



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.

November 2, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Nov 2	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Nov 5	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>+Jeanette Czyrnik by M/M John Czyrnik</i>
Thu	Nov 6	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	<i>Health of Bradley Tucker by Gabe McCallister</i>
Fri	Nov 7	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	<i>for all the deceased of St. Cyprian parish</i>
Sat	Nov 8	8:00am	St. Michael and All the Angels Divine Liturgy	<i>Health of Carol</i>
Sun	Nov 9	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Nov 2	Gal 2:16-20	Luke 8:26-39
Mon	Nov 3	Col 2:13-20	Luke 11:29-33
Tue	Nov 4	Col 2:20-3:3	Luke 11:34-41
Wed	Nov 5	Col 3:17-4:1	Luke 11:42-46
Thu	Nov 6	Col 4:2-9	Luke 11:47-12:1
Fri	Nov 7	Col 4:10-18	Luke 12:2-12
Sat	Nov 8	Heb 2:2-10	Luke 10:16-21
Sun	Nov 9	Gal 6:11-18	Luke 8:41-58

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To schedule an event, send an email to eventstjohn@outlook.com allow 24-48 hours for reply

Parish Activities

Sun	Nov 2	11:15am	Trunk or Treat (<i>no ECF Classes</i>)
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Wed	Nov 5	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Thu	Nov 6	9:30am	Hall kitchen in use
Fri	Nov 7	6:45pm	Adult Educ. In church
Sat	Nov 8	8:45am	K of C Rosary @ Planned Parenthood
		10:00am	Roll Baking
		4:00pm	Families Gathering
Sun	Nov 9	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF
		11:20am	Adult Education

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



TRUNK OR TREAT - CELEBRATION OF SAINTS EVENT IS TODAY. (*There are no ECF classes today.*)

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.

ADULT EDUCATION – CHANGE IN DAY & TIME Adult Education will now be held on Fridays in the church at 6:45pm, following the 6:00pm Divine Liturgy. This will remain in effect from November 7th through December 19th.

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 next Sunday, November 9th.**

BISHOP ROBERT VISIT – NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH – Bishop Robert Pipta is visiting St. John Chrysostom on Saturday and Sunday, November 15th and 16th. Saturday, he will celebrate Vespers and then hold an Open Forum to answer parishioner questions. Sunday, he will celebrate a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

We will have an informal luncheon following the liturgy. St. John will provide the main dish, bread and beverages. **We ask parishioners with last names beginning with A-L to bring desserts and those with last names beginning with M-Z to bring side dishes/salads.**

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

VOCATIONS ICON - Jesus encourages us to ask the Father to send workers for *the harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few.* (Lk 10:2) Our prayers are essential! Each parish received the Vocation Icon that will be visiting our

families. In our homes we gather for prayer for vocation guided by the accompanying booklet. Through simple but fervent prayers we ask for new vocations and at the same time we plant seeds of God's grace in our hearts. Fasting and prayer enable us to make room for the Lord in our lives by cultivating softened and fertile hearts ready to receive the Master. Praying with our sisters and brothers in Christ enable us to hear the Lord's call more clearly and to respond eagerly, courageously, sacrificially, authentically, and humbly. Each family is encouraged to sign up for a weeklong prayer chain, using the booklets. Every Sunday there will be a beautiful little ritual of handing over the icon to the next family. Sign up online using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-59910986-weekly>

2025 EVENING OF HOPE COVENANT CARD – We send Covenant Cards to you so the spirit of the Evening of Hope may reach everyone throughout the Eparchy. Additionally, we will send the evening's program book electronically to all, along with photos and a brief recap of the event. While it is not the same as being present, these materials help include everyone in the joy and hope of the evening at their cathedral.

Those who wish may complete a card their name and address. The Eparchy will mail their personalized Covenant Card to them during the Easter season.

We have cards available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Please complete both sides of the card and return to the church. Put them in the collections boxes and we will send all that are collected to Parma in one envelope.

Catechesis on Prayer

Prayer of the Psalms (II)

Today we complete the catechesis on the prayer of the Psalms. First of all, we see that a negative figure often appears in the Psalms, that of the "wicked" person, he or she who lives as if God were not there. This is the person without any transcendent referent, whose arrogance has no limits, who fears no judgment regarding what he or she thinks or does. For this reason, the Psalter presents prayer as the fundamental reality of life. The reference to the absolute and to the transcendent — which the spiritual masters call the "holy fear of God" — is what makes us completely human, it is the boundary that saves us from ourselves, preventing us from venturing into life in a predatory and voracious manner. Prayer is the salvation of the human being. There certainly also exists a false prayer, prayer that is said only for the admiration of others. The person or persons who go to Mass only to show that they are Catholics or to show off the latest fashion they bought, or to make a good impression in society. They move toward false prayer. Jesus strongly admonished against such prayer (cf. Mt 6:5-6; Lk 9:14). But when the true spirit of prayer is sincerely received and enters the heart, it then lets us contemplate reality with God's very eyes. When one prays, everything acquires "depth". This is interesting in prayer, perhaps something subtle begins but in prayer that thing acquires depth, it becomes weighty, as if God takes it in hand and transforms it. The worst service someone can give God and also mankind is to pray wearily, by rote. To pray like parrots. No, we pray with the heart. Prayer is the center of life. If there is prayer, even a brother, a sister, even an enemy becomes important. An old saying from the first Christian monks reads: "Blessed the monk who regards every human being as God, after God" (Evagrius Ponticus, *Trattato sulla preghiera*, n. 123). Those who adore God, love his children. Those who respect God, respect human beings. And so, prayer is not a sedative to alleviate life's anxieties; or, in any case, this type of prayer is certainly not Christian. Rather, prayer makes each of us responsible. We see this clearly in the "Our Father" that Jesus taught his disciples. To learn how to pray this way, the Psalter is a tremendous school. We saw how the Psalms do not always use refined and genteel language, and that they often bear the scars of existence. And yet, all these prayers were first used in the Temple of Jerusalem and then in the synagogues; even the most intimate and personal ones. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: "The Psalter's many forms of prayer take shape both in the liturgy of the Temple and in the human heart" (n. 2588). And thus, personal prayer draws from and is nourished first by the prayer of the people of Israel, then by the prayer of the Church. Even the Psalms in the first person singular, which confide the most intimate thoughts and problems of an individual, are a collective heritage, to the point of being prayed by everyone and for everyone. The prayer of Christians has this "breath", this spiritual "tension" that holds the temple and the world together. Prayer can begin in the half light of

a church's nave, but then come to an end on the city streets. And vice versa, it can blossom during the day's activities and reach its fulfillment in the liturgy. The church doors are not barriers, but permeable "membranes", willing to receive everyone's cry. The world is always present in the Psalter's prayer. The Psalms, for example, voice the divine promise of salvation for the weakest: "Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan I will now arise," says the Lord; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs" (12:5). Or again, they warn about the danger of worldly riches because "man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish" (49:20). Or still, they open the horizon to God's gaze over history: "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations" (33:10-11). In short, where there is God, the human person must be there too. Sacred Scripture is categorical: We love because he loved us first. He always goes before us. He always awaits us because he loves us first, he looks at us first, he understands us first. He always awaits us. If anyone says 'I love God' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his own brother who he can see, cannot love God who he cannot see. If you pray many rosaries each day but then gossip about others, and nourish grudges inside, if you hate others, this is pure artifice, it is not the truth. And this is the commandment we have from him: "that he who loves God should love his brother also" (1 Jn 4:19-21). Scripture acknowledges the case of a person who, even while sincerely seeking God, never succeeds in encountering Him; but it also states that one can repudiate the tears of the poor only at the expense of encountering God. God cannot stand the "atheism" of those who repudiate the divine image that is imprinted in every human being. That everyday atheism: I believe in God but I keep my distance from others and I allow myself to hate others. This is practical atheism. Not recognizing the human person as the image of God is a sacrilege, an abomination, the worst offense that can be directed toward the temple and the altar. Dear brothers and sisters, the prayers of the Psalms help us not to fall into the temptation of the "wicked", that is, of living, and perhaps also of praying, as if God does not exist, and as if the poor do not exist.

Pope Francis, 10/21/2020



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



48 Days to Cookie Sale!

December 13th is our 21st Christmas Cookie Sale.

This is our big fundraiser!

EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED

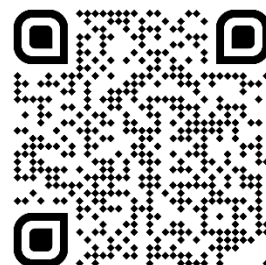
We need bakers of cookies and other goodies to sell; help to make the baklava; help to set-up and break down the hall and to work the sale. There are volunteer sign-up sheets on the table in the vestibule.

Contact Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, directly if you have any questions. **You may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com.** You may also contact the church office; phone - (614-882-7578) or email - (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Online ordering is now available

Quantities are Limited, so order early

To place an order for trays, rolls, pirohi or baklava go to the Cookie Sale page on our website, **www.byzantinecolumbus.com** or scan the QR code to the right. You are able to prepay through that page or you can pay at the time you pick up your order. If you are picking up orders for multiple people, please order ALL through your name as one order. Flyers and paper order forms (*for your use only*) are available in the back of the church. Any questions, contact Teresa in the office.



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



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.



My name is Dr. Eric Collins, and I am a psychiatrist and a practicing Catholic who works through MyCatholicDoctor. I am reaching out to you due to the National Catholic Mental Health Campaign (<https://www.usccb.org/mental-health>).

I am currently accepting new patients, and I am hoping to work along with ministries and parishes such as yours to provide mental health expertise as needed. Feel free to distribute my information to anyone seeking psychiatric help grounded in a Catholic anthropology.

Through telehealth, I can see patients in several US states, including Ohio. I have experience in helping individuals ages 18+ suffering from anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, anger problems, obsessions and compulsions, ADHD, addiction, sleeping disorders, psychosis, trauma, and neurocognitive disorders. I am available to see anyone struggling with mental health despite ongoing counseling or therapy as well as anyone who wants mental health treatment yet doesn't know where to begin.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions. I look forward to serving those in need of mental health treatment.

Dr. Eric Collins

Looking for mental health care that takes an integrated, holistic approach?



Dr. Collins offers psychiatric care for adults (ages 18+) for a wide range of mental health conditions including some addiction or neurocognitive concerns.

Book an appointment today!

Dr. Collins sees patients in multiple states throughout the U.S. on an online platform called MyCatholicDoctor



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