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Summer Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. John Chrysostom Liturgy Schedule

Sunday August 6
*Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ*

9:30am Divine Liturgy
*For the Faithful
Blessing of Fruit*

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

Thursday August 10

8:00am Divine Liturgy in chapel
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Friday August 11

8:00am Divine Liturgy in chapel
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Sunday August 13
10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Monday August 14

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast
of the Dormition
For the Faithful

St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Liturgy Schedule

Sat. August 5
*Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ*

4pm Divine Liturgy
*For the Faithful
Blessing of Fruit*

Sat. August 12
10th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Tues. August 15
Dormition of the Theotokos

7pm Divine Liturgy
*For the Faithful
Blessing of Flowers*

Sat. August 19
11th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Reader's Service
Father is on vacation

Sat. August 27
12th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Reader's Service
Father is on vacation

St. John Chrysostom

We received a note from Pregnancy Decision Health Centers thanking us for our Baby Bottle donations of \$590.91. They appreciate our dedication in contributing to their work in helping women choose life for their unborn children.



Monday, August 7 at 7:00pm

- Pastor's Advisory Board meeting to prioritize major repairs.
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Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm

- Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Bring Flowers to be blessed.



Father Bob will be out of town from August 18th through September 3rd. For any pastoral needs please contact Fr. Ignatius Harrington at 614-783-0042. Members of St. Barbara are asked to contact a local Latin Rite priest, if needed.



Eastern Christian Formation News

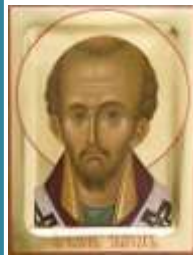
Children's ECF Classes

This year we are asking for parents to register their children, as part of a "pledge" that they will be here for every class. Our catechists are making this same pledge to be here so that classes will not have to be canceled. To this end, please complete the form included in this bulletin and return it to church either in the collection basket, via mail or scan and e-mail to stjohnbyz@hotmail.com. Registration forms MUST be returned NO LATER than Sunday, August 27TH. Julia Parks, ECF Coordinator, will be scheduling a meeting with all interested parents.

Christ is among us! He is shall be!

Adult ECF Class

The theme for this first Adult class, led by Robert Parks, is the "Ten Commandments". The dates of the classes are September 24th, October 1st, and October 8th. The classes will be held in the ECF section of the parish hall following Divine Liturgy.



"When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them."

~ Saint John Chrysostom



From the Diocese of Columbus

Faith and Family Night at Crew Stadium!

Catch great soccer action at the Catholic Family Night with the Columbus Crew SC on Saturday August 26, 2017. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. Seats are available for \$18. All tickets are subject to a \$3 processing fee, are limited, and subject to availability. The deadline for ordering tickets is Thursday, Aug. 17!

For ticket information, contact Wynston McMartin at

wcmartin@columbuscrewsc.com; for other questions, visit the Recreation Association website at

cdeducation.org/diocesanrecreation or contact Marty Raines at **614-241-2580**.



Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma

EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARIAPOCH

Welcoming all pilgrims to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch on August 12 & 13. Bishop Milan Lach, SJ will preside over the installation of the replica icon commissioned by the Shrine earlier this year. The pilgrimage includes activities beginning at 4:00 Saturday afternoon and culminates with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 3:30 on Sunday, followed by dinner. Full schedule of events at www.parma.org

There are postcards in the church vestibule with the schedule.

ANNUAL EPARCHIAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for the ninth annual Eparchy of Parma Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center. This year's theme "Rejoice, O Belief in silence that must be!" calls us to find interior silence so that we may meet Christ in the stillness of our hearts. Please pick up a brochure from your parish or visit parma.org for more information and to register. Cost is \$100 for the weekend which runs Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Financial aid is available.

There are brochures in the church vestibule with a registration form.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, PORTUGAL WITH BISHOP MILAN LACH

To mark the Fatima centennial, Horizons has organized a unique Byzantine Catholic pilgrimage and retreat to the Byzantine Catholic Chapel of the Dormition at Fatima, Portugal. It will take place from Thursday, October 26 – Thursday, November 2, 2017. It will be led by Bishop Milan Lach, SJ of the Eparchy of Parma and Fr. Thomas Loya, pastor of Annunciation Parish in Homer Glen, Illinois.

The eight day trip will include three days and four nights in Fatima and visits to the world famous shrine, guided tours of Lisbon and the Shrine of St. Anthony; Santarem, the site of a Eucharistic miracle; the walled medieval town of Obidos, and the historic monastery of Batalha. The cost is \$2,499.00, flying out of Boston.

For more information, contact Laura Ieraci at horizons@parma.org or **(216-470-3287)**.

PARMA LAUNCHES MOBILE APP

The Eparchy of Parma launched a new mobile app on our patronal feast day, June 24. The app includes the daily readings and tropars of the Byzantine Catholic Church, church news, Eastern Hospitality videos, a prayer wall and more. The app also allows the faithful to receive notifications of major news in our eparchy. Look for the app of the Eparchy

of Parma, with the icon of the Transfiguration, in your Apple App or Google Play stores.



Pilgrimage Preparation Day August 19

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Trinity Center at 9:30 a.m. Please bring brooms, weed whackers, blowers, weeding tools, rakes and clippers. Lunch will be provided.

For further information, please call Sister Joanne at 724-439-4940.

83rd Annual Pilgrimage September 2 & 3, 2017 Mount St. Macrina

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great Warmly invite you to the 83rd Annual Pilgrimage In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help September 2 & 3, 2017 - **Mary: Life-Giving Spring**

Mount Saint Macrina Uniontown, Pennsylvania (724) 438-8644 www.sistersofstbasil.org



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

The Priest Eugene Linowski		The Priest Michael Hayduk	
The Priest Joseph Weber		Ron Doctor	Ray Dorskotch
Julia Fedeczko	Charlene Grabner	John Grabner	Deborah Haddad
Alexander Hamilton	Ev Houston	Esther Imhoff	
Frederick Kowalski	Marilyn Kimbrel	Donald Krofcheck	Victor Lonzrick
Andrew Lovelass	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	
Steven Woryk			

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.

August Birthdays

Dina Hodovanich	August 6	Bill Woryk	August 15
Bob Kotula	August 6	Fr. Bob Stash	August 21
Jeff Holliday	August 9	Lucas Boniface	August 28
Justine Schwenck	August 9	Isaac Popp	August 28
Abraham Ivan	August 10	Greta Gozon	August 30
Linda Sachs	August 14	Aniko Kocisis	August 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Ed & Rosemary Nyahay	August 9, 1969 ~ 48 years
Tom Marco & Mryoslava Mudrak	August 11, 2012 ~ 5 years
John Elliott and Christine Charyton	August 22, 1998 ~ 19 years
Mark & Teresa Frye	August 25, 1984 ~ 33 years
John & Elizabeth Clear	August 27, 1988 ~ 29 years
Bob & Connie Kotula	August 27, 1977 ~ 40 years
Matt & Dorinda Mnich	August 31, 2002 ~ 15 years

Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. James Batcha August 11, 1985 32 years Ordained a Priest

May God grant them all many Happy and Blessed Years!

**Eastern Christian Formation Registration
Pre-K through Grade 12
2017-2018 Session**

ECF Classes will begin on September 17, 2017

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

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Have any of the children above not received Holy Eucharist or not been Chrismated (Confirmed)? If yes, please list their names.

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Telephone: () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Registration forms MUST be returned by August 27th. They can be put in the collection basket, mailed to the Parish Office, or scanned & emailed to stjohnbyz@hotmail.com

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord's public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end. Our Gospel Reading today, which reports this event, is from the Book of Matthew. However, the Transfiguration is also reported in Mark and Luke, and St. Peter makes reference to it in one of his letters, and by St. John as well.

It is natural that Peter and John would allude to the Transfiguration as they (along with St. James) witnessed it. Jesus took the three Apostles and led them to a "high mountain" where He was transfigured before their eyes. The mountain is never directly identified, but tradition has ascertained it to be Mt. Tabor. Of course, it is not the mountain but what occurred there that is important. In the original Greek from today's Gospel St. Matthew uses the Greek word *metemorphe* (μεταμορφώω) to describe the Transfiguration. It means "a complete change of form, structure, or substance." Most of us are familiar with the term metamorphosis, the word used to describe what occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

However, the Transfiguration is something beyond that. Jesus allows the three Apostles who were present (as well as those of us who hear the Word) to view what eternal life in heaven is

like. Christ's divinity is on full display. To use Matthew's words, *"His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light."*

The Book of Daniel contains almost exactly the same description as that found in the Gospel. The prophet Daniel describes what will occur as follows: *"His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool."* (Daniel 7:9) As if that prophecy was not enough, Daniel takes it to the next step by going on to say, *"One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."* (Daniel 7:13)

The term Son of Man is one that Jesus was most likely to use in indication of Himself. Seeing it in a prophecy, and especially one which is so clearly the Transfiguration merely more closely associates Jesus with the Transfiguration which is to come and described so perfectly in the New Testament.

The Apostle Peter also alludes to the Transfiguration in his second letter. Peter writes, *"...we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...when that unique declaration came to him from majestic glory, 'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him (Jesus) on the holy mountain."* (2 Peter 1:16-18)

Those words from God are reported quite accurately in our Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, but this is Peter

repeating them. You can almost sense Peter remembering the experience clearly. At the time Peter mistakenly placed Jesus as an equal to Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, and this was the way God made it quite plain to Peter that this was not the case. This may have been a rebuke to Peter, but now it is a valuable memory to him.

The Transfiguration was not a different miracle; it was part of an ongoing miracle. Perhaps the real miracle was that Jesus kept away from displaying His glory most of the time. When the three apostles present became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that *"They fell prostrate and were very much afraid."* (Matthew 17:6) Is that how we react when we become aware of the presence of God? Are we a bit fearful?

Knowing God, appreciating God, embracing God should give us confidence. God's grace is amazing, and that needs to be our reality. Remember that Jesus is on His way to crucifixion and temporary death. We are on that same path, but the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord.

The Book of Daniel was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets (Daniel is considered one of the major prophets) lived as many as six centuries before Christ. However, regardless the timeline, we need to be moved by and appreciative of the prophecies we find in the Old

Testament. In the particular passage in today's reading it states, *"The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship."*

This reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the "Son of Man," which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself.

In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

