos, the last one to appear is man. And this appearance inspires an extreme exultation that amplifies his satisfaction and joy: "God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good (*Gen* 1:31). Very good, but also beautiful: the beauty of all creation can be seen!

The beauty and mystery of Creation create in the human heart the first impulse that evokes prayer (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2566). The eighth Psalm which we heard earlier states: "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" (vv. 3-4). The one praying contemplates the mystery of the life around him; he sees the starry sky that lies above him — and that astrophysics shows us today in all its immensity — and asks himself what loving plan must there be behind such ponderous work!.... And, in this boundless expanse, what is man? 'Almost nothing', another Psalm states (cf. 89:48): a being that is born, a being that dies, an extremely fragile creature. Yet, in all the universe, the human being is the only creature aware of the great profusion of beauty. A small being who is born, who dies; he is here today and gone tomorrow. He is the only one who is aware of this beauty. We are aware of this beauty!

Mankind's prayer is closely linked to the sentiment of wonder. The greatness of man is infinitesimal when compared to the dimensions of the universe. His greatest conquests seem quite small... However, man is not nothing. In prayer a sentiment of mercy is powerfully

confirmed. Nothing exists by chance: the secret of the universe lies in a benevolent gaze that someone meets in our eyes. The Psalm states that we are made little less than God; we are crowned with glory and honor (cf. 8:6). The relationship with God is man's greatness, his enthronement. By nature, we are almost nothing, small, but by vocation, by calling, we are the children of the great King! It is an experience that many of us have had. If life's events, with all their bitterness, sometimes risk choking the gift of prayer that is within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower..., in order to rekindle a spark of thanksgiving. This experience is perhaps the basis of the first page of the Bible.

The people of Israel were not experiencing happy days when the great biblical narrative of Creation was written. An enemy power had occupied their land; many had been deported, and they now found themselves slaves in Mesopotamia. There was no more homeland, nor temple, nor social and religious life, nothing. Yet, precisely in starting from the great narrative of Creation, someone began to find reasons for thanksgiving, to praise God for his or her existence. Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. There is hope but I open the door with my prayer. Because people of prayer safeguard basic truths; they are the ones who repeat, first and foremost to themselves and then to all the others, that this life, despite all its toils and trials, despite its difficult days, is full of a grace that is awe inspiring. And as such it must always be defended and protected. Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that surely one day it will triumph, even if in times and ways that we do not understand. Men and women of prayer bear gleaming reflections of light on their faces: because, the sun does not stop illuminating them, even in the darkest of days. Prayer illuminates you: it illuminates the souls; it illuminates the heart and it illuminates the face. Even in the darkest times, even in times of greatest suffering.

We are all bearers of joy. Have you considered this? That you are bearers of joy? Or do you prefer to bring bad news, things that sadden? We are capable of bearing joy. This life is the gift that God gave us: and it is too short to consume it in sadness, in bitterness. Let us praise God, happy to simply exist. Let us look at the universe, let us look at beauty and let us also look at our crosses and say: 'You exist, you made us like this, for you'. It is necessary to feel that unrest of the heart that leads to thanking and praising God. We are children of the great King, of the Creator, capable of reading his signature in all of Creation. We are not safeguarding that creation today, but that creation holds the signature of God who made it out of love. May the Lord make us understand this ever more deeply and lead us to say "thank you"; and that "thank you" is a beautiful prayer.