

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
February 13, 2022



Icon of the Prodigal Son

Who Art in Heaven

These words I think have a very deep meaning. They remind us of the homeland we have abandoned, of the citizenship we have lost. In the parable of the young man who left his father's house, went off the rails and was reduced to living with pigs, the Word of God shows us human wretchedness. That young man did not find his one-time happiness again until he had realized his moral degradation, had looked into his own heart and had pronounced the words of confession. These words almost agree with the Lord's Prayer, because the prodigal son says: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." [Luke 15:21] He would not confess himself to be a sinner against heaven

if he were not convinced that the homeland he had left at the time of his going astray were not in actual fact heaven.

By this confession of his he makes himself worthy once again to stand in the presence of his father who runs towards him, embraces him, and kisses him. The conclusion is this. To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it. To make the decision to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's likeness to God.

*St. Gregory of Nyssa
On the Lord's Prayer*

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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

<i>Liturgy Date & Time</i>	<i>Music in Green Book</i>
Sunday, February 13 <i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i> 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> Social following Liturgy	Tone 5, pg 146 <i>Pg 216</i>
Wednesday, February 16 9:00am Divine Liturgy	
Friday, February 18 <i>For the 1st All Souls Saturday</i> 7:00pm Divine Liturgy & Panachida <i>For the departed faithful of those families that renewed the intention</i>	<i>Pg 432</i>
Sunday, February 20 <i>Sunday of Meatfare</i> 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>	Tone 6, pg 152 <i>Pg 217</i>

<i>Liturgy Date & Time</i>	<i>Music in Green Book</i>
Sunday, February 20 <i>Sunday of Meat-fare</i> 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>	Tone 6, pg 15 <i>Pg 217</i>
Wednesday, February 23 9:00am Divine Liturgy <i>+Peter Lahola by the Wallace family</i>	
Thursday, February 24 7:00pm Divine Liturgy <i>+Stella Evanczuk by the Pitt family</i>	
Friday, February 25 7:00pm Divine Liturgy	
Sunday, February 27 <i>Sunday of Cheese-fare</i> 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> Social following Liturgy 1:00pm Forgiveness Vespers	Tone 7, pg 156 <i>Pg 217</i>

ST. BARBARA, DAYTON LITURGY SCHEDULE

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



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Saturday, February 19

1st All Souls Saturday; Sunday of Meatfare

4:00pm Panachida followed by Divine Liturgy
*For the departed faithful of those families that renewed
the intention*

Saturday, February 26

*All Holy Ascetical Mothers & Fathers;
Sunday of Cheesefare – Great Lent Begins*

4:00pm Vespers followed by Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 28

First Day of the Great Fast

6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

ST. BARBARA ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

02/05/22 ECF Classes

02/19/22 **NO ECF**

02/12/22 ECF Classes

02/26/22 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 Men's group will begin meeting the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 PM. The next Men's Group meeting is this Tuesday, Feb 15 at 6 PM. A virtual option is available for those who cannot attend in person. For more information, please contact Chris Wagner at cwagner22587@gmail.com.

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2022

Sunday	Epistle, 1 Cor 6:12-20;	Gospel, Luke 15:11-32
Monday	Epistle, Heb 7:26-8:2;	Gospel, John 10:9-16
Tuesday	Epistle, 1 Jn 3:10-20;	Gospel, Mark 14:10-42
Wednesday	Epistle, 1 Jn 3:21-4:6;	Gospel, Mark 14:43-15:1
Thursday	Epistle, 1 Jn 4:20-5:21;	Gospel, Mark 15:1-15
Friday	Epistle, 2 Jn 1-13;	Gospel, Mark 15:22.25 & 33-4:1
Saturday	Epistle, 1 Cor 10:23-28;	Gospel, Luke 21:8-9.25-27.33-36
Sunday	Epistle, 1 Cor 8:8-9:2;	Gospel, Matt 25:31-46

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEB ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

02/26/22 ECF Classes **02/20/22** **NO ECF**
02/13/22 ECF Classes **02/27/22** ECF Classes

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February 13 World Marriage Day

Today, we honor the witness of all married couples, offering a special blessing at the end of Divine Liturgy.

A Social will follow the liturgy, all are invited!

The First All Souls Saturday is next Saturday, February 19, please renew and get any additions to your family's list of names in to the office by tomorrow, Monday, February 14, so they can be added to the All Souls Dyptics.



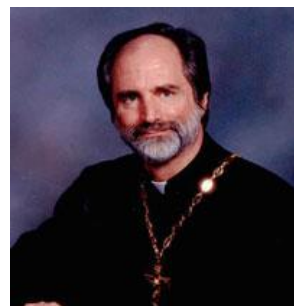
The weekend of February 26/27 is the weekend for the national collection for the Church in Eastern and Central Europe. Please, consider your participation. Grateful for your generosity. See the insert.

More here: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-central-eastern-europe/collection-church-central-and-eastern-europe>

Please be sure and mark this donation as "For the Church in Eastern & Central Europe"

SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE, FEBRUARY 27 - At St. John Chrysostom, we will celebrate Sunday Liturgy at 10am. Following liturgy, ECF will hold classes and there will be a parish potluck social; **we ask that parishioners bring food to share** before the beginning of Great Lent. At 1:00pm we have Forgiveness Vespers to begin the Great Fast.

MARCH 5TH AND 6TH Fr. Thomas Loya will lead Parish Missions at St. Barbara, Dayton and St. John Chrysostom, Columbus. Fr. Thomas J. Loya is pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, IL. He holds degrees in Art, Theology and Counseling. He is a conference speaker and the co-founder of the Tabor Life Institute for education and formation in marriage and family life. He is also host of the long-running radio program; "Light of the East" heard on EWTN radio affiliates around the world and he posts brief, live, daily meditations on Facebook. Fr. Loya currently serves as Syncellus for Missions and Outreach for the Eparchy of Parma and comes from a family heritage that has been involved in the missionary and evangelical development of the Byzantine Catholic Church for generations.



Saturday, March 5

"Missionary Disciples" at St. Barbara, Dayton

Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ gave the Church the Grace and the mandate to evangelize the world, to transform the world more and more into the Kingdom of God on earth. The Byzantine Catholic Church has its own particular gifts and ways to evangelize that are absolutely vital and relevant to today's modern world. This presentation will outline the particular evangelical power of the Byzantine Catholic Church and provide the 'why' and 'how' Byzantine missionary efforts can realize their full development into vibrant parishes.

Sunday, March 6

"Byzantine Iconography and My Spirituality" at St. John's Chrysostom

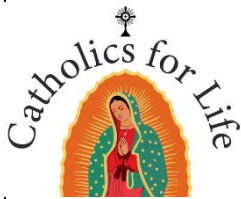
The Art, architecture, liturgy, prayer and theology of the Byzantine Catholic Church are ingeniously integrated. This integration provides us with an immersion into the Great Mystery of the Invisible God who has become visible. This integration reveals God's blueprint for life and creation. This presentation will demonstrate how an understanding and participation in the iconography and Liturgy of the Church, when applied to every aspect and issue of life, can transform individuals and even the whole world.

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS

An online prayer group, where members meet every week and obey the strict rule of confidentiality. During the meetings a mother may share her worries without the fear of anything being repeated outside of the meeting. The other mothers support her in her prayer and she will feel supported by thousands of mothers around the world who are also part of Mothers’ Prayers. Mothers experience a great peace with the blessing of this wonderful prayer support.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the office to put your email on the contact list to get the link to join in the online meeting.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE - COLUMBUS



Catholics for Life is a lay apostolate that seeks to equip Catholics to end abortion while sharing the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Founded in 2021 and based in Columbus, OH, we lead various trainings and public outreaches to inspire activists, change hearts on abortion, bring healing, rescue children, and evangelize souls, always relying on the grace of Jesus Christ. More information: <https://catholicsforlife.us/>

Friday, February 18th - Catholics for Life 3rd Friday Event Schedule:

- 7:00am Mass at St. Patrick
- 8:00-9:30am Sidewalk counseling at Planned Parenthood (3255 E. Main St.)
- 10:00am-12:00pm Evangelization at the OSU (High & 15th Ave.)

Our team sidewalk counsels and prays rosaries at the Columbus abortion facilities every Friday. The mill is open from 8:30-4:00, but patients arrive earlier and leave later. Catholics for Life has representatives there or we have at least made sure that someone is praying and counseling every hour the mill is open. Contact us if you are interested in joining at any time!

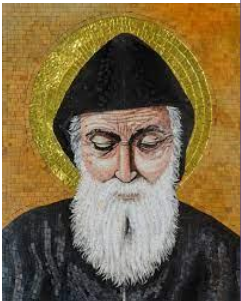
For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

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

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf

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.



- Carson Boniface Nick Branham Trish Hartung George Ivan
- Abby Branham Michael Hartung Joan Hummel

EPARCHY OF PARMA
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021/22

The 2021/22 Annual Stewardship Appeal continues. Visit parma.org to make a one-time or monthly donation using our secure website.

In response to the faith, we profess in the Nicene Creed, consider the ways that you can be more fully involved in the life of your parish and the Eparchy:

- ❖ Spend more time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- ❖ Consider the gifts God has given to you and share those talents, skills, or knowledge with the parish.
- ❖ Contribute financially to the workings of the Eparchy and to our parish through the financial appeal.

Goal for St. Barbara: \$4,700 Goal for St. John Chrysostom: \$10,700

SAVE THE DATES

March 11-13, 2022 The 1st Annual MEN'S Retreat at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center; Fremont, OH. The retreat Master is Rev. John (Ivan) Freishyn-Chirovsky. Contact Karl Busam for more information: 419-626-6811 or at karl.busam.77@gmail.com

March 18-20, 2022 The ninth Annual Women's Retreat at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center; Fremont, OH. The retreat master is Fr. Cyril Pinchak, SJ. Contact Joan Washburn for more information: 865-696-7809



LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Opening prayer. *Usual beginning* and the following prayer of St. Isidor of Seville (5th cent.), used before every ecumenical council in the history of the Catholic Church:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Reading the Scripture: Read slowly at least 2 times. **Pay attention** to what you read and mark:

- the important parts with '!'
- difficult to understand with '?'
- enlightening parts with ♥

Share: *read aloud those words or phrases that you marked with '!' and ♥*

Shedding light: Read the attached notes and thoughts that enrich your understanding and will lead you into a deeper appreciation. Afterwards review (read again) the words or phrases you marked.

Community reflection. In this part try to discuss how the given Word of God enlightens and informs your community life, inner relationships, your involvement, educational and formational activities; outreach and evangelization; the context (relationships with) of the Eparchy and Universal Church.

Direction of action. Try to formulate the directions for action as an individual (and community) Journal the outstanding Words (marked by ! and ♥). During the following week try to live this Word.

Closing prayer: rd concluded with **Ps 102 [103]** (Bless the Lord all my soul and do not forget his benefits...)



Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land.
(Mt 5:5)

Shedding light

The Meek. The third beatitude quotes Ps 37, where the **meek** are the lowly who patiently wait on the Lord amid their afflictions and **refrain from responding in anger or with force against those who wrong them.** They rely on God—not their own strength—to set things right.

God will vindicate the meek and give them the honorable position they did not aggressively seek for themselves. Biblical examples of meekness include Moses, when criticized by his sister and brother (Num 12:1–15); David, when King Saul was trying to kill him (1 Sam 24:1–20); and above all Jesus, at his arrest and throughout his passion (26:49–27:50). Jesus' instructions regarding anger and retaliation illustrate what it means to be meek (5:21–26, 38–41).¹ The first Christian communities indeed *understood* **Christ** as being **the meek** (2 Cor 10:1) and **example to follow:**

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (1 Peter 2:21b-23)

The land. Abraham is the first example of a meek who will inherit the land (Gen 15:7; conf. 28:4). The Lord promised him a land, a home, if he will trust in him and go where the Lord commands him to go. The same promise is repeated during the *exodus* (Exodus 23:30): the Lord will lead them and cast out their enemies from the land he promised to Abraham and his descendants.

Isaiah 61 comes to mind, the passage that contributes to themes in the first two beatitudes: *Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, and instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore, they*

will possess a double portion in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs (Isa 61:7). The everlasting joy points to the messianic times of restoration.

In Qumran Ps 37 was interpreted in eschatological terms, referring to the final days of the salvation (4Q171 frags. 1–10). In the same manner Jesus does not refer to *the land* as a geographical entity, but rather to the *new land* as reference to the Kingdom.

¹ C. Mitch & E. Sri, *Matthew, Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture*, p.90

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied
(Mt 5:6)**

Hungry and thirsty. This beatitude refers to the Greek translation of the OT, quoting Ps 107:5-6: “...hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.” (LXX Ps 106:5–6). Another important Scripture passage is again from Isaiah (49:10): *They shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.*

Once again, in both instances, it is God himself who satisfies the needy. *Hungry* and *thirsty* is someone seeking something with his or her whole heart. The person who hungers and thirsts for righteousness longs for God’s saving action and seeks to do God’s will “with the intensity of someone starving for food or dying of thirst.”¹ These are the ones “who are not content with things as they are and refuse to stifle the restlessness of heart that points man toward something greater.”²

Jesus refers also to the banquet the Lord will prepare (Isa 25:6): *the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.* See also Isa 41:17–18; 43:20; 44:3; 49:9–10; 55:1–3. These prophetic passages are the background for *banquet parables* of Jesus (Lk 14:14-24 and parallels).

Pope Francis, (General Audience – Catechesis on Beatitudes, 03/11/2020)

Hunger and thirst are primary needs. They have to do with survival. This should be underscored: this does not concern a general desire, but rather a vital, daily need such as nourishment.