

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

Sunday September 17
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

11:15am Children's ECF Classes

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



Thursday September 21

8am Divine Liturgy in the chapel
+The Priest Robert Barter by Anonymous

Friday September 22

8am Divine Liturgy in the chapel
+Michael Ozimok by Linda Sachs



Sunday September 24
16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Health and Salvation of Margaret Branham and the Branham Family

Baptism of Margaret Branham

11:15am Adult ECF Class

St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Liturgy Schedule

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



Sat. September 30
*17th Sunday after Pentecost;
Protection of the Theotokos*

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful



Sat. October 7
18th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful



Pilgrim Vocation Program

“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his harvest.” (Matt 9:37-38)

We all have a responsibility to foster future leaders of the Church, priests, sisters, deacons, and laity alike, dedicated to serve God's people. One way we can all be involved in vocation ministry is through prayer. Next Sunday begins a special effort of Prayer for Vocations for all Byzantine Catholic Churches in the United States. This effort will begin with a special program of prayer on that day for the Pilgrim Vocation Icon. Everyone of the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations.

Since St. Barbara and St. John are sharing one icon, we will split the time by the month. The Icon and prayer booklet will begin at St. Barbara next week with one family signing up for that week. 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. The Icon will remain at St. Barbara through Saturday, November 4th. Please use the

form to sign up for a week.

St. John Chrysostom parish will have the Icon through November, beginning Sunday, November 5th. We ask the families of St. John Chrysostom to sign the form available in the vestibule for the month of November. We will alternate months like this for as long as families sign up.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Teresa in the office.

Help NEEDED to make the Nut/Fruit Rolls

We will be baking nut, poppy and apricot rolls on **Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18**. We need a minimum 500 rolls for our Christmas sales. **Each Saturday we need 11 people**. Most days it is the same 11 workers. Please volunteer to give these people a break because along with making rolls they are baking more than 40 dozen cookies each plus helping make pirohi, doing Sunday bakes and other jobs necessary to make the Cookie Sale work.

Please know you do not need to know how to make the rolls. We have a system and will teach you how we do things. If baking is not your thing, we also need help packaging the finished product and there is lots of clean up.

This project is a huge undertaking and we need you to help. Please call or text Rose Ann at **614-296-4289** or email her at rajirles@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

From the Office

Please return your Directory Update form by next Sunday.

Request from the Ladies Guild

We are asking for families/individuals to volunteer 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.

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

St. John Chrysostom Weekly Collections

Sept. 10, 2017 Collection	\$ 4,249.00
Budgeted Weekly Exp.	- \$ 3,254.00
Over/Under for 9/10/17	\$ 995.00

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

St. Barbara 2017 Weekly Collections

Sept. 9, 2017 Collection \$ 310.00

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



- **Thurs & Fri, September 21st & 22nd**
Pirohi making beginning at 10am both days
- **Monday, October 2nd**
Ladies Guild meeting in hall at 7:00pm
- **Wed-Fri, October 4th through 6th**
October First Friday Sale preparation days and sale day



HELP!

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 or text Pat Papai at **614-578-5698**; call or text Rose Ann Jirles at **614-296-4289** to help bake nut rolls and/or help with First Friday preparations.

COOKIE

COUNTDOWN TO SALE
83 DAYS!

It is that time of year again!

COOKIES, COOKIES COOKIES!

This year marks our 13th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale! We have made some changes in our ordering process and are celebrating this year with putting 6 "baker's dozen" on our trays. There may be other "specials" coming up, so keep reading the Cookie Corner!. The date of this year's sale is Saturday December 9th from 10am until 2pm.

We would like to make this an extremely successful sale so that the proceeds can be used for the repair of the church roof (the blue portion). As with all roofs, it has reached the end of its lifespan and we want to take care of it before it becomes a major issue. **To that end we need everyone's participation and help with making cookies, pirohi, and the nut and fruit rolls.** Please help with these last two in addition to making your cookies as they are really big sellers. Last year we made over 3400 dozen cookies and goodies for the sale!

Please speak with Lisa Sulich about your individual baking, help with the set-up, decorating and break-down of the hall, or with any questions you have. You may **call or text Lisa at 937-844-7778 or via e-mail at lisa.sulich@gmail.com or lsulich@yahoo.com.** We need to know how many bakers we will have as soon as we can, so please contact Lisa as soon as you can.

To help make pirohi please call or text Pat Papai at 614-578-5698 or via email at mpapai@att.net

To help to make the rolls please call or text Rose Ann Jirles at 614-296-4289 or via email at [rajirles@gmail.com](mailto:rjirles@gmail.com)

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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!

Sept. 23 ~ The Conception of St. John the Baptist

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest St Zachariah and his wife St Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when St Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense. St Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "*Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*"

But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "*I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words....*" Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had

not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision.

The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

~from www.orthochristian.com



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

(Church) Fathers Know Best: "For this end God gave us speech, and hands, and feet, and strength of body, and mind, and understanding, that we might use all these things, both for our own salvation, and for our neighbor's advantage. For not for hymns only and thanksgivings is our speech usable to us, but it is profitable also for instruction and admonition. And if indeed we used it to this end, we should be imitating our Master; but if for the opposite ends, we imitate the devil.

(St. John Chrysostom, Homily 78, On Matthew [25:1-30])

Prof. Parks: *The Parable of the Talents*, applies not only to our financial means, though these too are gifts of God to be used for His glory, and our salvation, which involves the betterment of others if we have the means to help in that way. Whatever our means in this life, we all can be "imitating our Master" in many ways: with our words, to encourage and correct, with our hands to comfort or hold back, with our feet to run toward or walk with others. Even a smile can be an immense way of sharing ourselves, God's gifts, with others. All this so that Christ gets back what is His own, and He intends that we become His own and that others come with us as well.

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 Sept. 24, 2017: Matthew 25:14-30 (source: www.antiochian.org)

Jesus told this story: Once a man wanted to go on a journey. He had a lot of money and didn't want to just leave it alone. He called three of his servants before him. To the first servant he gave five talents, or pieces of money. To the second he gave two talents. To the third he gave one talent. After the master left, the servant with the five talents used them well, and made five more for his master. The servant with two talents also made two more. The one with the one talent did not use the money well. He dug a hole and put it in the ground.

When the master returned, he called each servant before him. The first said, "Master, with the money you gave me, I made five more talents. Here are ten!" The master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" The second servant said, "Master, I, too, made more money with what you gave me. Here are four talents!" The master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant." To the first two servants the master said, "Each of you can now be entrusted with even greater projects!" The third servant said, "Master, I know how much you care about your talents, so I dug a hole and buried mine. Here it is." The master said, "You worthless one! Why didn't you at least put my money in a bank?" The master then gave the one talent to the servant who had ten.

Then Jesus said, "To those who have been given much, much will be added. Those who have little will lose what they have."

Family Discussion Questions:

1. In this story, Jesus talked about "talents". What were the talents in the story? What does the word talent mean to us today?
2. What point do you think this story makes today? What can you do to show you understand it?