

Saint John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church
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St. John Chrysostom Liturgy Schedule

Sunday September 10
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

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

Wednesday September 13
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Sunday September 17
*Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Catechetical Sunday*

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 September 9
Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

4pm Reader's Service
Father has a wedding in Columbus

Thursday September 14
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Sat. September 16
Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Sat. September 23
16th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

St. John Chrysostom

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- **Wednesday, September 13th** at 7:00pm at St. John Chrysostom in Columbus.
- **Thursday, September 14th** at 7pm at St. Barbara in Dayton.

Cookie Sale Meeting

TODAY is a meeting for all those interested in helping organize this year's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale in the parish hall following Divine Liturgy.

This sale is our major fundraiser and we need everyone's participation. We will need everyone's help in making the cookies **AND** **the pirohi and the nut/fruit rolls!**

Attention Parents and Catechists

Next Sunday, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the Beginning of the School Year will be included during the Divine Liturgy. We will give authority to our catechists and implore God's Wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. ***All instructors and students are asked to be present.***

Pilgrim Vocation Program

Vocations are the result of the Christian Community actively engaged in prayer that ***"the master of the harvest will send out laborers for his harvest."*** Placing faith and hope in this command of the Lord, all

Byzantine Catholic Churches in America will begin a Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program on Sunday, September 24th.

Each week, the icon will be given to a household in either St. John Chrysostom's parish or St. Barbara's in Dayton. The family or individual accepting the icon for the week agrees to pray during that time for vocations to the Presbyterate, Diaconate, and the consecrated life. Everyone in St. John Chrysostom Parish and St. Barbara Parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in both churches' vestibules.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Teresa in the office. She will do her best to coordinate the icon's travel between both communities.

Parish Directory Update for St. John Chrysostom & St. Barbara

We are updating the Parish Directory for both St. John Chrysostom and St. Barbara and are asking everyone to complete the basic registration forms that can be found in this bulletin, the church vestibules and/or the parish hall. Adult children living at home should complete their own form.

Directions for getting the forms back to Teresa in the church office are on the forms. We would like to have everyone's forms by the end of September so that the updated parish directories can be distributed in October to everyone who wishes to have one.

Request from the Ladies Guild

We are asking for volunteers to sign up to

bring in refreshments for the Parish Social on the first three Sundays of the month (first four Sundays on those months with five Sundays). The last Sunday of the month we celebrate those with birthdays during that month with a birthday cake supplied by the Ladies Guild. There is a sign-up sheet on the table with the refreshments. We also humbly ask for donations so that we have the ability to purchase refreshments to cover the weeks with no volunteers, a basket for this is also on the refreshment table.

Thank you

St. John Chrysostom Weekly Collections

Sept. 3, 2017 Collection	\$ 2,830.00
Budgeted Weekly Exp.	- \$ 3,254.00
Over/Under for 9/3/17	\$ 424.00

May God bless you for your generous support of St. John Chrysostom Parish

St. Barbara 2017 Weekly Collections

Sept. 2, 2017 Collection	\$ 262.00
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May God bless you for your generous support of St. Barbara Prayer Community

St. John Volunteer Schedule

Collection Counting

Sep 3	Jerry Stasek
Sep 10	Kathy Krofcheck
Sep 17	Mark Frye
Sep 24	Alex Rakowsky

Church Cleaning

Sep 16	Jim & Irena Wallace
Sep 30	Pat Papai & Cathy Pitt



- **Thurs & Fri, September 14th & 15th**
Possible Pirohi making beginning at 10am both days
- **Saturday, September 16th**
Possible Nut roll baking - time to be announced.
- **Thurs & Fri, September 21st & 22nd**
Pirohi making beginning at 10am both days
- **Wed-Fri, October 4th through 6th**
October First Friday Sale preparation days and sale day



We need volunteers to help with all of our cooking activities. We need to make pirohi and rolls for both the First Friday Sales and the Cookie Sale. (That's a whole lot of each!)

To help make pirohi, please call Pat Papai at 614-578-5698; call Rose Ann Jirles at 614-296-4289 to help bake nut rolls and/or help with First Friday preparations.

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Taking a Stand

(Gal 6:11-18)

"As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ" (Gal 6:12).

WE KNOW FROM SEVERAL of his epistles how adamant St. Paul was against obliging Christians to keep the prescriptions of the Torah – circumcision, the dietary rules and the like. In the Epistle to the Galatians we see one reason why some new Christians proposed keeping them: they wanted to fit in with the Jewish community in order to avoid persecution.

First persecutors of this new community, the followers of Jesus, were Jews. Paul himself had been one of the most dedicated. The Acts of the Apostles describes his zeal in combating them. "Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, 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). By being circumcised, keeping the Torah rules and not mingling with Gentiles, some Jewish followers of Jesus felt that the opposition of the more fervent Jews would be muted.

St Paul approached the issue from the other side. The message of the Gospel was that neither the Torah nor the Temple saved; only faith in the Lord Jesus. If believers in Jesus continued to observe these Jewish practices, he argued, it is the Gospel message which would be muffled. People would no longer see Christ as "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6), the only way to the Father. The unique saving role of Christ in God's plan would be forgotten.

The Practice of Fitting In

Christians throughout the history of the Church have found themselves in situations where they were eyed with distaste. Christians were

considered outsiders at best or traitors at worst if they did not conform to the religious or ethical practices of the majority. The choice believers had in such cases has always been either to confront the majority by upholding their faith in Christ, to adopt the religion of the majority or to attempt a compromise: to keep their faith privately while seemingly observing non-Christian practices.

For the first three centuries of Christianity (the Roman era) Christians were suspected of superstitious practices corroding the fabric of the empire. They refused to take part in the state ceremonies honoring the gods and held secret rites behind closed doors. Their neglect of the ancient gods, many believed, would bring disaster on the empire.

When confronted, some Christians resisted and upheld their faith. They are revered today as martyrs or confessors. Others renounced their faith, offering sacrifices to the Roman gods or burning incense before their statues. Still others found ways of seeming to fit in. Some signed certificates stating that they honored the gods. In one such document which survived the author says, "I have always continued to sacrifice and show reverence to the gods; and now in your presence I have poured a libation and sacrificed, eating some of the sacrificial meat. I request you to certify this for me..." Often no sacrifices were actually offered; such documents were simply bought by bribing the officials. Other Christians went into hiding until the danger passed.

When the first empire-wide persecution of Christians came to an end in 260, many of those who had sacrificed or bought certificates returned to the Church. Christians did not agree on whether or how they should be received. Most Churches received these people back but with varying penalties. In some places those who had actually offered sacrifices were received as penitents who would only receive absolution and Communion on their deathbeds. Those who had obtained certificates without actually offering sacrifices were to remain as penitents for two years. Those who had betrayed other believers or who had handed over the Church's Scriptures

or holy vessels to be destroyed received additional penances before being readmitted to Communion.

Crypto-Christians

In the Middle East and throughout the Ottoman Empire communities of "Crypto" or "Hidden" Christians arose. These people seemingly converted to Islam while adhering to Christian practices in secret. Many of these communities survived until the dawn of the modern era. There are reportedly still Crypto-Armenian Christians in Turkey and Crypto-Christian groups of Greeks, Latins, and Maronites in Turkish-dominated parts of Cyprus.

Perhaps the most famous Crypto-Christians are the Kakure Kirishitan of Japan who found ways of adapting and concealing their faith during persecutions in the seventeenth century. Images of Christ and the saints were transformed to look like Buddhist figures and prayers were adapted to sound like Buddhist chants. Some 30,000 of these secret Christians emerged in the nineteenth century when religious freedom was restored. Most renounced any syncretistic practices and rejoined the Catholic Church.

Fitting-In in a Secular Age

In our society conflicts with other recognized religions such as Buddhism are nowhere near as common as conflicts with the value-free lifestyles promoted by many in our secular society. Most people recognize that the historic Churches oppose abortion and have done so since the first century. Other sanctity of life issues such as euthanasia and the profit-driven restrictions on treatment of some managed care systems demand similar choices. Nurses, technicians and other medical personnel may be faced with choices comparable to those described above. Do they refuse to participate in immoral activities and risk losing their jobs or do they commit the sin their employers demand?

Observers see a number of areas in modern life in addition to health care presenting similar conflicts, among them:

Education – Activists pressure schools to endorse homosexuality, same-sex marriage or sexual permissiveness in their curricula and student activities. Must Christian teachers choose between going along or losing their jobs? Must Christian parents sacrifice to send their children to private schools or to homeschool them rather than leave them where such views are considered "normal?"

Politics – Catholics and Orthodox in politics must daily choose between accepting the agendas of their donors and constituents or following the Gospel. As a rule such demands are not made publicly in this country but this is not true elsewhere. In May, 2014 Canada's Liberal Party leader, Justin Trudeau stated, "I have made it clear that future candidates need to be completely understanding [sic] that they will be expected to vote pro-choice on any bills."

The Tradition on Abortion

First and second century documents show that abortion has never been acceptable in the Church. Speaking of what distinguishes Christians from pagans:

"They marry, as do all others; they beget children but they do not cast away fetuses"
(From the Letter to Diognetus)

"You shall not slay the child by abortions"
(From the Didache)

"You shall not destroy your conceptions before they are brought forth; nor kill them after they are born"
(From the Letter of Barnabas)

"Those who use abortifacients commit homicide"
(From the Epistle of St. Clement)

~ Office of Educational Services, Eparchy of Newton

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

The Priest Eugene Linowski	The Priest Michael Hayduk	The Priest Joseph Weber
Charles Branham	Ron Doctor	Ray Duskotch
Julia Fedeczko	Deborah Haddad	Alexander Hamilton
John Grabner	Esther Imhoff	Frederick Kowalski
Ev Houston	Rim Jilo	Donald Krofcheck
Victor Lonzrick	Andrew Lovelass	Christine Loya
Bill Martin	Joe Martin	Paul Mech
Myroslava Mudrak	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	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.

Birthdays

Alexander Rakowsky	September 1	Ed Nyahay	September 17
Michael Sweda	September 2	Cathy Pitt	September 17
John Clear	September 4	Connie Kotula	September 22
Jennifer Patton	September 4	Bernie Turanchik	September 23
Lora Lonzrick	September 6	Stephen Boniface	September 25
Irena Wallace	September 6	Madelyn Rakowsky	September 25
Helen Stephens	September 9	Joseph Hummel	September 26
Georgiana Hartung	September 13	Robert Gulis	September 28
Teresa Rakowsky	September 13		
Sharon Mech	September 14		
Ryan Hodovanich	September 15		

Wedding Anniversaries

Nicolas & Helen Bukaczyk	September 4, 1965 ~ 52 years
John & Carol Osifchin	September 4, 1982 ~ 35 years
Tom & Rose Ann Jirles	September 12, 1964 ~ 53 years
Mark & Lisa Rado	September 22, 2010 ~ 10 years

May God grant them all many Happy and Blessed Years!

Eastern Christian Formation

A new bulletin feature, this Eastern Christian Formation sheet is a way to keep all news about the educational opportunities at St. John's in one place. It will contain the ECF schedule for the children's classes, information for upcoming adult classes or talks, as well as some "food-for-thought" features to hopefully provide inspiration and growth.

**Remember, our formation as Christians is a lifelong journey.
ECF is for all of us: the young and the young at heart!**

ECF Schedule – Youth

September 17 th	October 29 th	December 3 rd
October 1 st	November 12 ^{th*}	December 17 th
October 15 th	November 19 ^{th*}	

**Two classes in a row due to Thanksgiving*

Adult ECF Course: "The Ten Commandments"

Come join Robert Parks in a walkthrough of the Ten Commandments, looking at Scripture and the Church Fathers. We will be examining both the role of the Commandments in the Old Testament as well as the New, and discussing how these Commandments are applicable in 21st century life. The classes will be held in the ECF side of the Parish Hall after Divine Liturgy.

Adult Class Schedule:

September 24 th	October 1 st	October 8 th
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Professors Parks' Ponderings

A feature where Theology teachers Robert & Julia Parks offer reflections on various topics: "**Liturgical Living**" - Julia's reflections on the Divine Liturgy and connections to daily life. "**(Church) Fathers Know Best**" - Robert's reflections on early Church writers.

Liturgical Living: "Lord, have mercy." We repeat this phrase so much during Divine Liturgy, it's easy to not even think about what it is we're asking every time we say it. So often, we hear "mercy" and only think of forgiveness—which of course is a major part of why we pray this. However, it goes even deeper. We're asking not just for a forgiveness of our sins, but on the positive side, we are asking for God to be present to us, to be with us. Bishop Milan mentioned this in the July 30th *Horizons* issue and I think it is a good reminder that we are not just seeking out what God can **do** for us, but we are also seeking to **be** in union with Him. Next time you pray "Lord, have mercy", consider really focusing in on your relationship with Him. God bless!

~Prof. Parks

Eastern Christian Formation

Jesus said: "Let the children come to Me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14).

In the spirit of Jesus' words above, we invite all the children (and their parents) to come up for the Gospel reading and to venerate the Gospel book. As an aid to prepare for the Sunday Gospel, this page summarizes the coming week's Gospel reading and shows where to find it in the Bible so families can read the whole Gospel. We also are providing some discussion questions for families and friends to talk about together.



Gospel Summary for September 17, 2017: Mark 8:34-9:1 (source: www.antiochian.org)

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

In next week's Gospel, Jesus tells us we must follow Him. He says that we cannot just do what we want to do. He said we should do what He wants us to do. Sometimes that will be hard, just like it was hard for Jesus to die on the Cross for us. But if we do what God wants, we will be saved.

Jesus said nothing on earth is better than our soul. He said we will lose our soul if we just do what we want while we're alive. He said we should not be embarrassed of His words. We are happy to follow Jesus!

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus taught us that instead of being selfish we should be kind. What is one kind thing you've done?
2. Jesus said it would not always be easy to follow Him. What did He say it was like?
3. What does Jesus say will happen if we do what God wants us to?
4. [After reading the Bible passage] What does it mean to "lose your life for the sake of the Gospel?"

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Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone #: _____

ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD

First/Middle Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

E-Mail: _____

Cell # (if different from above) _____

First/Middle Name: _____

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MINOR CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

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Wedding Anniversary: _____

(if applicable)

Month, day and year

_____ Mark here if you **DO NOT** want your information published in the parish directory.

Completed forms may be put in the collection basket, given to Father if at St. Barbara, mailed to the Parish Office, or scanned & emailed to

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