



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Robert Jager

Deacon: Fr. Deacon Jeffrey Martin

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.

October 19, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Oct 19	9:30am	Rosary & Akathist	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Oct 22	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the health of Marvin Walker by McCallister family</i>
Thu	Oct 23	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the health of Mary Ann McCallister by McCallister family</i>
Fri	Oct 24	NO LITURGY		
Sat	Oct 25	NO VESPERS		
Sun	Oct 26	9:30am	Rosary & Akathist	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun Oct 19	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Luke 8:5-15
Mon Oct 20	Phil 2:12-16	Luke 9:18-22
Tue Oct 21	Phil 2:16-23	Luke 9:23-27
Wed Oct 22	Phil 2:24-30	Luke 9:44-50
Thu Oct 23	Gal 1:11-19	Matt 13:54-58
Fri Oct 24	Phil 3:8-19	Luke 10:1-15
Sat Oct 25	2 Cor 1:8-11	Luke 7:1-10
Sun Oct 26	Gal 1:11-19	Luke 16:19-31

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Parish Activities

Sun	Oct 19	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF
		11:20am	Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Thu	Oct 23	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 24	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 25	4:00pm	Ge'ez Women's Club mtg
Sun	Oct 26	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF
		11:20am	Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Akathist & Rosary – During the month of October on weekdays we pray the Akathist to the Theotokos 10 minutes before any service. On Sundays, the Rosary at 9.30am is led by the Knights of Columbus.

Adult Education - Dr. Dan Garland leads lessons on *Christ Our Pascha Catechism* right after the Sunday liturgy in the hall. We ask that those participating gather at the stage.

COATS FOR KIDS –The Knights of Columbus Councils are collecting new or gently used coats for children, sizes toddler through teen, through the end of November. Please drop off the coats in front of the St. Tabitha Icon in the church vestibule at any time. One of the Knights will collect them every Sunday. We are very grateful for any donations. Thank you!

GCU 2025 Holiday Food Bank Donations - In keeping with a key point of the GCU Mission Statement- "Strengthening Communities", GCU will once again be sponsoring our Holiday Food Bank Donation Program. We are asking parishes that participate to have a collection during the month of October. Money collected by your parish will be matched up to \$500. The GCU check, made payable to the Food Bank, will be sent to you to make an in-person presentation to your local food bank along with the parish's collection, in time for the upcoming holiday season.

To that end, we are asking those parishioners willing to contribute, make your checks out to St. John Chrysostom and put **W.A.R.M.** on the memo line. We need to have all donations in to us by November 9th.



TRUNK OR TREAT - CELEBRATION OF SAINTS EVENT will be **Sunday, November 2nd**. Please **bring candy for your trunk (or to donate if you cannot stay) and dress up as a saint.** (*There are no classes on this Sunday*) Adults and children are invited to attend Divine Liturgy dressed as their saint. Children will "Trunk or Treat" from car to car with their parents. We encourage adults and children to guess who is which saint. If you are decorating your trunk or just participating in handing out candy - please park in front of the Parish Hall and rectory.

HELP NEEDED – It's that time of year again! Cookie Sale! Pirohi making is **every Thursday and Friday in October**. Please contact Pat Papai at 614-578-5698 to help make pirohi.

December 13th is our 21st Christmas Cookie Sale. This is our big fundraiser! EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED

We need bakers of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale.

Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, will be contacting everyone regarding the sale and how you can help with baking or volunteering. If you have any questions, or Lisa has not yet contacted you, please contact her directly; **you may**

email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com. You may also call (614-882-7578) or email the church office (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Using Hall Kitchen to bake for Cookie Sale

We offer the use of the parish hall kitchen for those who may need to use the bigger space to bake items for this year's Cookie Sale. Please use the following reservation procedure: send an email to eventstjohn@outlook.com to schedule the date(s) and times that you need. Allow 24-48 hours for a response. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RESERVE TIME IN THE HALL.**

ONLINE AND PHONE ORDERING will "go live" October 27th. Get your orders in early as product quantity is limited.

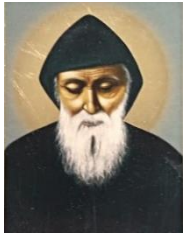


PRAYER OF ELIJAH

Today, we resume our catechesis on prayer, which we interrupted for the catechesis on the care of creation, and will now resume; and we meet one of the most compelling characters in all of Sacred Scripture: the prophet Elijah. He goes beyond the confines of his time, and we can also see his presence in some of the episodes in the Gospels. He appeared at Jesus' side, along with Moses, at the moment of the Transfiguration (cf. Mt 17:3). Jesus himself refers to him to give credit to the testimony of John the Baptist (cf. Mt 17:10-13). In the Bible, Elijah appears suddenly, in a mysterious way, coming from a small village that is completely marginal (cf. 1 Kings 17:1); and in the end he leaves the scene, under the eyes of the disciple Elisha, on a chariot of fire that takes him to heaven (cf. 2 Kings 2:11-12). He is therefore a man without a precise origin, and above all without an end, carried off into heaven. For this reason, his return was expected before the coming of the Messiah, as a precursor. Elijah's return was thus awaited. Scripture presents Elijah as a man of crystalline faith: his very name, which may mean "Yahweh is God", encloses the secret of his mission. He will be like this for the rest of his life: a man of integrity, incapable of petty compromises. His symbol is fire, the image of God's purifying power. He will be the first to be put to the test, and he will remain faithful. He is the example of all people of faith who know temptation and suffering, but do not fail to live up to the ideal for which they were born. Prayer is the lifeblood that constantly nourishes his existence. This is why he is one of those most dear to the monastic tradition, so much so that some have elected him as the spiritual father of a life consecrated to God. Elijah is the man of God, who stands as a defender of the primacy of the Most High. And yet, he too is forced to come to terms with his own frailties. It is difficult to say which experiences were most useful to him: the defeat of the false prophets on Mount Carmel (cf. 1 Kings 18:20-40), or the bewilderment in which he finds that he is "no better than his ancestors" (cf. 1 Kings 19:4). In the soul of those who pray, the sense of their own weakness is more precious than moments of exaltation, when it seems that life is a series of victories and successes. This always happens in prayer: moments of prayer that we feel lift us up, even of enthusiasm, and moments of prayer of pain, aridity, trial. This is what prayer is: letting ourselves be carried by God, and also allowing ourselves to be struck by unpleasant situations and even temptations. This is a reality found in many other biblical vocations, even in the New Testament; think, for example, of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Their lives were like this too: moments of exultation and moments of low spirits, of suffering. Elijah is the man of contemplative life and, at the same time, of active life, preoccupied with the events of his time, capable of clashing with the king and queen after they had Nabot killed to take possession of his vineyard (cf. 1 Kings 21:1-24). How much we need believers, zealous Christians who take action when facing those with managerial responsibility, with the courage of Elijah, to say: "This must not be done! This is murder!". We need Elijah's spirit. He shows us that there should be no dichotomy in the life of those who pray: one stands before the Lord and goes towards the brothers and sisters to whom He sends us. Prayer is not about locking oneself up with the Lord to put "make-up" on one's soul: no, this is not prayer, this is false prayer. Prayer is a confrontation with God, and allowing oneself to be sent to serve one's brothers and sisters. The touchstone of prayer is concrete love towards our neighbor. And vice versa: believers act in the world after having first kept silent and prayed; otherwise, their action is impulsive, it is devoid of discernment, it is rushing without a destination. Believers

behave this way, they do many injustices because they did not go to pray to the Lord first, to discern what they must do. The pages of the Bible suggest that Elijah's faith also made progress: he too grew in prayer, he refined it little by little. God's face came into focus for him as he walked. He reached his peak in that extraordinary experience, when God manifested himself to Elijah on the mount (cf. 1 Kings 19:9-13). He manifested himself not in the fierce storm, not in the earthquake or the devouring fire, but in "a still small voice" (v. 12). Or better, a translation that reflects that experience well: in a thread of resounding silence. This is how God manifests himself to Elijah. It is with this humble sign that God communicates with Elijah, who at that moment was a fugitive prophet who had lost peace. God comes forward to meet a tired man, a man who thought he had failed on all fronts, and with that gentle breeze, with that thread of resounding silence, He brings calm and peace back into his heart. This is the story of Elijah, but it seems written for all of us. Some evenings we may feel useless and alone. It is then that prayer will come and knock on the door of our hearts. We can all gather a corner of Elijah's cloak, just as his disciple Elisha collected half his cloak. And even if we have done something wrong, or if we feel threatened and frightened, when we return before God with prayer, serenity and peace will return as if by miracle. This is what the example of Elijah teaches us.

Pope Francis, 10/07/2020



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

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