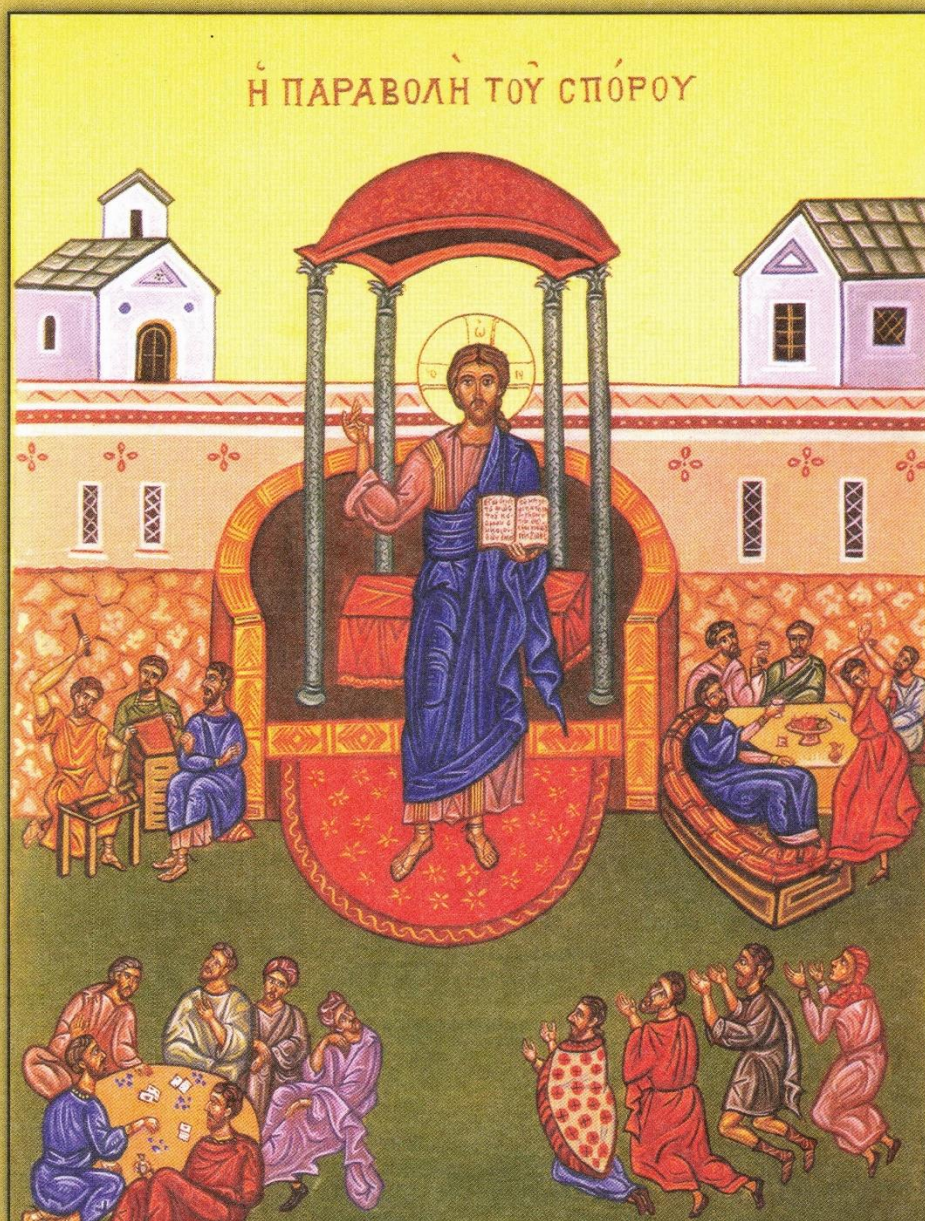


SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE  
SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



**October 17, 2021**

*Icon of the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15)*

*Listening to the Word of God*

In the icon of the Parable of the Sower on the front cover of the bulletin we see Jesus sowing seeds of Divine Wisdom – His words – to four groups of people. Only one group, however, is listening attentively. The other three hear but do not listen. Rather, they are preoccupied with the “anxieties, riches and pleasures of this life.” (Luke 8:14)

Which group are we in? We hear the Word of God spoken and preached in church each week, but do the cares and concerns of life and living cause us to quickly forget the lessons and examples taught by Jesus?

If we fail to integrate the teachings of Christ into our daily life, are we very different than the members of those three groups who heard but did not act on the Word of God? Consider the simple lesson from the following illustration:

Young Johnny reached for the ringing phone one Saturday evening, and his father told him, “If it’s that guy from work calling, tell him I’m not home!” Later that evening, the family went out for dinner. Johnny’s mother noticed that the waitress had undercharged them. “That’s bad for them but good for us!” laughed mom. On the way home, dad explained to Johnny that the new radar detector he recently had installed on his car was to “beat the police” and avoid speeding tickets. Later that night, as Johnny finished his Sunday school lesson, he reflected on what a good Saturday it had been. It was much better than last Saturday when his parents grounded him for cheating on his math test.

What lessons do we teach by the examples we set?

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### Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, COLUMBUS

**Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy**

**Sunday, October 17** Tone 4  
*Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**Wednesday, October 20**  
**9:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*+Thaddeus Jadwisiak by the St. John Chrysostom Ladies' Guild*

**Thursday, October 21**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*+John Carroll Barrett by Mr. & Mrs. David Barrett*

**Friday, October 22**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*+Sonia Lahola by Mr. & Mrs. James Wallace*

**Sunday, October 24** Tone 5  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**Wednesday, October 27**  
**9:00am** Divine Liturgy  
*Special Intention by Zebib*

**Thursday, October 28**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Health of Sergey & Taylor Barrett by Mr. & Mrs. David Barrett*

**Friday, October 29**  
**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life by Rebecca Krofcheck*

## ST. BARBARA, DAYTON

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Celebrating at: St. John Bosco Chapel  
Wright State University  
3650 Colonel Glenn Highway Fairborn, Ohio 45324



**Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy**

**Saturday, October 23**  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
**4:00pm** Vespers followed by Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

**Saturday, October 30**  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
**4:00pm** Vespers followed by Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*

#### ST. BARBARA OCTOBER ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

**10/09** ECF Classes  
**10/16** ECF Classes

**10/23** ECF Classes  
**10/30** ECF Classes

Please continue to pray for the youth and their families and for the catechists.

Parishioners willing to help prepare or provide a snack please contact Emma Ricketts via email - emma.ricketts1@icloud.com

The next Men's Group will meet this Monday October 18th at 9 PM. We'll be discussing Homily 51 of St. Isaac the Syrian. For more information, please contact Chris Wagner at cwagner22587@gmail.com

**"An Exorcist Speaks"** St John Bosco Chapel will host Fr. Vincent Lampert, the official exorcist of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, on Tuesday October 19th at 7:30 PM. Fr. Vincent will talk about his work and ministry as an exorcist.



### Readings for the Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Galatians 2:16-20; or Epistle, Hebrews 13:7-16	Gospel, Luke 8:5-15 Gospel, John 17:1-13
<b>Monday</b>	Epistle, Colossians 4:5-9.14.18;	Gospel, Luke 10:16-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Epistle, Colossians 2:20-3:3;	Gospel, Luke 9:23-27
<b>Wednesday</b>	Epistle, Colossians 3:17-4:1;	Gospel, Luke 9:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	Epistle, Colossians 4:2-9;	Gospel, Luke 9:49-56
<b>Friday</b>	Epistle, Colossians 4:10-18;	Gospel, Luke 10:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Epistle, Galatians 1:11-19;	Gospel, Matthew 13:54-58
<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Galatians 6:11-18;	Gospel, Luke 16:19-31

## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### **ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM OCTOBER ECF CLASS SCHEDULE**

**10/10** ECF Classes

**10/24** ECF Classes

**10/17** ECF Classes

**10/31** ECF Classes

Please continue to pray for the youth and their families and for the catechists.



### **ANNIVERSARY BOOKS**

We have additional Anniversary books available for purchase. The \$20 purchase price will be used to fund the needed replacement of the parking lot. There is a sample copy in the back of the church that you can look through. If you wish to purchase a book please contact the office via phone or email.

**COOKIE SALE INFO** We will have a online informational meeting this Wednesday, October 20 at 7pm to let everyone know what is needed. A link will be sent out via email for those who wish to join in this online meeting.

### **OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."

~ Cardinal John O'Connor



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**<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1231634>**



St. Joseph, defender of life,  
*pray for us!*

#### ***A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life***

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God, that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

# COOKIE SALE 2021



We are holding our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Because of the ongoing health concerns, it will be held as a drive-thru again this year.

## **WE NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

**PIROHI** -- If you are willing to help make pirohi please contact Pat Papai at **614-578-5698** or email her at **mpapai@att.net** for dates and times.

**ROLL BAKING** – The rolls are made on Saturdays. If you are willing to help make nut/poppyseed rolls, please contact Rose Ann Jirles at **614-296-4289**.

**LISA SULICH, Sale Coordinator**, will be contacting everyone regarding the sale and how you can help with baking or volunteering. If you have any questions, you may email the church office and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa or contact Lisa directly. **Lisa's contact information is: phone - 937-844-7778 or you may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com**

## **BAKING IN THE HALL KITCHEN**

If you would like to use the hall kitchen to make your cookies, there is a clipboard on the table in the church vestibule where you can sign up for days and times. We do ask that you clean the kitchen thoroughly when finished and that you are finished by 9:00pm.

We need everyone's participation to make this another great sale. Thank you for all you have done in the past and let's keep it going strong.



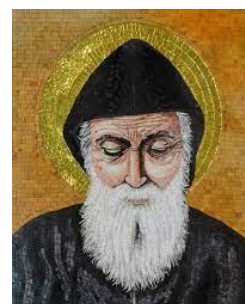
## ***For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:***

Charles Branham	Jeanette Hill	Joe Martin	Maria Rakowsky	Steven Woryk
Garey Conley	Tim Hill	Judy Martin	Nadia Ritchey	Nicholas Zvansky
Will Culver	Esther Imhoff	Angela Merva	Stephanie Salerno	Sandra Zvansky
Maria Czynnik	Tad Imhoff	Norma Mnich	Justine Schwenk	Intentions of C. Charyton
Lori DeClue	Jackson Family	Rosemary Nyahay	John Sikora	Intentions of Fr. Robert
Randy DeClue	Gordon Kaercher	Mic O'Halloran	Harriet Slifko	Dave
Ron Doctor	Susan Kaiser	John Oshinski	Dennis Stinich	Hagos
Aimeé Evans	James Kester	Paula Oshinski	L.T. Tekle	Kathy
Joseph Evans	Frederick Kowalski	Carol Osifchin	Linda Travis	Steve
Weyni Girmay	Kathy Krofcheck	Beauetta Parks	Joe Travis	Paula Balcarcel
Deborah Gordon	Christine Leon	Cathy Pitt	Ruth Turanchik	Josh Taylor
Charlene Grabner	Bill Martin	Keith Pope	Owen Ward	Hussein Abdi

## **Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof**

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.





Michael Christie	Liam Hurley	Rose Jager	Alexandra Rakowsky
John Czynnik	Anna Ilko	Aurora Nunnery	Jim Wallace
Bill Hospodar	Doris Ivan	Joel Perkins	Rita Zaroka

John & Doris Ivan *Celebrating 24 years Crowned in Marriage*  
Alexander & Alexandra Rakowsky *Celebrating 30 years Crowned in Marriage*  
Jerry & Dana Stasek *Celebrating 40 years Crowned in Marriage*

### **FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA**

**EVENING OF HOPE** to benefit the Eparchy of Parma. Saturday October 23, 2021 beginning at 6pm at the Holiday Inn in Independence, OH. Your gift will directly impact the four established eparchial funds for 1) development of parishes; 2) promotion of vocations and seminary education; 3) the eparchial pension fund for priests; and 4) works of the apostolate.

Please go online to [parma.org](http://parma.org) for more information on sponsorships and donations.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE "BRIDEGROOM'S BANQUET"**, a benefit dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, on Saturday, November 13, at a new location: the Astrodome Event Center in Parma, OH. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required (**by October 29<sup>th</sup>**). Adults 21 years of age and older may attend.

Enjoy a dinner, entertainment, and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Watch the premier of the nuns' new video; **"Be Poor with Me: Reflections on Poverty"**. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors.

For more information and to register, please visit [www.christthebridegroom.org](http://www.christthebridegroom.org) or call 440-834-0290.

### **FROM THE METROPOLIA OF PITTSBURGH**

#### **ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC (RUTHENIAN) METROPOLITAN CHURCH**

#### **"ONE BODY IN CHRIST: RE-EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC"**

**November 5 & 6, 2021; St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA**

"It is designed with eminently qualified presenters and presentations of vital significance, with consideration for every age and interest. We live in an unprecedented time of lives disrupted by the covid pandemic. This assembly offers an opportunity for us to together grow spiritually and to begin to bring ourselves and our Church into a time of renewed interest, growth and participation.

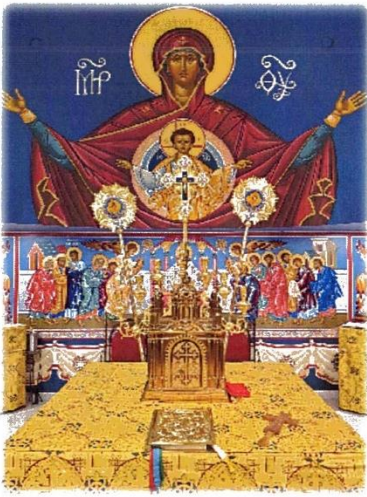
Kindly make every effort to attend, and please encourage your parishioners to likewise join you in listening, learning, sharing, and becoming a part of contributing to the Life of our Church, its parishes and its people."

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.  
*Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh*

For more information or to register visit [archpitt.org](http://archpitt.org) or [parma.org](http://parma.org)

#### **"COME AND SEE" AT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY**

An in-person "Come and See" Weekend of Discovery Retreat for discerning Byzantine Catholic Men, 18 to 35 years old, single or married, is being hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. It begins on Friday evening (5 PM), Nov. 5, 2021 and concludes on Sunday afternoon (4 PM), Nov. 7, 2021. *The deadline for registering is Oct. 13, 2021. For more details and to register go to [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu). You may also contact B.C.S. at 412-321-8383 or [rector@bcs.edu](mailto:rector@bcs.edu). Only those who are fully COVID vaccinated will be permitted to register this year.*



## The Sanctity of Life and Byzantine Spirituality

Marriage and Family Life Office  
Eparchy of Parma - October 2021

Each year during the month of October the Church directs us toward a special focus on the preservation of the sanctity of human life and in particular, human life from its very beginning in a mother's womb. Gender confusion, marital infidelity, divorce, sexual abuse, immodest dress, pornography, euthanasia, in fact all maladies and confusions in every area of human life, human relationships and human sexuality have their origins in what happens in the womb of womanhood. This can best be understood by simply looking into the rich and vast reservoir of our own Byzantine liturgical and mystical spirituality.

Mystically speaking, as our Byzantine spirituality does so well, it can be said that the marital bedroom is the sanctuary of the human race and a woman's womb is its tabernacle. What goes on in the bedroom does not "stay there." Rather, it actually determines the rise and fall of marriage, family and in turn civilization itself.

The sanctuary in the Byzantine tradition is also referred to as the "Holy of Holies." It is also symbolic of Heaven. But there is another mystical meaning to our sanctuary. Going all the way back to the Old Testament temple, the sanctuary in the Byzantine church is the mystical nuptial chamber. It is the meeting point of Christ the Bride Groom with His Bride in the Eucharist on the nuptial bed of the Altar. In this sanctuary the words of the Bridegroom Christ will be said, "Take eat, this is my body, broken for you." Christ offers Himself to his Bride as an oblation. The same words are spoken through the language or "theology of the body" in the marital embrace between husband and wife—a free, faithful, full and fruitful giving of their total selves to one another through their very bodies.

The tabernacle in Byzantine Churches remains always on the Altar with the Real Presence of Christ in repose in the form of the consecrated bread. The priest stands facing the Altar and tabernacle (Ad Orientum—east) and assumes the role and posture of the steward of the Eucharist, and as an extension of the bishop, the priest is the only one authorized to handle and distribute the Eucharist. (Deacons are actually "extraordinary ministers" of the Eucharist.)



Above the Altar in Byzantine sanctuaries it is prescribed to have an icon of the Platytera which hovers over the Altar and Tabernacle. "Platytera" means, "more spacious than the Heavens". Christ is depicted in the very interior of his Mother in this icon and we say of this icon that "He (Christ) whom not even the universe can contain is contained within the womb of a Virgin, making her more spacious than the Heavens." With Christ within her very body, her womb, the Virgin Mary herself becomes a "Mystical" or "Human" tabernacle. It was in the womb of this Virgin that Heaven and Earth met in a miraculous way.

Every woman is configured to the Virgin Mary. Therefore, by extension, and mystically speaking, every woman has within her own body, a 'tabernacle', a sacred space where Heaven and earth meet in the miracle of the conception of a new human life. As the priest is the guardian and steward of the sanctity of the tabernacle in the sanctuary of the Church, so too, is the "priesthood" of every man, to act as the guardian of the sanctity of the womb of womanhood.

Everything about and within the tabernacle on the Altar in the Church is about sanctity and life. The priest would never place anything in the tabernacle nor approach the tabernacle in any way that would militate against the integrity of the tabernacle. In a similar way, the "priesthood" of every man is called to protect the sanctity of woman's womb from any approach or thing that would militate against sanctity and life. In Chapter 8 of the book of Tobit in the Bible, the couple Tobiah and Sarah are presented as holy examples because prior to the consummation of their marriage on their wedding night, they prayed that God would help them to keep their marital act pure.

Through its architecture, Art, ritual and gesture, we can see that the mystical meaning for the sanctity of the bedroom, the marital act, of woman's womb and man's priestly responsibility toward the sanctity of her womb finds its very context in the Liturgy of the Church.

The defilement of the sanctity of the womb of womanhood came about, despite the urgent warning of the Church, when the modern world chose to embrace a contraceptive rather than a sacramental or mystical worldview of human sexuality. Once again the mystical spirituality of the Byzantine Church is helpful in understanding the intrinsic evil of contraception.

By 'mystical' we mean that something of a physical and earthly nature can reveal and make present invisible or Heavenly realities. Applying the mystical meaning to the marital embrace we see, as St. John Paul II taught, that through their very bodies in the marital embrace the husband and wife 'speak a language.' Their actions speak a theology. They can love as God loves and participate in the very interior life of the Holy Trinity whereby, through the marital embrace, and like the Holy Trinity, the husband and wife form a union and communion of persons that is both unitive and procreative. The mystical language of their bodies says that they are giving themselves unreservedly to each other in this marital embrace. Introducing something artificial into that action separates the unitive from the procreative and sets up a certain dishonesty in the action because with artificial contraception the couple is no longer giving themselves freely as gift to each other but they are holding something back from one or the other—their fertility. This is what constitutes the essential evil of contraception. This separation of procreation from the unitive act of the marital embrace is what gave rise to an entirely utilitarian, non-sacramental view of human sexuality and in turn opened the door to the relational and sexual confusion and maladies we suffer under during these modern times. Once we remove the element of child bearing from the marital act, it becomes open to being redefined and used any way we want.

In recent years, Pro-Life activist communities are realizing that in order to truly stop abortion and restore all of the threats to the sanctity of human life in all its forms, there will have to be the restoration of the sanctity of the marital embrace and the womb of womanhood. The world will have to abandon the utilitarian, contraceptive worldview and recover the true Sacramental worldview of human sexuality whose context is seen, communicated and lived in the Liturgy of the Church.

**Recommended Litanies to be inserted into the Litany of  
Supplication at the Divine Liturgy for the Sundays in October  
(or any other Liturgy):**

*O God, our heavenly Father, Creator of all human life, we adore You and worship You. You created all people in Your image and likeness. May we, Your people, dedicate ourselves to defending the pre-born, the terminally ill, the disabled and all those threatened by the culture of death from all seen and unseen evil, we pray you hear us and have mercy.*

**Response:** Lord have mercy 3x

*O God, our Heavenly Father, Author of all life, help us always to respect all human life, from conception to natural death. Let Your Most Holy Spirit enlighten the minds and open the hearts of those who do not fully respect all human life according to Your Will. Reveal Your loving presence to expectant mothers who experience fear, doubt, isolation and confusion. Lighten their burdens. Grant them guidance, reassurance and peace by Your Grace, we pray You hear us and have mercy.*

**Response:** Lord have mercy 3x

*We also pray for those who are despondent because of age or illness; especially for those tempted to end their lives; for all who are alone and afraid; for those who sit on death row, or single mothers feeling abandoned by all; that our Heavenly Father would grant them patient endurance to do His Will, we pray You, hear us and graciously have mercy.*

**Response:** Lord have mercy 3x

