

## ***St. John Chrysostom, Col's, OH Parish Weekly Schedule***

**Sunday March 5**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast*

**9:30am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**11:15a** **Children's and Adult ECF**  
~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Mon, March 6** **9a-1p** Office Hours  
**7pm** Ladies Guild Meeting

**Tues, March 8** **9a-1p** Office Hours

**Thu, March 9** **9a-1p** Office Hours

**Fri, March 10** **NO OFFICE HOURS**  
**7pm** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday March 11**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Saturday*

**8am** Divine Liturgy

**9:30a** Roll baking

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – SET CLOCKS  
AHEAD ONE HOUR BY 2:00am**

**Sunday March 12**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast*

**9:30am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**11:15a** **Adult ECF**  
**Pysanky Workshop**

## ***St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Monthly Schedule***

**Saturday March 4**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast*

**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

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

**Wednesday March 8**  
**6pm** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday March 11**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Saturday; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast*

**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – SET CLOCKS  
AHEAD ONE HOUR BY 2:00am**

**Saturday March 18**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Saturday; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast; Veneration of the Holy Cross*

**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful!*

**Wednesday March 22**  
**6pm** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

OFFICE HOURS OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS ARE CHANGED. This week I will not be in the office on Wednesday or Friday and the following two weeks I have been called for Jury Duty, so I will not be in the office at all. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

~ Teresa

### ***Congratulations!***

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Habtemariam Belay and Letekidan Teckle on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

May God grant them many more happy and blessed years!

### **Eastern Christian Formation**

#### **Children's ECF Class Schedule:**

March 5 & 19, April 2 & 23, May 7 & 21

#### **Adult ECF Class Schedule:**

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pysanky Making**

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, following Divine Liturgy, we will have a Pysanky egg decorating workshop led by Myroslava Mudrak and Irena Wallace in the parish hall. All are invited to participate in this traditional Lenten/Pascha activity. Supplies will be provided.

### **Ladies Guild**

There is a Ladies Guild meeting tomorrow, Monday, March 6 at 7pm in the parish hall. All the women of the parish are welcome to attend.

### **For the Great Fast**

***"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD..."***

~ Proverbs 19:17

The following is the list of items we would like to collect for the Westerville Area resource Ministry during the Great Fast. Let us fill up the baskets in front of the church!

**1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Great Fast** – Cleaning items, laundry detergent, multipurpose cleaners, sponges, dish soap, etc.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Great Fast** – Paper products, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, feminine protection items, etc.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Great Fast** – Personal items, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually packaged), deodorant.

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Great Fast** – Boxed goods, cereal, mac & cheese, pasta, noodles, cake mixes, etc.

**5<sup>th</sup> Week of the Great Fast** – Canned/jar items such as vegetables, fruits, sauces, condiments, etc.

These are just suggestions; anything you wish to donate is gratefully received.

***"Feeding the hungry is a greater miracle than raising the dead!"***

~St. John Chrysostom

### **From the Eparchy of Parma**

#### **RESOURCES FOR THE GREAT FAST**

Spiritual aids for the Great Fast are available on [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org). There are downloadable documents including a daily plan for reading all of "Ladder of Divine Ascent" by St. John Climacus, a calendar for the Great Fast, and more. Additional items will be added throughout the fast.

#### **BOOK PROGRAM**

If you did not receive the book "Resisting Happiness" or would like a copy to share with a

friend, request up to three books for free at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org). Sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center.

### BEST LENT EVER

Receive daily e-mail inspiration throughout the Great Fast from Dynamic Catholic, the institute that brought you "Resisting Happiness." Sign up at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org).

### BE UP ON BYZANTINE CATHOLIC NEWS

Stay informed of all that is happening in the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma! Pick up a copy of **Horizons**, the official newspaper of the eparchy.

**Horizons** includes news from our parishes, features on our faithful, pastoral messages from our spiritual and pastoral leaders, and insightful columns for our formation as Byzantine Catholics.

If you're not receiving a copy of Horizons at home, ask your pastor to add you to the list of parish recipients or go to [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) and click on the "Horizons" tab to submit your mailing information. Subscription requests, with the \$15 subscription fee, can also be sent to: **HORIZONS**, 1900 Carlton Rd., Parma OH 44134

*"O LORD, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and enjoy You, for Christ's sake, Amen."*

*~St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)*

### Schedule of Services for Great Lent

- **Wed., Mar. 8, 6pm – Dayton, St. Barbara** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Fri., Mar. 10, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Wed., Mar. 15, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Fri., Mar. 17, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Wed., Mar 22 6pm – Dayton St. Barbara** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Fri., Mar. 24, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Wed., Mar. 29, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Thu., Mar. 30, 7:30am – Col's, St. John** The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- **Fri., Mar. 31, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Sat., Apr. 1, 9am – Col's, St. John** Akathist to the Theotokos
- **Wed., Apr. 5, 6pm – Dayton, St. Barbara** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Fri., Apr. 7, 7pm – Col's, St. John** The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Sat., Apr. 8, 9am – Col's, St. John** Lazarus Saturday – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me, a sinner.*

### 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	Michelle Pomaes	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.*



Helen Bukaczyk	Dana Hardin
Martin Hodovanich	Margo Hospodar
Rose Ann Jirles	Michael O'Halloran
John Oshinski	Suzanne Patton
Karen Sweda	Mildred Woryk
Helena Zvansky	

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

### Volunteer Schedules

#### Collection Counting

Mar. 5	Mark Frye
Mar. 12	Jerry Stasek
Mar. 19	Alex Rakowsky
Mar. 26	Alex Rakowsky

#### Church Cleaning

Mar. 4	Jim/Irena
Mar. 18	Pat/Cathy



"AS LENT IS THE TIME FOR GREATER LOVE,  
LISTEN TO JESUS' THIRST...  
'REPENT AND BELIEVE' JESUS TELLS US.  
WHAT ARE WE TO REPENT?  
OUR INDIFFERENCE, OUR HARDNESS OF HEART.  
WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE?  
JESUS THIRSTS EVEN NOW,  
IN YOUR HEART AND IN THE POOR --  
HE KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESS.  
HE WANTS ONLY YOUR LOVE,  
WANTS ONLY THE CHANCE TO LOVE YOU."

~ BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA



### A Meditation based on the spiritual teachings of St. Teresa of Calcutta

***"Behold I stand at the Door and Knock..."***

*(Rev 3:20)*

It is true. I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be Me, I am there. I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow Me to enter.

And I want you to know that whenever you invite Me, I do come – always, without fail. Silent and unseen I come, but with infinite power and love, and bringing the many gifts of My Spirit. I come with My mercy, with My desire to forgive and heal you, and with a love for you beyond your comprehension – a love every bit as great as the love I have received from the Father; ‘As much as the Father has loved Me, I have loved you...’ (Jn 15:10)

I come – longing to console you and give you strength, to lift you up and bind all your wounds. I bring you my light, to dispel your darkness and all your doubts. I come with My power, that I might carry you and all your burdens; with My grace, to touch your heart and transform your life; and My peace I give to still your soul.

I know you through and through. I know everything about you. The very hairs of your head I have numbered. Nothing in your life is unimportant to Me. I have followed you through the years, and I have always loved you – even in your wanderings. I know every one of your problems. I know your needs and your worries. And yes, I know all your sins. But I tell you again that I love you – not for what you have or haven’t done – I love you for you, for the beauty and dignity you have often forgotten, a beauty you have tarnished by sin. But I love you as you are, and I have shed My Blood to win you back.

If you only ask Me with faith, My grace will touch all that needs changing in your life, and I will give you the strength to free yourself from sin and all its destructive power. I know what is in your heart – I know your loneliness and all your hurts – the rejections, the judgments, the humiliations. I carried it all before you. And I carried it all for you, so you might share My strength and victory.

I know especially your need for love – how you are thirsting to be loved and cherished. But how often have you thirsted in vain, by seeking that love selfishly, striving to fill the emptiness inside you with passing pleasures – with the even greater

emptiness of sin. Do you thirst for love? ‘Come to Me all you who thirst... (Jn 7:37). I will satisfy you and fill you. Do you thirst to be cherished? I cherish you more than you can imagine – to the point of dying on the cross for you.

I thirst for you. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you. I THIRST

FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you – that is how precious you are to Me. I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation, and give you peace, even in all your trials. I THIRST FOR YOU.

You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you. I THIRST FOR YOU. If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one more important in the entire world than you. I THIRST FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give Me your life – and I will prove to you how important you are to my heart.

Don’t you realize that My Father already has a perfect plan to transform your life, beginning from this moment? Trust in Me. Ask Me every day to enter and take charge of your life – and I will. I promise you before My Father in heaven that I will work miracles in your life. Why would I do this? Because I THIRST FOR YOU. All I ask of you is that you entrust yourself to Me completely. I will do all the rest. Even now I behold the place My Father has prepared for you in My Kingdom. Remember that you are a pilgrim in this life, on a journey home.

Sin can never satisfy you, or bring the peace you seek. All that you have sought outside of Me has only left you more empty, so do not cling to the things of this life. Above all, do not run from Me when you fall. Come to Me without delay. When you give Me your sins, you give Me the joy of being your Saviour.



*I Thirst For You*

There is nothing I cannot forgive or heal’ so come now, and unburden your soul. No matter how far you may wander, no matter how often you forget Me, no matter how many crosses you may bear in this life; there is one thing I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change. I THIRST FOR YOU – just as you are.

You don’t need to change to believe in My love, for it will be your belief in My love that will change you. You forget Me, and yet I am seeking you every moment of the day – standing at the door of your heart and knocking. Do you find this hard to believe? Then look at the Cross, look at My heart that was pierced for you. Have you not understood my Cross? Then listen again to the words I spoke there – for they tell you clearly why I endured all this for you: ‘I THIRST...’ (Jn 19:28). Yes, I

thirst for you – as the rest of the psalm verse I was praying says of Me: ‘I looked for someone to console me and I found none...’ (Ps 69:21). All your life I have been looking for your love – I have never stopped seeking to love you and be loved by you. You have tried many other things in your search for happiness; why not try opening your heart to Me, right now, more than you have ever done before.

Whenever you do open the door of your heart, whenever you come close enough, you will hear Me say to you again and again, not in mere human words but in spirit: ‘No matter what you have done, I love you for your own sake. Come to Me with your misery and your sins, with your troubles and needs, and with all your longing to be loved. I stand at the door of your heart and knock. Open to me, for I THIRST FOR YOU...’

***“Jesus is God, therefore His love, His Thirst, is infinite. He the creator of the universe, asked for the love of His creatures. He thirsts for our love... These words: ‘I Thirst’ – Do they echo in our souls?”***

*~ St. Teresa of Calcutta*