

St. John Chrysostom, Columbus, OH Parish Weekly Schedule

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

12p Sunday Parish Bake



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



Monday November 7

9a-1p Office Hours

7pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and All the Angelic Powers
For the United States of America

Wednesday November 9

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Alice Ramos & +Albert Gelliespie by Helen Stephens

9a-1p Office Hours

Thursday November 10

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

9a-1p Office Hours

Friday November 11

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Helen Jadwisiak by the Pitt Family

9a-1p Office Hours

Saturday November 12

10a Nut/Apricot/Poppyseed Roll baking in hall all day – **volunteers needed** see the *"Cookie Corner"* for contact information

4pm Fr. Bob covering St. Barbara in Dayton



Sunday November 13

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of St. John Chrysostom

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

Patronal Feast Day Luncheon following Divine Liturgy in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! (*see announcement in this bulletin*)

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.

Church Cleaning

November

11/6 – Jim/Irena
11/19 – Pat/Lora

December

12/3- **All Clean**
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.

Nov. Collection Counting

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

Special Dates this Week!

Happy Birthday!

Ann O'Halloran November 7

May God grant her many Happy and Blessed Years!

2016-17 Stewardship Goal	\$ 4,200.00
2016-17 Pledges	1,690.00
2016-17 Pledges Paid	1,690.00
Balance on Goal as of 10/30/16	<u>\$ 2,510.00</u>

The Nativity Fast – Preparing for Christ’s Birth in the Eastern Churches

In the weeks leading up to the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord in the Eastern Churches, the waiting and preparation period is also a time of fasting. This period is called the Nativity Fast, the Pre-Nativity Fast or even the Christmas Lent. It may also be referred to as Phillip’s Fast or the Philippian Fast, as it traditionally begins the day after the Feast of St. Phillip the Apostle, which falls on November 15 in the new calendar. In the Eastern churches, consequently, there is no reference to a season called Advent. It is similar to the Great Fast (i.e. Lent) in that it is 40 days in duration and it gives us the needed time and opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves for Christ's Birth and Baptism.

A Brief Explanation of the Nativity Fast

Like the Lenten fast before Easter, the Eastern Church’s Pre-Nativity Fast lasts for 40 days, traditionally. Beginning with the Feast of the Nativity there will then be a period of 40 days of celebration. Fasting before the Feast of the Nativity is an ancient practice; in earlier centuries both Eastern and Western rites practiced fasting in preparation for the Nativity, though presently it is the Eastern Catholic Churches that maintain the practice.

The Purpose of the Nativity Fast

The purpose of the Nativity Fast is to draw closer to God through denying the body by fasting with repentance and humility. Although fasting most apparently affects the body, however, what happens to the body has an effect on the soul and one’s consciousness of the spiritual. The fast is not solely based on refraining from eating certain foods. It is also based on fasting from sin, increasing one’s prayer life, increasing the practice of almsgiving and good works.

Fasting Guidelines

The tradition never fixes what should and should not be eaten. However, since it is considered a "lesser" Lent, a penitential spirit is to be maintained. The Great Fast (i.e. Lent) on the other

hand, is more restrictive and stringent in its dietary regulations.

However, St. Philip's Fast is still a time of fasting, which means that meat is never consumed on Friday (at the very least). In fact, more should be done (e.g. perhaps not eating meat and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays, or not eating meat products on weekdays, or a combination of both). Much is left to the Christian to decide in the matters of the frequency (days) of fasting and from what food products. The main thing is to be committed to the promise we make at the beginning of the fast and see it through to the end. Remember that the fast is not binding on the weekends because every Sunday is considered a small Pascha (Day of Resurrection).

The inner joy and sense of celebration that we later experience when we meet the newly-born King of kings fills our hearts and souls so much more than any present or gift we receive. As Christians, we need to recapture the St. Philip's Fast and truly reinstate it into our yearly Christmas preparations. There is no other way to do this but to FAST. Nothing more, nothing less.

The fast makes total sense especially when we begin to approach Christmas and finally reach Christmas Eve and sing for the FIRST time the pivotal feast day hymn "God is with us" - Christ is born! No longer do we fast and do penance, rather we celebrate the Birth of Christ. We now begin 40 GREAT DAYS OF CELEBRATION - which balance the 40 days of penance and fasting; thus we sing carols during the 40 day period after Christmas.

Once again this fast needs to be reclaimed and truly observed regardless of the pressures of society with its various pre-Christmas celebrations held all around. Simply inform your friends that this is your faith and practice. I'm sure that they will be fascinated by this statement while you will stand as a WITNESS to Christ in their midst. I truly believe that by practicing the faith and the traditions handed down to us through time, we, in a small part, combat the rampant and prevalent commercialism of Christmas.



To the Parishioners and all who attend St. John Chrysostom:

I realize that I have been remiss in that I have not always begun Divine Liturgy on time. I have been consciously making sure that I do begin on time for several weeks now. Fr. Deacon begins blessing the church at 9:25am so Divine Liturgy can begin at 9:30am and I am asking that you please be mindful of this and arrive **before** this time so you may be prepared for Divine Liturgy as well.

I thank you for your patience and understanding.

I also ask that everyone respect the church space as “*heaven on earth*”, as is our tradition, by keeping the interior doors closed and voices in the narthex low. This is so that those in church may continue to pray without distraction.

Thank you.

~Fr. Bob

Eastern Christian Formation Classes

Children’s ECF Classes are scheduled for the following dates: Nov. 6th and 20th; December 4th and 18th.

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and all the Angelic Powers

Divine Liturgy is tomorrow evening at 7:00pm.

Parish Luncheon in Honor of St. John Chrysostom

Next Sunday, November 13th, is the feast day of our patron saint, John Chrysostom. In celebration, we are having a luncheon; the Ladies’ Guild is providing the main dish, beverages and dessert. We are asking everyone

to bring a side dish or salad to share. Everyone is welcome so please join us in celebrating the Feast of St. John Chrysostom.

After the lunch, we need many hands to help get the tables and chairs off the main floor. We are having the floor cleaned and waxed that Tuesday and Wednesday and they need to be moved.

Also, if you are available on Saturday (Nov. 19) during the day to put **some of them** back for the Sunday social, please let Teresa know in the office by the 14th.

Cookie Sale News

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.



St. Mary in Marblehead is once again sponsoring a bus specifically for Eastern Catholics of the Eparchy of Parma for the **March for Life** in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 26th, 2017 through Saturday, January 28th. Pick up sites are at St. Michael in Oregon (Toledo), St. Mary in Marblehead, St. Nicholas in Lorain and St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Parma. The bus capacity is 56 passengers so if you are interested in this mission on behalf of children past, present and future, especially those who have suffered death at the hands of an abortionist, please contact the parish office for the itinerary with cost of the trip. (St. Barbara-Fr. Bob has this information)

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline is December 26th, 2016 for registration and payment. This is a hard deadline as final lists and payments are due to the hotel. This is also the date on which it will be decided if the trip must be cancelled.

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12th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

December 10, 2016

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Pray before Baking!

When all else fails, seek the Divine; rather, before whipping out that rolling pin, and beginning the day's work in the kitchen, start with a sincere prayer seeking the blessing and protection of St. Honore, patron saint of bakers, confectioners, and millers. Believe that grace must be the secret ingredient to every successful baking endeavor! And it won't hurt to seek the intercession of the pious Honoratus of Amiens, who is said to be the baker of the holy wafer of the Latin Church.

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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.

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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. 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 and 18th** beginning at **9:30am.** **Any and all hands are needed** to help as this is the big push for the Christmas Cookie Sale (*we need 600 dozen+ for the Cookie Sale*).

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, November 6th.** Meet Sharon Mech in the kitchen at 12:00 Noon.

The last Parish Sunday Bakes is November 20th. The lead bakers are Jerry Stasek and Dana Hardin. They are making Russian Teacakes and need many hands to help roll the cookies. Please help out! Meet them in the kitchen at Noon on November 20th.

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

