

**St. John Chrysostom
Columbus, OH
Parish Weekly Schedule**

Sunday September 4

16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

Monday September 5 Labor Day

Office closed in observance of Labor Day

Wednesday September 7

9a-1p Office Hours

7pm **Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos**
+Janet Clear by Keith Nissen

Thursday September 8

Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos

9a-1p Office Hours

PM – Drop off for Ukrainian Garage Sale

Friday September 9

9a-1p Office Hours

PM – Drop off for Ukrainian Garage Sale

Saturday September 10

9a-4p Garage Sale for Ukrainian Relief in hall



Sunday September 11

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm.

Feeding the hungry is a greater miracle than raising the dead!
~ St. John Chrysostom

Please help us help others in this area. The baskets in front of the Theotokos are for donations of boxed or canned food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. We would like to completely fill these baskets every week.

These items are graciously transported to W.A.R.M. (*Westerville Area Resource Ministry*) by one of our parishioners.

WARM's client-choice food pantry allows clients to shop through the aisles with a personal assistant. Individuals are provided with a 6-day supply of food for each member in their family which includes 3 meals per day. Clients may visit the pantry twice a month for nutritional assistance and resource referrals.

Here is the list of our top ten most needed items we collect year round!

- Cereal – hot or cold
- Canned fruit
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, relish, bbq sauce, etc.)
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice
- Deodorant
- Shampoo

Only current-dated food items are placed on our shelves.



Saturday, September 10 9am-4pm

**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church
5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus OH 43231**

Come shop our mammoth garage sale... You are sure to find that treasure you've been looking for!

Drop off contributions Sept. 7, 8, & 9 from 6 to 9pm at St John's Church Hall

Ukrainian Cultural Association of Ohio
UKRAINIAN RELIEF INITIATIVE
PO Box 1298 Westerville OH 43086



Eparchy of Parma News

“Mercy...an invitation to love, kindness and unbounded generosity”

This is the theme of the Eparchy of Parma's Annual Women's Retreat this year.

The retreat is scheduled for September 23-25, 2016 at the Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, OH (about 20 miles south of Toledo).

The retreat speaker is Fr. Cyril Farmer. You can sign up online at: www.parma.org or there are flyers with registration information on the table in the hall.

The registration fee is \$100, which includes



weekend accommodations, six meals, private time, fellowship and fun. Please register before September 12, 2016.

For more information, please contact John Popp, administrator of the byzantine Catholic Cultural center at jpopp@parma.org or 216-741-8773 ext. 225



Ready, set, show mercy!
In response to the Holy Year of Mercy, join the Eparchy of Parma at the Cathedral of St. John the

Baptist for the Festival of Mercy, October 15-16, 2016.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday morning at 9 a.m., with a 5K-race and 1-mile family fun walk. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary Hospitality House, St. Herman House of Hospitality, and St. Augustine ministry to the disabled. Register for the race at:

<http://www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/mercyrun5k.asp> or on race day at 8 a.m.

The weekend continues with a mission given by Father David Anderson, a dynamic Eastern Catholic priest from California. Father Anderson will preach on at Saturday Vespers at 6 p.m., followed by refreshments and an opportunity for to receive God's mercy in the sacrament of confession. Multiple confessors will be available, stay for the social!

On Sunday, come for Matins and Divine Liturgy starting at 9 a.m., where Fr. Anderson will preach. Enjoy a fellowship and meal afterwards.

The Cathedral is looking forward to welcoming all of Northeast Ohio during this weekend of giving and receiving mercy and we want you to

be a part of it! Questions? Want to volunteer? Email Maria Loya at: Cathedral5k@gmail.com



**Discover God's game plan
Men 18-35 invited to weekend retreat at the
Seminary
October 14 – 16, 2016**

To be priests ... don't you have to give up everything - your family, your friends, the things you enjoy? Don't you have to be super holy, super smart, or somehow "different?" "Come and see" if this is the case!

Every young man eventually has to make some hard decisions - college, career, marriage, family, religious life. How do I know what's right? Does God care what I decide? If you've ever thought about the priesthood, it's worth taking a weekend to learn how to listen for God's plans for your future.

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from Friday evening, 14 October through Sunday afternoon, 16 October 2016 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion.

The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal.

Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is the 29th of September.



**Attention young adults and their
families**

Join St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, in conjunction with The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist & Holy Spirit Byzantine Church as we present **The Forum on Respect**.

When: Sunday, November 13, 2016

Time: Doors open at 11:30 am.

Come and celebrate the 10:00 am liturgy at St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (4600 State Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109; Phone: (216) 741-7979) and then walk over to the Crystal Chalet for this inspiring event.

Tickets are on sale online at <http://stmarybyz.com/> and at St Mary Byzantine Catholic school office beginning August 24th.

We are called to action by our insightful speakers; Dr. Ray, Rita Basalla and John Popp. Help us change the staggering statistic that 60% of our youth will leave the church in college and never return. Let us continue to give them a solid foundation of Faith, Love for Jesus Christ and **RESPECT** for themselves and others. Join us as we build that foundations starting with **RESPECT**.

Read Your Bible!

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**Wisdom 9: 13-18B; Psalms 90: 3-6, 12-17;
Philamen 1: 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33**

Anyone who has been raised Catholic, or for that matter, who has received a thorough Catholic education is aware of what we call the mysteries of the Church. For Catholics, the term is the Latin *mysterium fidei*, "mystery of faith." In the New Testament, the Greek word *mysterion* appears 27 times. In the Eastern Church the sacraments are called "mysterion," or "mysteries." The Biblical Greek *mysterion* is translated more accurately as "that which awaits disclosure or interpretation." To a certain extent all of today's readings deal with "mysteries."

The Book of Wisdom, from which the First Reading above comes, is in itself a bit of a mystery. It is stated as coming from Solomon, but as is too often the case perhaps, scholars cannot necessarily agree if it is really the words of Solomon. At the very beginning of the book in what is called "Solomon's Prayer" God is presented as a mystery Who is beyond the understanding of us humans. It maintains that it is only through the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) that we can attain some element of comprehension and thus wisdom.

The first verse in the reading from Wisdom today is "*Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive of what the Lord intends?*" We spend our lives seeking the answer to those questions, and it is truly only through faith and trust that we can reach any sort of satisfactory answer. Only God can reveal the answers to us.

The Second Reading is drawn from St. Paul's Letter to Philomen. That particular epistle is interesting from a couple of perspectives: first, it is the third shortest book in the entire Bible (335 words), and it is by far the shortest of all of

Paul's letters. Also, it is written to a particular individual, not to a church or a group. At the time he wrote it, Paul was imprisoned in Rome, and one of those who served him was Onesimus, a slave of Philomen (who was a Colossian). Paul is sending the letter with Onesimus and is asking Philomen to forgive him for running away and reconcile with him rather than punish him. We referenced the fact that the Eastern Church terms the sacraments "mysteries." The mystery of God's forgiveness through reconciliation is a part of that. All the sacraments require a conversion of sorts. The conversion God seeks is a conversion of heart. That is the conversion St. Paul speaks about to Philomen, and that is the conversion each of us requires in order to be disciples of Christ and good stewards.

Jesus continues to explain to us the cost of discipleship in the Gospel Reading from St. Luke. We are all "invited" by the Lord to be His disciple. Nevertheless, it is more than invitation;



it is a call to action. Although the reading may sound harsh when the Lord says things like, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, etc. ...he cannot be my disciple," or "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple," or "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple," Jesus is using comparisons like that to make the cost of discipleship clear. Nothing, absolutely nothing, should stand in the way of our trust and faith in God.

That, too, can be a mystery. Jesus is asking for a complete conversion of heart. There can be nothing halfway about discipleship. Just as Jesus gave all to save us, we may have to give all to be His follower and disciple. Yes, there is a cost to be a disciple of Jesus, but it costs even more to reject Him.

At the end of today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus says a lot about what it means to be His disciple — the demands and the expectations. As His final statement in the reading, He says, "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

This is another case where the translation from the original Greek may produce misunderstanding. Most of us understand the word "renounce" as meaning "reject" or "hand over." However, another meaning of the Greek word might be "to say goodbye to." That is the real message, and it is one with a strong stewardship element.

What the Lord may be trying to communicate is our possessions can stand in the way of being His disciple and being a good steward. It is a question of trust. Trust is at the center of a stewardship way of life. Jesus tells us that we need to trust in Him to a greater extent than in ourselves or in what we may possess. That is, of course, not easy for us.

Nevertheless, to place our trust in the Lord is exactly what it means to be His disciple. Psalms perfectly captures the challenge we face and provides the answer to the challenge as well. In Psalms we are told: "Man says to God, 'Show me and I will trust You.' And God replies "Trust me and I will show you'."

Prayer List

For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

The Priest Robert Barter		The Priest Eugene Linowski	
Miranda Brewer	Ivan Ceresna	Charlotte Doctor	Ron Doctor
Julia Fedeczko	Julie Fultz	Charlene Grabner	John Grabner
Esther Imhoff	Frederick Kowalski	Donald Krofcheck	Victor Lonzrick
Christine Loya	Bill Martin	Joe Martin	Paul Mech
Dave Olszyk	Mic O'Halloran	John Oshinski	Paula Oshinski
Bob Parks	Maria Rakowsky	Betty Sikora	John Sikora
Dennis Stinich	Bernie Turanchik	Ruth Turanchik	Anastaszja Wojchak

That the Lord God, for the glory of His name, visit his sick servants with His Holy Spirit and cure every illness and affliction, let us pray.

Volunteer Schedules for September 2016

Church Cleaning

9/03 – Jim & Irena Wallace

9/17 – Pat Papai & (Need a second person)

We are in need of more people for cleaning the church on a bi-weekly basis. Please call Pat Papai at 614-578-5698 to volunteer. Thank you.



Sept Collection Counting

Sept 4	Jerry Stasek
Sept 11	Jerry Stasek
Sept 18	Mark Frye
Sept 25	Alex Rakowsky

Special Dates this Week!



Nicolas & Helen Bukaczyk September 4, 1965
Celebrating 51 years Crowned in Marriage

John & Carol Osifchin September 4, 1982
Celebrating 34 years Crowned in Marriage



John Clear	September 4
Lora Lonzrick	September 6
Irena Wallace	September 6
Helen Stephens	September 9

May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!