

**Saint John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**  
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**St. John Chrysostom - Col's, OH**  
**Liturgy Schedule**

**Sunday May 21**  
*Sunday of the Man Born Blind*  
9:30am Divine Liturgy  
For the Faithful  
11:15am ECF  
Parish Picnic following ECF classes.  
All are welcome!

**Wednesday May 24**  
7:00pm Divine Liturgy  
+Mike Ozimok by Linda Sachs

**Friday May 26**  
8:00am Divine Liturgy in the chapel  
+Esther Fleury by Esther Imhoff  
No Office Hours

**Saturday May 27**  
9:00am Divine Liturgy  
+Nebiat Aragay by the Aragay Family

**Sunday May 28**  
*Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council*  
9:30am Divine Liturgy  
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

**St. Barbara, Dayton, OH**  
**Liturgy Schedule**

**Saturday May 20**  
*Sunday of the Man Born Blind*  
4pm Divine Liturgy  
For the Faithful

**Thursday May 25**  
*Ascension of Our Lord*  
7pm Divine Liturgy  
For the Faithful

**Saturday May 27**  
*Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council*  
4pm Divine Liturgy  
For the Faithful

**Saturday June 3**  
*5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday; Pentecost*  
4pm Divine Liturgy  
For the Faithful

**Saturday June 10**  
*Sunday of All Saints*  
4pm Reader's Service  
Father unable to be in Dayton



**Coming up at St. John Chrysostom**

**PARISH PICNIC**

St. John Chrysostom's Annual Parish Picnic is TODAY following the children's last ECF class for the year. Everyone is welcome!



**PIROHI**

The Ladies Guild is making pirohi this Thursday and Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with Pat Papai if you are able to help.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

The Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension at St. John Chrysostom will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

The Divine Liturgy for the Feast at St. Barbara in Dayton will be celebrated on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

There are no office hours on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> or Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day).

**TIME CHANGE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost. Divine Liturgy will be at 10:30am, one hour later, so that the parishioners of Holy Resurrection may celebrate with us. Fr. Ignatius will be out of town that weekend.

**Volunteers Needed!!!**

**FIRST FRIDAY HELP**

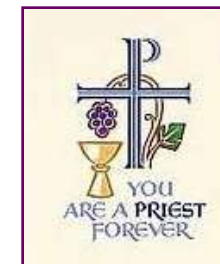
June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next scheduled First Friday Sale. Please speak with Rose Ann Jirles or call the office to help on Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**REFRESHMENTS FOR THE SUNDAY SOCIAL**

We need people to commit to make/bring/buy refreshments for the Sunday socials. It can be anything, pastries, donuts, fruit, etc. Plan on enough for fifty to sixty people. If buying donuts, for example, 5 dozen seems to be enough. More than one family may sign up for the same week or you can donate \$20-30 to the Ladies Guild for them to purchase items. There is a sign-up sheet on the table with the refreshments.

Please help with this fellowship endeavor.

**FR. EUGENE'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ORDINATION**



You are cordially invited to participate in the 60th Ordination celebration to the Holy Priesthood of Reverend Father Eugene Raymond Linowski. Fr. Linowski will be the main celebrant at the Solemn High Latin Mass, June 1st 5pm, at Holy Family

Catholic Church, 584 West Broad St. The votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ the High and Eternal Priest will be celebrated and sung.

After Mass there will be a short gathering at the MCL restaurant 3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington.

Any questions, please call 614-451-6900

Fr. Eugene Linowski's e-mail is [elinowski@outlook.com](mailto:elinowski@outlook.com)

## From the Eparchy of Parma

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

All payments for the 2016-2017 Appeal are due to Parma by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After this date, payments will be counted toward next year's Appeal. There is still time to give, visit [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) for more information.

The parish goal for St. John Chrysostom is \$4,200.00. As of today, we are only \$710.00 shy of this goal.

The Stewardship goal for St. Barbara is \$1,200.00. As of today we are only \$650.00 shy of this goal. Any money received by the Eparchy over the goal, is refunded to the parish.

### MEMORIAL DAY VIDEO

Check out [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) for a brief special video featuring Fr. Jim Batcha, pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Parma, as he talks about why we remember those who have died and why we keep them in our prayers. Happy Memorial Day to everyone from the Chancery Staff.

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS

**"He must Increase, I must decrease."**

**When:** June 22-25, 2017

**Where:** The Boys Camp takes place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariaoch in Burton, Ohio. The Girls Camp is hosted by the nuns of the Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio

**Cost:** \$100 per camper (*Family maximum \$300*). Scholarships available upon request.

**Register online by June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

To register and for more information visit [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org)

**Space is limited** and may fill up before the deadline! Questions for the Boys Camp - Email [youth@parma.org](mailto:youth@parma.org) or call John Popp at 216-741-8773 ext.225; for the Girls Camp call the nuns at 440-834-0290.

### SAVE THE DATE

The annual Eparchy of Parma **Women's Retreat** is scheduled for **September 29 - October 1** at the Lial Renewal Center in Toledo, Ohio. This

weekend retreat is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ. More information and registration coming this summer!

### PILGRIMAGE TO RUSSIA

Join us on our pilgrimage to Russia, July 24 - August 3, 2017 to experience the eastern lung of our Christian faith. Fr. Mike Nolan, Roman Catholic priest and Pastor of St. Therese and Fr. Dennis Hrubciak, Byzantine Catholic priest and Chancellor of the Eparchy of Parma will be our spiritual guides as we journey to Moscow's Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the "Golden Ring" of Sergiev Posad, Rostav, and Kostroma, and to the beautiful historic town of Vladimir.

Enjoy a high speed Sapsan train to St. Petersburg, often referred to as the "Venice of the North," reflecting on its 100+ islands and 600+ bridges that create the network of this grace-filled city. We will visit the Winter Palace, the Hermitage, Senate Square, Peter and Paul's Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the palace of Catherine the Great, the old city of Pushkin, and many more sacred and historic sites on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage.

All inclusive land and air \$4,595. For more information contact Lisa Morris, Select International Tours at 865-567-1245 or [lisam@select-intl.com](mailto:lisam@select-intl.com)

### SEEKING INPUT FROM YOUTH

All faithful, and particularly youth, are encouraged to complete a questionnaire in preparation for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment, at which Archbishop William Skurla will attend. Link to the survey is at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org)

### ON-LINE RESOURCES

Discover the latest news and resources from the Eparchy of Parma at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org). This website is continually updated with important information and interesting stories for Byzantine Catholics.

## Reminders

### Apostolate of St. Nicholas



This Apostolate exists to help parishioners who have need of whatever small assistance we can give. It receives its "income" from the Poor Boxes and from direct contributions. Please consider making a donation to the Apostolate when you are able. Checks are to be made out to St. John Chrysostom Church, mark "Apostolate of St. Nicholas" in the memo space and just place your donation in the Poor Boxes or the collection basket.

If you have any questions regarding the Apostolate or are in need of some small amount of assistance, please contact the office or speak with either the pastor or the secretary.

- The weekly bulletin is published on the St. John Chrysostom website [www.byzantinecolumbus.com](http://www.byzantinecolumbus.com)
- Office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Please speak to the secretary about parish items then, not on Sunday during the social. At that time she is just a parishioner and not "on the clock".
- All items for the bulletin are due into the office by Monday for publication in the next week's bulletin. Please email your event or call during office hours.
- Divine Liturgy during the week is at 8:00am Thursdays and Fridays, unless otherwise posted in bulletin.
- The times on the monthly calendar are correct at the time it is printed. The weekly schedule in the bulletin will always have the most up-to-date information.

## Sunday of the Blind Man May 21 – Sts. Constantine & Helen Saul Becomes Paul

**IN EVERY AGE** there are people who have made dramatic turn-arounds in their life, going from one religion – or no religion – to another. These conversions often lead to a person making a significant contribution to the religious life of their age. One convert who has touched every successive age is St Paul the Apostle.

The story of St Paul's conversion is described three times in the New Testament – twice in the Acts of the Apostles and once in St Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. The story is basically the same, although there are a few variations we can note. The basic story, told largely in his own words, is as follows:

**Paul's Background** – When he was attacked by Jews in Jerusalem and accused of defiling the temple Paul began his defense by speaking of his upbringing: *"I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' Law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today"* (Acts 22:3). He described his religiosity in his Epistle to the Philippians. He tells how he was "... *circumcised on the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the Law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the Church; concerning the righteousness which is of the Law, blameless"* (Phil 3:5, 6). At this time Paul was still known as Saul of Tarsus. The name Paul was given to him upon his conversion.

Paul's teacher, Gamaliel (+AD 52) was an important member of the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. He is described in the New Testament as *"a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law held in respect by all the people"* (Acts 5:34) and a voice of moderation in their council. When the Sanhedrin was considering how to kill Peter and the other apostles, Gamaliel calmed them, saying "...if

*this plan or this work [preaching Christ] is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God* (Acts 5:38, 39).

We do not know why Saul did not adopt Gamaliel's wait-and-see approach to the followers of Jesus, but he describes his own attitude to them like this: *"I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren..."* (Acts 22:4, 5).

We may have a clue to Saul's thinking in what he wrote to believers in Galatia, St Paul described his religious convictions this way: *"And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers"* (Gal 1:14). He had been, after all, a participant in the stoning of the protomartyr, St. Stephen.

**The Commission to Damascus** – There was a large Jewish community – some say it numbered 10,000 – in Damascus in the first century AD. This community, which traced its origin to the time of King David, some 1000 years earlier, was so prominent that it was ruled by its own ethnarch in Roman times. Some 130 miles from Jerusalem, Damascus was one of the first destinations to which Jewish believers in Jesus brought their message. Their impact on the Jews of Damascus was so great that news of it reached Jerusalem. Saul *"went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem"* (Acts 9:1).

What happened on Saul's journey to Syria is well known. Years later Paul described it for his accusers in Jerusalem with these words: *"Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. And I fell to the*

*ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'*

*"And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.'*

*And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus"* (Acts 22:6-21).

Many English-speaking commentators have pointed out an apparent contradiction between the two stories of this event in Acts. In chapter 9 we are told that *"the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one"* (Acts 9:7). Paul, however, says that *"those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me"* (Acts 22:9).

The word in chapter 22 translated as *hear* may also be translated as *understand*. In other Scriptural passages, it is rendered in just that way. So this verse may mean that Saul's companions heard a sound but did not understand it as speech. It may also mean that they heard speaking but may not have understood the words.

**Saul's Baptism** – Saul was led into the city by the hand, *"And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank"* (Acts 9:9). Then, we are told, the following took place: *"Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, 'Ananias.' And he said, 'Here I am, Lord.' So the Lord said to him, 'Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man*



*named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.'*

*"Then Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.'*

*And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus."*

**Paul Preaches Christ** – As a result of Saul's experience on the road, *"Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed, and said, 'Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?' But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ. Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket"* (Acts 9:19-25).

In 1885 the Melkite Patriarch Gregory II purchased a dilapidated mosque in the old city wall of Damascus. A former church, it had been long revered as the site of St Paul's escape. It is now a church again.

~ Office of Educational Services, Eparchy of Newton



## Read Your Bible!

**ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17; PS 66: 1-7, 16, 20; 1 PT 3: 15-18; JN 14: 15-21**

Jesus said to His disciples in today's Gospel, "...he will send you another Advocate to be with you always." Five times in his writings, St. John uses the term we translate as "advocate." In the original Greek, the word is *Parakletos*. Most scholars concur that the *Parakletos* is the Holy Spirit, and that the Spirit is sent by the Father.

In modern terms, we speak of an advocate as one who serves as a counselor or a comforter, especially in legal settings. However, as we hear and learn in today's readings the Holy Spirit is more than that to us. Jesus is also our Advocate as it is He who atoned for our sins through His sacrifice.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear of Philip going to and preaching in Samaria. Philip, you may recall, is one of the originally ordained Deacons. According to Acts 8: 1 Philip fled persecution, but Samaria might seem a curious place for him to go, because of the long enmity between the Samaritans and the Jews. Philip, however, clearly took his call to evangelization quite seriously, as should each of us.

Because of Philip's success, Sts. Peter and John traveled to Samaria as well. "Then they laid hands upon them (the converted Samaritans), and they received the Holy Spirit." These people were already saved, but they received special gifts and graces through the Holy Spirit thanks to these Apostles. This may seem beyond the norm, but it is a filling of the Holy Spirit that each of us needs to want and seek as well.

In his First Letter (our Second Reading) St. Peter reminds us that doing what Philip did, the correct thing, in spite of seeming risks, is in fact what we need to do. St. Peter knew first hand that doing good does not always meet with a

like return. Because most of us do not experience suffering because we practice our faith does not mean we may never be threatened by being faithful Catholics, but it does mean that we should not hesitate from doing good. The Holy Spirit has been placed in our hearts and minds, and we should be ever prepared to explain our faith, or defend it, and do it with the right attitude.

Peter himself relied consistently on the Holy Spirit to give him the power and the strength to continue. Do we share in that same firmness and confidence? We should. The Holy Spirit is a gift on Whom we should rely.

As is often the case, it is the Gospel Reading that brings all together in a way that is most meaningful to us. For one thing this Gospel again confirms and reinforces the Holy Trinity, as Jesus says, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." The Son prays to the Father Who responds to His prayer with the Holy Spirit (Advocate). As mentioned the original word for "Advocate" is the Greek word *parakletos*. This means literally a person summoned to one's aid, an advisor, an intercessor. The Holy Spirit is sent to empower and assist us to live a Christian life.

The word "another" that describes the Advocate is based on the original Greek word *allos*, which can be best translated as "another of the same kind." It is an indication that God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one, all the same. The Holy Spirit does not just represent the Father and the Son; the Holy Spirit is the Father and the Son. When we are imbued with the Holy Spirit, God and Jesus are within us. This is permanent, not temporary. Yet, we all understand that it is up to us to reveal and allow that Spirit to work and be effective.

Thus, when someone says that Jesus is within each of us, that is indeed the case. We look at St. Teresa of Calcutta as a saint and an example of how to live as a Christian and a Catholic. Nevertheless, we sometimes fail to see that she had an intellectual depth and ability to

put things in terms we could grasp. She once said, "When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, you see wires. Until the current passes through them, there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God, the Holy Spirit. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us, to produce the Light of the World, Jesus, in us. Or we can refuse to be used and allow darkness to spread." Let us with the help of the Advocate be lights in this world.

Holy Scripture, the Word of God, is filled with so much meaning for us each and every week, if we only listen carefully and absorb what we are being told. In the last verse of today's First Reading we hear, "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." It is speaking of Sts. Peter and John who traveled to Samaria to more or less confirm those who had been baptized there.

In fact, most historians believe that the laying on of hands in the New Testament is the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the *Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of Confirmation* Pope Paul VI affirmed that laying on of hands in the sacrament of confirmation continues the grace of Pentecost (on Sunday, June 4 this year).

If you have been confirmed, you have experienced the "laying on of hands." That means the Holy Spirit has been called to bless, sanctify, transform, and give grace to you. You have received the Holy Spirit, which is the ongoing life of the Church. You have been anointed with the Spirit of God. That means you have been called to not only live out that Spirit, but also to live a life which shares that Spirit with your parish and with others.

When the priest or Bishop imposes hands, it is called epiclesis, a Greek word that means "invocation." The "laying on of hands" is an important part of the ordination of priests and deacons. St. Paul reminded us all in his First Letter to Timothy, "Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands."

## Prayer List

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

The Priest Eugene Linowski			
Ron Doctor	Ray Doskotch	Julia Fedeczko	Julie Fultz
Charlene Grabner	John Grabner	Deborah Haddad	Alexander Hamilton
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 Pomales	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.**

Ron Doctor  
Rachel Frye  
Eugene Kirtos  
Paula Martin  
Mike Papai



Tom & Tricia Hartung

**Celebrating 31 years crowned in Marriage**

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

Julia Fedeczko  
Sarah Frye  
Connor Koval  
Paula Oshinski  
Dave Ternasky

### Volunteer Schedules

#### Collection Counting

May 7	Mark Frye
May 14	Jerry Stasek
May 21	Kathy Krofcheck
May 28	Alex Rakowsky

#### Church Cleaning

May 6	Paula Martin/Lora Lonzrick
May 20	Jim & Irena Wallace

#### **St. Barbara 2017 Monthly Collections**

<b>Total Collections for May</b>	<b>\$ 1,221.00</b>
<b>Expenses paid in May</b>	<b>- \$ 700.00</b>
<b>Over/Under for May</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

<b>2016-17 Stewardship Goal</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
2016-17 Pledges	550.00
2016-17 Pledges Paid	550.00

**Balance Due on Goal as of 5/14/17 \$ 650.00**

**May God bless you for your generous support of St. Barbara Prayer Community**

#### **St. John Chrysostom Monthly Collections**

<b>Total Collections for May</b>	<b>\$ 6,703.00</b>
<b>Ge'ez Monthly Contribution</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Use of hall</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Monthly Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>- \$14,100.00</b>
<b>Over/Under for May</b>	<b>(\$ 6,497.00)</b>

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Sale \$ 3,086.00**

<b>2016-17 Stewardship Goal</b>	<b>\$ 4,200.00</b>
2016-17 Pledges	3,490.00
2016-17 Pledges Paid	3,390.00

**Balance Due on Goal as of 5/14/17 \$ 710.00**

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