

# St. John Chrysostom, Columbus, OH

## Parish Weekly Schedule

**Sunday      October 16**

*Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

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

**11a-12p** Children's ECF in the hall following  
Divine Liturgy

**11a-12p** Adult ECF in the hall following  
Divine Liturgy.  
Topic: **"Christ glorified in His Saints."**

**12-12:45p**      Cookie Sale meeting

**12:45p**            Sunday Parish Bake



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



**Monday      October 17**

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**Wednesday      October 19**

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**Thursday      October 20**

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**10a** Pirohi Making

**Friday      October 21**

**9a-1p** Office Hours

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## From the Pastor

Father Bob is attending the Clergy Retreat this week. Please contact Fr. Ignatius Harrington at 614-783-0042 for any pastoral needs during this time.



### Eastern Christian Formation Classes

Children's ECF Classes are scheduled for the following dates: Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. December dates will be published as soon as they are set.

We will hold Adult ECF classes after the Divine Liturgy on the following Sundays October 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. The topic is: **"Christ glorified in His Saints."** We'll talk about a few early martyrs, later ascetics, and recent Eastern Blessed Martyrs. These sessions are led by Robert Parks.

Classes for both children and Adults will begin about 11:00-11:15 and last until 12 Noon.



We are very low on Divine Liturgy intentions. Please send intention with stipend (*usually \$10 per Liturgy*) through either the collection baskets, via e-mail (to [stjohnbyz@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnbyz@hotmail.com)) or call Teresa during posted hours. Those stipends you can send through the collection baskets or mail.



## READ YOUR BIBLE!

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**Exodus 17: 8-13; Psalms 121: 1-8;  
2 Timothy 3:14- 4:1; Luke 18: 1-8**

You might say our message from today's readings has everything to do with prayer. Could Jesus put it more clearly than He does at the beginning of the Gospel from Luke? *"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary."*

We may recall that St. Paul told us we needed to "pray constantly." Prayer should be at the very core of our faith lives, and it is the beginning point of living lives of stewardship. Jesus probably did not mean that we should always be on our knees with our eyes closed in prayer, but He did expect us to always be in what one might call the "spirit of prayer." Paul refers to this in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 when he says, *"Pray without ceasing."*

To be sure, prayer is not easy. We may, as the Lord says, sometimes "lose heart" in prayer, because it is difficult for us to perceive the answer or the response to our prayers. (The term "lose heart" is another translation of what was translated in the Gospel as "becoming weary.") Too often we use prayer as a last resort instead of a first resource.

A healthy, consistent, and regular prayer life is in many ways the secret to a successful faith life. St. John Chrysostom said, *"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, and a protection against sadness."*

Why do we pray? There are, of course, myriad reasons and motivations. Jesus spoke of prayer, and He certainly does pointedly in today's Gospel Reading from Luke. In Luke, Chapter 11, Jesus gives us our most common and familiar prayer, the *Our Father*. However,

shortly after that, after speaking to his followers about the power of prayer, Jesus said, “*And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*” (Luke 11: 9-10)

That theme of prayer is continued throughout the readings above. Our First Reading from the Book of Genesis relates a well known instance of Moses praying. When Moses says that he will stand “on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand” he is speaking of praying. It tells of how when Moses prayed by holding up his hand the Israelites prevail, but when he ceased praying, Amalek prevailed. Holding up a hand to pray was the custom then, not bowing heads or folding hands together. Another point we must consider is that it is Joshua for whom Moses is praying. “Joshua” is how the Greeks say Jesus. The connection is obvious.

Also, Moses becomes weary in praying. Prayer is sometimes easy, but it is often hard work, especially when one prays as intensely as Moses was. St. Paul once described someone “as always laboring fervently for you in prayers.” Paul knew how important deep and passionate prayer is. Another important message about prayer in the reading from Genesis is that prayer with others is even more powerful. Aaron and Hur were there to pray with Moses, to support him and strengthen him. Their assistance made Moses’s prayer more effective. The same is true for us; we need to pray as individuals, but we also need to pray with others.

The Second Reading is a continuation of St. Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy. Recall that Timothy was a pastor and a leader in the Church, and Paul has definite thoughts about how he should approach that responsibility. Paul says in effect “Do what I have taught you.” Paul’s point is that for someone to be a leader

and for someone to live out their faith, they need more than just an understanding of Holy Scripture, and the importance of sharing that Good News with others. In addition, they need to bring the same sense of urgency and intensity to it that Moses shows in the First Reading. Their prayer, too, must be consistent and constant.

St. Paul exhorts Timothy to “proclaim the Word.” This proclaiming involves more than just saying things that explain the Word. It also means living the Word in all you do and to all you may meet. That is why we often describe stewardship as a “way of life.” In our prayers and in our very lives we must live out the Word in such a way that all who know us will understand what it means to be a disciple and a follower of Jesus.

Our holy Gospel Reading from St. Luke opens with these words: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.” Recall Moses becoming tired and weary while praying, but he is able to continue with God’s help and those around him. Jesus’ message to us through this parable has everything to do with prayer, humility, and discipleship.

The Lord’s intent is not to indicate that God is a “reluctant” judge. What He is trying to tell us is that God is a loving judge Who wants to respond to our prayers, but we must first of all be persistent in prayer. Then we have to have the humility to be patient and to perhaps even repeat those prayers. And finally, praying and having a consistent and regulated prayer life is a sign of discipleship. It is a part of being a good steward; it is an indication that we understand the need to be grateful to God.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner!*

**Prayer List**

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

The Priest Eugene Linowski			
Charlotte Doctor	Ron Doctor	Julia Fedeczko	Julie Fultz
Charlene Grabner	John Grabner	Ev Houston	Esther Imhoff
Frederick Kowalski	Marilyn Kimbrel	Donald Krofcheck	Victor Lonzrick
Christine Loya	Bill Martin	Joe Martin	Paul Mech
Ed Nyahay	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.***

***Special Dates this Week!***

**Happy Birthday!**

Jim Wallace	October 18
Rita Zaroka	October 21



Alexander & Alexandra Rakowsky  
October 19, 1991  
***Celebrating 25 years Crowned in Marriage***

Don & Kathy Krofcheck  
October 20, 1979  
***Celebrating 37 years Crowned in Marriage***

***May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!***

**Oct. Collection Counting**

Oct. 09	Jerry Stasek
Oct. 16	Alex Rakowsky
Oct. 23	Mark Frye
Oct. 30	Mark Frye



***Volunteer Schedules for Oct 2016***

**Church Cleaning**  
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.***

# COOKIE

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

December 10, 2016

### Nut Roll Baking



The Saturday baking of nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls are as follows: **October 29, November 12 and November 19.** Rolling, filling, shaping rolls will start at 10:00 am and continue throughout the day. If we have enough volunteers, we can have two shifts and not find it necessary to have anyone give up their entire Saturday. Help is needed to fill the rolls, shape the rolls, bake the rolls, package the rolls and clean up dishes and kitchen.

If you can help in any way, please e-mail me, Rose Ann, at [jirles@att.net](mailto:jirles@att.net) and let me know what day or days you can help and if morning or afternoon is better for you. This is a major undertaking. We need a minimum of 300 rolls for just the Christmas Cookie Sale as well as rolls for the November First Friday Sale. I know all of you are busy baking cookies for the sale, but please know all the "regular" bakers also bake many dozens of cookies as well as give up their Saturdays for this worthwhile event. Many hands make lighter work. I am asking you to help by volunteering at least one Saturday. Thank you for making this sacrifice.

St. John Chrysostom Church needs you!

~ Rose Ann



### Pirohi Making

**On Thursdays & Fridays, October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>; 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:30am, we will be making pirohi. Any and all hands are needed to help as this is the beginning of the big push for the Christmas Cookie Sale (*we need 600 dozen+ for the Cookie Sale and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday sales*).

Everyone is welcome to come and help. We will teach you how! With questions or to volunteer please call Pat Papai at 614-578-5698.

## Attn: All Cookie Bakers



The schedule is now up in the Hall Kitchen if you need to use the parish kitchen and ovens. Please sign up for the day(s) and time(s) you would like to use the kitchen. Also, watch the grocery store sale flyers, as baking supplies often go on sale around this time of year.

**There is a Cookie Sale Meeting (no more than 45 min ) following ECF classes, TODAY, approx. 12 Noon.**

## Sunday Bakes

There will be many Sunday Bakes this fall. Any and all parishioners are welcome to come and help. The first one is scheduled for **TODAY, Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. We are baking chocolate chip cookies, just meet Lisa in the kitchen after the Cookie Sale meeting.

Additional Sunday Bakes include October 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please watch bulletin for further information. We need at least three more volunteers to "lead" these three bakes. Please call or text Lisa Sulich at 937-844-7778 to help.

## FREEZER SPACE NEEDED!

We are in great need of freezer storage space. If you have space available and can share with us for a short time, please call Lisa Sulich at 937-844-7778.

