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St. John Chrysostom Liturgy Schedule

Sunday November 19
24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

11:15am Children's ECF Class

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

Monday November 20
Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

7:00pm Divine Liturgy
+Eileen Gingras by Justine Schwenk

Thursday November 23
Thanksgiving Day

9am Divine Liturgy
In Thanksgiving for all we have

Friday November 24

8am Divine Liturgy in the chapel
+Wasy! Mudrak by Tom Marco and Myroslava Mudrak

Sunday November 26
25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Liturgy Schedule

Sat. November 4
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Sat. November 11
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Sat. November 18
24th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Sat. November 25
25th Sunday after Pentecost

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

❖ Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is 7:00pm tomorrow evening at St. John Chrysostom.

❖ Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving is 9:00am Thursday, November 23rd at St. John Chrysostom.



To all parishioners and visitors of St. John Chrysostom Church and St. Barbara the Great, I humbly offer my prayers and wishes for a truly blessed and Happy Thanksgiving Day.

~ Fr. Bob

Church Cleaning

To prepare our church for the Birth of our Savior, we are cleaning and decorating the church interior on Saturday, December 2nd. We need 8-10 people beginning at 10am. Please call Pat Papai at 614-578-5698 or the office during posted hours. **Please call so that we know that there will be enough people to help.**

The Byzantine Catholic
Eparchy of Parma



Dispensation from fasting on Friday
following Thanksgiving 2017

As Apostolic Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, the faithful are hereby dispensed from the Friday fast from meat on the day following the U.S. celebration of Thanksgiving, 2017. I exhort the faithful to adopt another form of penance on this day in memory of the Holy Cross and to solemnize the civil holiday to God with prayer and thanksgiving.

+Bishop Milan Lach, SJ
Apostolic Administrator
Eparchy of Parma



• **NOV. 26TH** – ALL cookie orders are due in by next Sunday. Please get your orders in by either phone (614-882-6103) or the website (www.byzantinecolumbus.com)

• **NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 26TH.**

Please read the "Cookie Corner", it has information as to what is needed for this year's Christmas Cookie Sale and Volunteer info (we need YOU!)

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Master, Lord, God Almighty, we have gathered together to praise Your majesty, to bless You, to glorify You, the only true God, and to offer thanks to You with a grateful heart for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us, and You continue to do.

O Lord, we find ourselves in this land as Jonah did in the boat, when, in time of danger, all of the sailors and passengers, though of different faiths, yet with one heart, they raised supplicatory arms, each to their respective god. You, the only true and living God, did not despise their prayers, because of the confusion of their minds and lack of knowledge, but answered their prayers, revealing to them Your holy will, and rescuing them from danger.

We too, O God of our fathers, as we are about to sit down and partake of these gifts You have set before us, we raise up our arms to You and ask You to accept our prayer of thanksgiving, along with people of every faith on this land. We unite our prayer together with every American, thankful for the religious freedom we enjoy—if only we use it to learn about You, the true God, in order to know You, love You and worship You in truth.

We are especially thankful, Almighty God, for Your ineffable love toward us, Your ungrateful and unworthy servants, and for the sacrifice on the Cross of Your only begotten Son, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, and for the gifts of Your all Holy Good and Life-giving Spirit.

Gratefully we unite our voices and we pray to You, with the prayer taught us by Your Son and our God Jesus Christ, saying, [Our Father...]

from: www.orthodoxwitness.org/orthodox-thanksgiving-day-prayer/



**St. John Chrysostom
Collection Counting**

- Nov 5 Kathy Krofcheck
- Nov 12 Jerry Stasek
- Nov 19 Mark Frye
- Nov 26 Alex Rakowsky

Church Cleaning

- Nov 4 Jim & Irena Wallace
- Nov 21 Pat Papai & Cathy Pitt

St. John Chrysostom Weekly Collections

Nov. 12, 2017 Collection \$ 4,364.00
Budgeted Weekly Exp. - \$ 3,254.00
Over/Under for 11/12/17 \$ 1,110.00
May God bless you for your generous support of St. John Chrysostom Parish

St. Barbara 2017 Weekly Collections

Nov. 11 Collection \$ 570.00
Nov. Expenses paid \$ 600.00

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



- Deborah Haddad
- Esther Imhoff
- Frederick Kowalski
- Andrew Lovelass
- Joe Martin
- Ed Nyahay
- Paula Oshinski
- Betty Sikora
- Bernie Turanchik
- 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.

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

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| The Priest Eugene Linowski | The Priest Joseph Weber |
| The Priest Michael Hayduk | |
| Charles Branham | Bob Danovich |
| Ron Doctor | Ray Doskopch |
| Julia Fedeczko | John Grabner |
| Alexander Hamilton | Ev Houston |
| Tom Jirles | Rim Jilo |
| Donald Krofcheck | Victor Lonzrick |
| Christine Loya | Bill Martin |
| Paul Mech | Myroslava Mudrak |
| Mic O'Halloran | John Oshinski |
| Bob Parks | Maria Rakowsky |
| John Sikora | Dennis Stinich |
| Ruth Turanchik | Anastaszja Wojchak |

Birthdays

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| Donald Krofcheck | November 3 | Mark Detwiler | November 23 |
| Ann O' Halloran | November 7 | Joseph Ivan | November 28 |
| Tom Jirles | November 18 | Gloria Gaskey | November 30 |
| Robert Zvansky, Jr. | November 19 | Pat Papai | November 30 |



Wedding Anniversaries

Robert & Helena Zvansky November 19, 1983 ~ 34 years

May God grant them all many Happy and Blessed Years!

The Eastern Christian Formation sheet is a way to keep all news about the educational opportunities at St. John's in one place. It contains 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!**

Gospel Coloring Icon



ECF Schedule – Youth

November 19th* - **TODAY!**

December 3rd

December 17th

We will break for the Christmas holiday and resume ECF classes after the New Year.

Thank you for your participation in our ECF program!

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, we are introducing a bulletin segment that will summarize the coming week's Gospel reading and show where to find it in the Bible so families can read the whole Gospel. We are also providing some discussion questions for families and friends to talk about together.



Gospel Summary for Nov. 26, 2017: Luke 13:10-17

(source: www.antiochian.org)

Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on a Sabbath, or day of worship. There was a woman who could not walk straight. She was bent over when she walked. She had been like this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he stopped teaching. He called to her and said, "Woman, you are freed from having to walk bent over."

He laid his hands upon her, and instantly she stood up straight. She praised God! But the ruler of the synagogue said to the crowd that Jesus should not have healed on the Sabbath, because healing is a type of work, and we are not supposed to work on the Sabbath.

Jesus said, "If you have an animal who needs water, don't you untie it and lead it to water?" He then explained that healing is from God, and that the woman should not have to wait even one more day to receive healing. When Jesus said this, His enemies were ashamed and embarrassed. But the people were very happy because of all the wonderful things that Jesus was doing!"

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What was Jesus doing when the story begins?
2. What did Jesus say to the woman? What happened then?
3. The ruler of the synagogue didn't like what Jesus did. Why?
4. Do you have any pets, or know someone that does?
5. If a pet was stuck in a hole, or needed some kind of help, would you help them, even if it was the Sabbath?

A Meditation on the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Feast Day November 21

by Mary Grace Ritchey

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the kontakion reminds us of the reason we venerate the Virgin Mary and why icons of Christ and the saints can be used: *"The infinite word of God became circumscribed when He was incarnate in you, O Mother of God. He restored our corrupt image to its former beauty by joining it to the divine splendor. Wherefore we now proclaim our salvation and make it known by word and deed."*

Mary was the first to be restored to the image and likeness of God and this feast points out by word ("the icon corresponds entirely to the 'word' of scripture"-p.10 Theology of the Icon by L. Ouspensky) and deed (the prayers of Liturgy) some explicit instances of this story.

The origin of this feast can be found in the Protevangelion of James. Mary was brought to the Temple by Joachim and Anne at the age of three to be consecrated to the service of God. Preceded by young girls with lighted candles (often shown in this icon), she entered into the Holy of Holies. The account tells that Mary danced before the Ark of the Covenant. In Archbishop Raya's book Theotokos (p. 96) he says: *"We are totally convinced that Mary's supreme dignity as future Bearer of God merits her not only to enter the Temple but to penetrate to the most sacred place of the Temple, the 'Holy of Holies.'" This part of the temple is called the "Holy of Holies" because it contained the "Shekhina," the glory of God, with the Manna, the Rod of Aaron, and the Tablets of the Ten Commandments. Mary was no mere receptacle of signs and symbols, as was the*

Temple. She was more sacred and holier because she was to contain Glory Himself..."

The theme of the feast and the Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is that this historic event marks the end of the physical Temple of the Old Testament and is the beginning of the salvation plan for all humanity. Mary is the new Temple or tabernacle of the presence of God! She is the first to be a "Temple of the Holy Spirit" and at Great Vespers the cantor chants: "Today let us, the faithful, dance for joy, singing to the Lord with Psalms and hymns, venerating His hallowed Tabernacle, the living Ark, that contained the Word who cannot be contained. For she, a young child in the flesh, is offered in wondrous fashion to the Lord, and with rejoicing Zacharias the Great High Priest receives her as the dwelling of God." (P. 166 The Festal Menaion)

In the reading from Exodus (40: 1-5, 9-10, 16, 34-35) we are reminded that the Israelites were led by the Tent or Tabernacle of the presence of God which contained the Ark of the Covenant containing the Manna, the Rod of Aaron and the Ten Commandments. The cloud surrounding it during the day and the pillar of fire by night signified the presence of God with the Israelites, the people of the one, true God. This portable Temple was replaced by the Temple built by Solomon. The Temple Mary enters is the rebuilt Temple of Zorobabel which no longer contained these five things found in Solomon's temple: *"Fire from on high, the Oil of anointment, the Ark, the Holy Spirit, the Urim and the Thummin"* (p. 153 The Meaning of Icons by L. Ouspensky and V. Lossky)."

At Orthros (Matins) the Magnificat is replaced by these words: *"Beholding the*

entry of the All-Pure, the angels were struck with amazement, seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies" (p. 190 Menaion). No one entered the Holy of Holies except the High Priest and only once a year. Yet Zacharias does not prevent Mary from entering the Holy of Holies. This mystery of the incarnation, hidden from the angelic orders, is acknowledged by the one who is to be the father of John the Baptist, Zacharias. Mary enters into the Temple to prepare herself to later become the Temple of the body of Christ and we are led to meditate on the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, and the Eucharist! The Theotokos (God-bearer) prepares to receive the humanity of Christ. Mary is truly the first Christian (Christian means Christ-bearer) and our model.

The scene in the icon is the inner court of the Temple. (The Temple was divided into three courts, the court of the people which was divided into men and women, the court of the priests and the Holy of Holies.) Zacharias stands on the steps and Mary stretches her hands toward him. In some icons Mary is seen a second time in the Holy of Holies being assisted by an angel. She is to be nourished by "heavenly bread." The virgin does not look like a child except in size because already she is a "mature" or perfect person. The background shows other temple buildings.

The kontakion of the feast states: *"The All-pure Temple of the Saviour, the precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. Of her God's angels sing in praise: 'She is indeed the heavenly Tabernacle.'"* (P. 195 Menaion)

The Epistle, Hebrews 9: 1-7, describes the

Tabernacle of the old covenant. The Gospel, Luke 10: 38-42; 11: 27-28, speaks of Martha and Mary. Mary is the model of "listener" of the Word of God. It also contains the mysterious words concerning the Mother of God *"Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."* Thomas Hopko in Volume III, The Orthodox Faith says: *"This 'glory of the Lord' is referred to the Mother of Christ (see also Ezekiel 43: 27-44:4) and it 'fills' her and all people after her who 'hear the word of God and keep it' as the Gospel of the festal liturgy proclaims."* (P. 143)

All icons are meditation on and symbol of the reality of the incarnation of Christ and the consequences of His incarnation for humanity. Mary, who is "full of grace" by reason that "the Lord is with you" is Temple of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, our gift from God at Chrismation is the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our own senses. Mary is the example of each individual's possible theosis. We, too, are tabernacles of the Lord.

taken from: <https://melkite.org/faith/faith-worship/entrance-of-the-theotokos>



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ALL ORDERS must be called in to the phone order system or via the website by Sunday, November 26th.

IMPORTANT COOKIE SALE DATES

- **Dec. 3rd** – Hall arrangement; remove chairs, add and arrange tables. ALL HANDS NEEDED AND WELCOME!
- **Week of December 4th** – Hall Decorating & Flower Delivery
- **Thursday, December 7th** – Drop off your cookies in the hall.
Time: 10am - 1pm and 5:30pm - 9pm
- **Friday, December 8th** – Cookie Tray Assembly
Time: 9am - 2pm
- **Friday, December 8th** – Bag Cookie Pit Cookies
Time: 3pm until finished
- **Friday, December 8th** – Parishioner Order Pick-Up
Time: 6pm – 7pm
- **Saturday, December 9th** – Divine Liturgy – 8am in chapel

**Saturday, December 9th
COOKIE SALE - 10AM-2PM**

FREEZING TIPS

To freeze baked cookies, cool cookies completely, then wrap cookies tightly in plastic wrap. Place in freezer-style re-sealable plastic bag or airtight container. Freeze up to 1 month. When ready to serve, thaw at room temperature.

To freeze brownies or bar cookies, cool brownies or bar cookies completely, but do not cut into individual servings. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap, then wrap again with foil. Freeze up to 3 months. When ready to serve, thaw at room temperature before cutting into individual servings. Chocolate- topped brownies or bar cookies should be frozen before topping. Follow directions for freezing brownies. After thawing, spread melted chocolate over the top of the brownies or bar cookies and cut into individual servings.

Cookie dough can be frozen up to 6 weeks using these methods: For slice-and-bake refrigerator cookies, shape dough into logs, then double wrap in plastic wrap. Freeze until ready to use, then just thaw, slice and bake as directed in recipe. For drop or shaped cookies, shape cookie dough into balls (or other shapes as directed in your recipe) then place on parchment paper or wax paper-lined baking sheet. Freeze until dough is completely frozen. Transfer dough from tray to freezer-style resealable plastic bag; freeze until ready to use. When ready to bake, thaw frozen dough on baking sheets then bake as directed in recipe. For cut-out cookies, pat dough into a disk and double wrap in plastic wrap. Place dough in freezer-style re-sealable plastic bag. When ready to use, thaw dough, roll out, cut into shapes and bake as directed in recipe.

FREEZER SPACE NEEDED!



We are in great need of freezer storage space!

If you have space available and can share with us for a short time, please call Lisa at 937-844-7778.



19 days to Cookie Sale!

**WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP
WITH THE SALE.**