

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

Sunday September 18
Sunday after 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!



Monday September 19

9a-1p Office Hours

Wednesday September 21

8a Divine Liturgy in chapel
For the health of Donald Trump by Rebecca Krofcheck

9a-1p Office Hours

Thursday September 22

8a Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Audrey & +Bernice Beech by M/M Bill Hospodar

9a-1p Office Hours

10a Pirohi Filling Making

Friday September 23

8a Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Helen Jadwisiak by M/M James Pitt

9a-1p Office Hours

10a Pirohi Making

Saturday September 24

10a Divine Liturgy with Baptism
For baby and family



Sunday September 25
19th 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!

Eternal Memory

Rev. Robert Barter, former pastor of St. John Chrysostom (1963-1987) and retired pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Clinton Twp. MI, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 15th, at approx. 2a.m.

The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be offered on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 10 am, at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 23300 King Dr. Clinton Twp. MI 48035, with the Most Rev. William Skurla, administrator of the Eparchy of Parma, Ohio, officiating, interment to follow.

Visitations for Father Barter will be held at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Clinton Twp. **Visitation hours to be determined.**

- Sunday, September 18, 2016, with a Parastas Service at 7 p.m.
- Monday, September 19, 2016, with a Parastas Service at 7 p.m.

May God grant His faithful servant, the priest Robert, Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory.



You are most cordially invited!

The parishioners of Holy Resurrection Parish invite all the parishioners of St. John Chrysostom to a bonfire! Please join us this Saturday, September 24th from 7:30pm to 10:30pm for friendship, food and fun. We ask everyone bring a side dish to share. Any donations to help offset the cost of the city permit are gratefully accepted.



Bring friends, the more the merrier! The place

is the field at 4611 Glenmawr Ave.; Columbus, 43214. Please contact Dave at 614-284-8526 if you have any questions.

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside (without the fire of course) and still share friendship, food and fun.



Thank you!

The Ukrainian Cultural Association of Ohio extends a heartfelt thank you to Father Stash and the parishioners of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church for allowing us to use the church hall for The Great Ukrainian Garage Sale for five days, and for the generous support you showed us on the day of the sale. All our profits go to our fundraising arm, the Ukrainian Relief Initiative (URI), which supports humanitarian causes in Ukraine, at a time when there is a war on its eastern border as well as internal political and economic turmoil, all of which affect the average man and woman trying to build a normal life and future. Since we started URI in September 2014, we have raised more than \$12,000 in monetary donations and goods, providing medical supplies, clothing, school supplies and toys, and books to grass-roots charitable groups in Ukraine. Ukraine may not be front page news in the world right now, but we try to keep its struggle front and center in our hearts. Thank you!



It's That Cookie Time of Year Again!!

Lisa Sulich will be contacting parishioners to get your commitment to bake for this major parish fundraiser. Please speak with her so that we can get this underway! We need everyone's participation to make this a success.



Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos will be celebrated Friday evening, September 30th at 7pm.



The Ladies Guild is requesting that parishioners sign up to bring in or offer to pay for weekly refreshments for the Sunday Social (sign up sheet is on table with the snacks).

We are also asking everyone to please place a small donation (\$1) in the basket on the table to help defray the cost of purchasing the refreshments. If you would like to do more, please speak with either Kathy Krofcheck, Paula Martin, or Pat Papai.



O Most Holy Mother of God, Save us!

A small way to honor our Most Holy Mother! Members of the parish family are invited to place fresh flowers in front of the icon of the Theotokos every week. The flowers may be placed before Divine Liturgy begins.

The flowers must be real and they can be anything you like. It does not have to be a large arrangement. The kind, color, size, or smell for

that matter is not important. What matters is that you are giving from your heart to the Mother's heart. The point is to give thanks to our Mother who continually watches out for us and loves us as only a mother can.



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.

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



Read Your Bible!

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Amos 8: 4-7; Psalms 113: 1-2, 4-8; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13

Although we may not immediately perceive them, Holy Scripture is filled with references to stewardship and what it means. Today's Gospel from St. Luke that includes the Parable of the Dishonest Steward is more pointed and direct than many of those references.

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau — who was instrumental in the development of the United States Bishops' pastoral

letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, and has been a popular presenter on stewardship for decades — is fond of saying that on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, *"What have you done with the garden I have given you?"* In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts.



The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently

said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

The Word of God as given to us through Holy Scripture at every Liturgy is important to us simply because it is God's word. Our readings are filled with messages for us from God Himself. The Word is more than just information; it is God's promise, the promise of life. In spite of its age the Bible and God's Word through it still have meaning for us today.

The First Reading comes from the Book of Amos. Although one of the minor prophets, Amos is important not only through what he teaches, but because of all the prophets, history tells us that this Old Testament Book is the first written of all the prophetic books. Amos lived around 750 B.C. (Isaiah, for example, from whom we hear often, lived in the 600's.)

One of Amos's ongoing prophecies involves how the wealthy may take advantage of and mistreat the poor. This is the gist of today's reading and it bears that warning for us as well. What we do and how we treat others, even in minor ways, is important. That is also a recurring theme in the teachings of Jesus, why He reminds us so often to *"Love one another."* Amos reminds us that God will judge, and we must reconcile with Him.

In his first letter to Timothy (from which the Second Reading is drawn) St. Paul uses the term "first of all" when calling for prayers, especially prayers of thanksgiving. *"First of all"* is not a rhetorical phrase intended to point out what Paul is going to speak about initially. It is a communication that prayer is of primary importance. That is surely one of Paul's most common themes. The term "prayer" should mean more than just making appeals to the Lord.

It involves all communication with God, both to and from. Paul cannot **express** enough how important that should be to Timothy, and to us.

St. Paul also emphasizes to us that prayers should be for all people, including those in authority. And the key to prayers is to appeal for God's truth and saving grace for all. God wants all to be saved, and the Lord wants all to come to an understanding of truth. Finally we hear in this reading that all things must come from and through Jesus Christ, the Son. Prayer, in a sense, should be never ending for us. Paul concludes, *"It is my wish then, that in every place, men should pray."*

As much as anywhere in Holy Scripture, Jesus speaks to us about stewardship and what it means in today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke. It recounts the Lord sharing what many call "The Parable of the Dishonest Steward." Before everything else we must understand that God is the master, and we are merely stewards of His gifts, what belongs to Him. One of the strongest tenets of stewardship is, of course, that everything comes from God, and everything is God's. In the introduction to their pastoral letter on stewardship (*Stewardship: a Disciple's Response*) the U.S. Bishops state it this way:

"Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts."



Just as Jesus explains in the Parable of the Dishonest Steward, we will be judged by our stewardship, how we use and share God's gifts. In the first reading from Amos, the prophet tells us we will be judged. Jesus says specifically, *"If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?"* What

is ours is the Lord's saving grace; our true riches are in heaven. Amos and Paul and especially Jesus make that clear to us.



Points to Ponder

"Peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end the civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become at peace"

~ St. Gregory of Nyssa

"Prayer is a request for what is good, offered by the devout of God. But we do not restrict this request simply to what is stated in words... We should not express our prayer merely in syllables, but the power of prayer should be expressed in the moral attitude of our soul and in the virtuous actions that extend throughout our life... This is how you pray continually — not by offering prayer in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer."

~ St. Basil the Great,
Homily on the Martyr Julitta

"We are commanded to have only one enemy, the devil. With him never be reconciled! But with a brother, never be at enmity in thy heart."

~ St John Chrysostom, Homily 20

"Praying against one's personal enemies is a transgression of law."

~ St John Chrysostom, Homily against
Publishing the Errors of the Brethren

"Prayer for our enemies is the very highest summit of self-control."

~ St John Chrysostom, Homily 18
on the Gospel of St Matthew

Prayer List

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

The Priest Robert Barter		The Priest Eugene Linowski	
Ivan Ceresna	Charlotte Doctor	Ron Doctor	Julia Fedeczko
Julie Fultz	Charlene Grabner	John Grabner	Ev Houston
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 Sept/Oct 2016

Church Cleaning

- 09/17 – Pat Papai & (Need a second person)
- 10/08 – John/Keith
- 10/22 – Paula/Helen

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/Oct Collection Counting

Sept 18	Jerry Stasek
Sept 25	Alex Rakowsky
Oct. 02	Kathy Krofcheck
Oct. 09	Jerry Stasek
Oct. 16	Mark Frye
Oct. 23	Alex Rakowsky
Oct. 30	Mark Frye

Special Dates this Week!



Connie Kotula	September 22
Bernie Turanchik	September 23

May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!