

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

Sunday October 30

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

11a Sunday Parish Bake



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

3:30pm Ge'ez community using hall



Monday October 31

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

9a-1p Office Hours

6:30p Pirohi Making in hall – All are needed and welcome to help, we will show you how!

Wednesday November 2

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
Health of Ruth Turanchick by Parish Family

9a-1p Office Hours

10a First Friday Sale Preparations

Thursday November 3

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Jeanette Czynnik by John Czynnik

9a-1p Office Hours

10a First Friday Sale Preparations

Friday November 4

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
Health of Helen Stephens by Parish Family

9a-1p Office Hours

10a First Friday Sale Preparations

4p-6p First Friday Sale

Saturday November 5

4pm Fr. Bob covering St. Barbara in Dayton



Sunday November 6

25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

12-12:45p Sunday Parish Bake



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Eternal Memory

We received word last week on the death of two of our former parishioners. The first is Charlotte Doctor who passed away on October 14th and Halia Dосkotch who died last week.

Please keep Ron Doctor and Ray Dосkotch and their families in your prayers.

Grant, O Lord, Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory to your handmaids Charlotte and Halia.



Eastern Christian Formation Classes

Children's ECF Classes are scheduled for the following dates: Nov. 6th and 20th. December dates will be published as soon as they are set.



Please read the "Cookie Corner", it has information as to what is needed for this year's Christmas Cookie Sale and contact information for you to use to volunteer.



The next First Friday Sale is **this Friday, November 4th**. We need **AT LEAST 15 PEOPLE** in order to prepare all that is needed for this sale. If you are available November 2nd through the 4th to help, **please call Rose Ann Jirles or text her at 614-296-4289 or e-mail her at jirles.att.net**

We need a definite commitment of workers by Monday, **October 31st**. If 15 people are not committed by Monday evening, the sale will have to be canceled. We do not want to lose these sales and the orders for the Cookie Sale that it generates, so please call Rose Ann.



READ YOUR BIBLE!

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Sirach: 35: 12-14, 16-18; Psalms 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

One of the most repeated, quoted, and well known lines from Holy Scripture appears in the Second Reading above from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. Paul writes, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Paul had the ability to put things in terms that all can understand, and that is certainly one of those brief statements that falls into that category. In addition to that message in today's readings, it is made clear to us in the First Reading and the Gospel that God loves us all always. Keeping the faith under those circumstances should be easier for us.

The First Reading is derived from the Book of Sirach in the Old Testament. This book has gone through various names through the centuries, one of the longer and more endearing being the Book of the All-Virtuous Wisdom of Joshua ben Sira. Scholars estimate that it was written about 200 years before the birth of Christ. It is interesting in that it was written in Hebrew originally, but then was translated into Greek by the author's grandson. Portions of that Hebrew version were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The proposition in today's reading can basically be found in the opening sentence that declares, "The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites." This will be echoed in the Gospel Reading for today also. This reading continues to point out that "The one who serves God willingly is heard." Obviously, the key for us is to serve God. That is what it means to be a disciple. That is what it means to strive for holiness as a good steward of the gifts we have received.

St. Paul understood as much as anyone that he

had been gifted and blessed by God. This Second Letter to Timothy is believed to be the final letter Paul wrote. That is why he is looking at the inevitability of his nearing martyrdom, and perhaps philosophizing about his life. In part he is telling Timothy that he (Paul) may soon be gone, and telling him he (Timothy) must carry on. Paul is saying the same thing to us through Holy Scripture. Paul says, *“The crown of righteousness awaits me.”* In Greek there are two words for “crown”—one referring to a royal crown and the other to a crown of victory. In this instance Paul uses the Greek *stephanos* that means the crown of victory.

Paul concurs with Sirach from the First Reading that this crown is available to all; that God will award it to anyone who remains faithful and lives out their life as a true disciple of the Lord. Paul has been criticized by some as speaking too much about rewards, but that is the result of a righteous life. We will be rewarded, and we must never lose sight of that fact as we sacrifice and share and live our lives as best we can.

We have been hearing a succession of parables proclaimed in the Gospel from Luke over the past few weeks. The popular title of this week’s parable is the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. We all understand what a tax collector is, but a Pharisee is more difficult to define, even though Jesus makes reference to them often. The Pharisees were more religious than political; however, they tended to be represented by comfortable middle class men. Their weakness was reducing relationships with God to being more ritualistic than real. It is as if in this Gospel Reading, Jesus might be saying what we have heard in the first two readings: God views all equally, but it is important to be genuine and honest and righteous in our relationship with the Lord and our dealings with others.

Jesus reiterates that God can see us all exactly

the way we are. Whether we are wealthy or poor, learned or not, God looks into our hearts. That is why Jesus reminds us *“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”* Humility, the understanding that God and those around us are more important than we are, is a key aspect of stewardship.

The First Reading today comes to us from the Book of Sirach, which was once known as the Wisdom of Sirach. As is the norm with Sirach, he gets right to the point in the first verse of the reading: *“The Lord God is a God of justice who knows no favorites.”*

We are all familiar with the idea of favorites: we may have a favorite color, or a favorite food, or a favorite flower. However, it is comforting to know that God has no favorites. We are all His children. This fact is reinforced over and over in the Bible.

Consider the following: *“For there is no favoritism with God.”* (Romans 2:11); *“For the Lord your God is the God of gods...who favors no person and accepts no bribe.”* (Deuteronomy 10:17); St Peter opened a sermon with these words: *“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.”* (Acts 10:34). We may sense that God does not have favorites, that He loves us all equally, that we all can be saved, but we also need to note that God cannot be bribed or bought.

What God expects of us is for us to be disciples, to be good stewards, to live righteous lives. If we sincerely do that, if we pursue holiness as we are called to do, then truly as the Lord tells us in today’s Gospel, *“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”* God is good — to all of us.



Prayer List

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

The Priest Eugene Linowski			
Ron Doctor	Ray Duskotch	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.

2016-17 Stewardship Goal	\$ 4,200.00
2016-17 Pledges	990.00
2016-17 Pledges Paid	990.00
Balance on Goal as of 10/23/16	\$ 3,210.00

Nov. Collection Counting

Oct. 30	Mark Frye
Nov. 6	Kathy Krofcheck
Nov. 13	Jerry Stasek
Nov. 20	Mark Frye
Nov. 27	Alex Rakowsky



Special Dates this Week!



Jillian Christie	October 30
Robbie Cook	October 30
Joseph Hospodar	November 2
Don Krofcheck	November 2
Luke Rakowsky	November 4
Lucy Cook	November 5

May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!

Church Cleaning

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
11/6 – Jim/Irena	12/3- All Clean
11/19 – Pat/Lora	12/17 – Paula/Cathy

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

12th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

December 10, 2016

Nut Roll Baking



The Saturday baking of nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls are as follows: **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 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

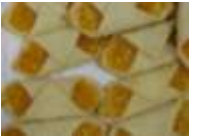
Pirohi Making



The following dates in November, we will be making pirohi: Monday, November 14th beginning at 6:30pm and Thurs. & Fri., November 17th & 18th beginning at 9:30am. 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 1st 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.

Parish Sunday Bakes

Any and all parishioners are welcome to come and help. There is one is scheduled for **TODAY, Sunday, October 30th**. Meet Keith Nissen and Sharon Mech in the kitchen.

Additional Sunday Bakes include November 6th, and November 20th. We have lead bakers for the November 20th Parish Bake – Jerry Stasek and Dana Hardin. They are making Russian Teacakes and need many hands to help roll the cookies. Please help out!

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF LEAD BAKER(S) FOR THE NOVEMBER 6TH PARISH BAKE.

Please call or text Lisa Sulich at 937-844-7778 to volunteer.

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.

**40 days until the Cookie Sale!
Please volunteer, we need help with a lot of different things, there is always something or someplace we can use YOU!**

