

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

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!



Monday November 14

Feast of St. Philip

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Halia Doskotch by Mr. & Mrs. Al Gingras

9a-1p Office Hours

Wednesday November 16

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

9a-1p Office Hours

Thursday November 17

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

9a-1p Office Hours

Friday November 18

8am Divine Liturgy in chapel
+Rev. Robert Barter by John Czynnik

9a-1p Office Hours

Saturday November 19

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

11am Set up tables and chairs for Sunday Social – volunteers needed

4pm Fr. Bob covering St. Barbara in Dayton
+Geraldine Kirtos by Eugene Kirtos



Sunday November 20

27th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Panachida for Charlotte Doctor immediately following Divine Liturgy

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

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

12p Sunday Parish Bake
Meet Dana and Jerry in kitchen at noon to help make Russian Teacakes.

NEED HELP TO SHAPE THESE COOKIES, PLEASE VOLUNTEER



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: November 20th; December 4th and 18th.

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.

2017 March for Life

"Our Eastern Catholic March for Life Group encourages you to "save the date" for our annual, upcoming Right to Life March bus trip to Washington, D. C. The trip will take place from January 26, 2017 thru January 28, 2017.

The deadline for reservation is December 23, 2016. By joining us, your presence will give voice to those who cannot speak for themselves. For further information, please contact Dr. Susan Gallagher at 419 626 0375. Thank you."



November 15th

The Preparatory Season for the Nativity of Our Lord - The Phillipian Fast

The oldest Christian feast is the Resurrection of our Lord (Pascha). This Holy Day includes a whole cycle of feasts such as the Ascension and Pentecost. It is the great feast of our redemption and sanctification. Later Holy Days followed slowly until the fourth century. After the Church won official recognition and full freedom of worship and evangelization, our present calendar of festal celebration began to develop. This development was motivated by the Church's desire to honor both the events in the life of our Lord and the memory of the holy martyrs. Eventually the Church established a full year Christian calendar.

We are familiar with the preparatory period before the Resurrection. This is the "Great Fast" or the "Holy Forty Days' Fast". The celebration of the birth of our Lord cannot be ascertained before the middle of the fourth century. The Church at Rome was the first to celebrate our Lord's birth. Many think that the date of

December 25 was chosen to supplant the feast of the god Mithra and the solemn celebration of the birth of the invincible sun god. Others think that the date was chosen for the same reason that the Roman pagans honor the victory of the sun. It is around this date that the sun overcomes the darkness and the days become longer. Several times the prophets call Jesus Christ "Sun of Justice." It was deemed proper to choose the day when the sun begins its victorious cycle of light by shortening the duration of the night.

According to some sermons of St. Gregory of Nazianzus, he introduced this feast into the Eastern Church about the year 379 or 388. After his departure from Constantinople, the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25 was neglected. In 395 Emperor Honorius reinstated the celebration. St. John Chrysostom tells us how he introduced this feast at Antioch sometime around 380. He explicitly says how he introduced it in imitation of the Church at Rome. St. John believed that the Roman Christians knew the date of Christ's birth better than anybody else since the imperial city archives were accessible to them.

The first mention of a preparatory period before Christmas is mentioned in a decree of the Council of Saragossa (380). The Council Fathers stated that every Christian should daily go to church from December 17 until the Theophany (January 6th). At the Synod of Mac (581), in present day France, it was decreed that from November 11, the day of St. Martin, until December 24 every Christian should fast 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

Our pre-Nativity period of preparation developed rather late. Scholars do not agree about the exact time it began. Some hold that it began in the sixth century. Others believe it began in the seventh or eighth century. The present liturgical pre-Nativity season was finally established at the Council of Constantinople (1166). The Council decreed that the fast would begin on November 15 and last until December 24 inclusive. Thus, there was created

another 40 day fast.

The pre-Nativity fast is often called "Phillip's Fast" because it begins on the day after the feast of St. Phillip. The fast was introduced to prepare the Church for a worthy celebration of the great and holy day of the Birth of Christ. The regulations for the fast were far more lenient than the Great Fast before Pascha. Only Monday, Wednesday, and Friday were days of strict fasting without meat, dairy products or oil (in Slavic countries). On Sundays fish was permitted. Laymen were at first permitted to eat fish on other days, too, until the monastic rigoristic influence prevailed. It is interesting to observe that the famous 12th century Byzantine canonist Balsamon expressed the opinion that it would be enough if laymen fasted only one week before Christmas. In 1958 a modern Greek author, Christos M. Enislides, welcomes Balsamon's suggestion and believes that the best solution would be for the Church at large to abstain from meat and dairy products for 33 days. During the last seven days of the fast everybody should observe the strict fast.

To worthily meet our Lord and Savior, we should sanctify this pre-Nativity season of the Phillipian Fast. Sanctifying means spending our time in faith and in the service of God and in kindness towards our neighbor, especially those who are in need of our assistance. And we should think of what we would have been had Christ not come to our lowliness and poverty. Together with the whole of the Byzantine Church we should try to meet Christ as he deserves to be met and as it will, in His mercy, best serve our spiritual benefit!

*Rev. Msgr. Russell A. Duker, Archdiocese of Pittsburgh
Taken from: Christbearers - Meditations for the Pre-Christmas Fast, Christmas and Theophany*

*Come O Jesus, our
Savior, redeem and save us!*

Prayer List

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

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| The Priest Eugene Linowski | | | |
| Ron Doctor | Ray Daskotch | 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!



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| Tom Jirles | November 18 |
| Bob Zvansky | November 19 |



Bob & Helena Zvansky November 19, 1983
Celebrating 33 years Crowned in Marriage

May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!

Church Cleaning

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



Nov. Collection Counting

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

2016-17 Stewardship Goal	\$ 4,200.00
2016-17 Pledges	2,440.00
2016-17 Pledges Paid	2,440.00
Balance on Goal as of 11/06/16	\$ 1,760.00

COOKIE



12th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

December 10, 2016

Dates to Remember



Christmas Cookie Sale – Saturday, December 10th (10:00 – 2:00); liturgy at 8:00 am



- November 27th – last day for orders (return all pre-order forms)
- December 8th – cookie drop off in hall between 10-1 & 5:30-9:00
- December 9th – organize cookie trays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- December 9th – parishioner order pick-up 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- December 9th – bag cookie pit cookies 3:00 p.m. until finished
- December 12th – all money due – office hours unless arrangements are made



FREEZING TIPS

To freeze baked cookies, cool cookies completely, then wrap cookies tightly in plastic wrap. Place in freezer-style re-sealable plastic bag or airtight container. Freeze up to 1 month. When ready to serve, thaw at room temperature.



To freeze brownies or bar cookies, cool brownies or bar cookies completely, but do not cut into individual servings. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap, then wrap again with foil. Freeze up to 3 months. When ready to serve, thaw at room temperature before cutting into individual servings. Chocolate-topped brownies or bar cookies should be frozen before topping. Follow directions for freezing brownies. After thawing, spread melted chocolate over the top of the brownies or bar cookies and cut into individual servings.

Cookie dough can be frozen up to 6 weeks using these methods: For slice-and-bake refrigerator cookies, shape dough into logs, then double wrap in plastic wrap. Freeze until ready to use, then just thaw, slice and bake as directed in recipe. For drop or shaped cookies, shape cookie dough into balls (or other shapes as directed in your recipe) then place on parchment paper or wax paper-lined baking sheet. Freeze until dough is completely frozen. Transfer dough from tray to freezer-style resealable plastic bag; freeze until ready to use. When ready to bake, thaw frozen dough on baking sheets then bake as directed in recipe. For cut-out cookies, pat dough into a disk and double wrap in plastic wrap. Place dough in freezer-style re-sealable plastic bag. When ready to use, thaw dough, roll out, cut into shapes and bake as directed in recipe.

NUT ROLL BAKING

This Saturday, **November 19th**, is a day of baking of nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls. Rolling, filling, shaping rolls will **start at 10:00 am** and continue throughout the day. **With 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 times you can help. This is a major undertaking. We need a minimum of 300 rolls for just the Christmas Cookie Sale.

PIROHI MAKING

The following dates in November, we will be making pirohi: **TOMORROW, 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.**

PARISH SUNDAY BAKES

The last of the Parish Sunday Bakes is **NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

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.



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26 days until the Cookie Sale!
Please contact Lisa Sulich, we need help with a lot of different things, there is always someplace we can use YOU or something YOU can do!

