

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**September 4, 2022**



*Icon of the Tenant Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)*

### *He Who is not With Me is Against Me*

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like

the prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.

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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**

Liturgy Date & Time	Music in Green Book	Liturgy Date & Time	Music in Green Book
<b>Sunday, September 4</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9:30am</b> Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> <b>Fr. Ignatius substituting</b>	<b>Tone 4 Pg 141</b>	<b>Sunday, September 11</b> <i>Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> <b>9:30am</b> Third Hour with Patristic Readings <b>10:00am</b> Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> <b>Potluck Social-ECF Kick-Off – Teachers’ Mtg after social</b>	<b>Tone 5 Pg 146</b>
<b>Thursday, September 8</b> <i>Birth of the Theotokos</i> <b>7:00pm</b> Divine Liturgy		<b>Tuesday, Sept. 13</b> <b>7pm</b> Vigil Divine Liturgy for Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
<b>Friday, September 9</b> <b>6:15pm</b> Mother’s Prayers in the hall <b>7:00pm</b> Divine Liturgy		<b>Wednesday, Sept. 14</b> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> <b>9:00am</b> Divine Liturgy <i>Breakfast w/the Pastor in hall following Liturgy</i>	<b>Pg 253</b>
<b>Saturday, September 10</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Vespers w/OT Readings		<b>Thursday, Sept. 15</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Divine Liturgy	
		<b>Friday, Sept. 16</b> <b>6:15pm</b> Mothers’ Prayers in hall <b>7:00 pm</b> Divine Liturgy	
		<b>Saturday, Sept. 17</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Vespers w/OT Readings	

**Readings for the Week of September 4, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, 1 Cor 16:13-24;	Gospel, Matt 21:33-42
<b>Monday</b>	Epistle, 2 Cor 12:10-19;	Gospel, Mark 4:10-23
<b>Tuesday</b>	Epistle, 2 Cor 12:20-13:2;	Gospel, Mark 4:24-34
<b>Wednesday</b>	Epistle, 2 Cor 13:3-13	Gospel, Mark 4:35-41
<b>Thursday</b>	Epistle, Phil 2:5-11;	Gospel, Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
<b>Friday</b>	Epistle, Gal 2:6-10;	Gospel, Mark 5:22-25 & 35-6:1
<b>Saturday</b>	Epistle, 1 Cor 2:6-9;	Gospel, Matt 10:37-11:1
<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Gal 6:11-18;	Gospel, John 3:13-17

**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**ECF KICKOFF SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**POTLUCK SOCIAL – we are asking everyone to bring dish to share. We will need main dishes, salad and/or side dishes and desserts.** This is for the entire parish to celebrate the “Kick-Off” of this year’s ECF program. Remember, as Fr. Deacon Jeff reminded us, we are all called to teach from our experience as Christians.  
**SIGN-UP for your child’s class. Games and activities for the children.**  
**ECF Teachers’ Meeting following the social. This is the first of the monthly meetings.**

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP**

After the summer break the Mothers Prayer Group resumes on **Friday evenings at 6.15pm in person in the Parish Hall.** It is a great occasion to pray for our families and especially for our children and grandchildren. It is absolutely a 'women thing' and confidential. Please, join the mothers and grandmothers of our Community! Bring a friend! **First meeting on 09/09**

**BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR**

We resume the much-appreciated Breakfast with the Pastor from before Covid time. Our next breakfast is on **September 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9am liturgy in the Hall. We will meet on the second Wednesdays of the month**

First theme: **Pre-destination vs free will. God is all knowing, so He knows what choices we will make, so how does free will work?**

**NEW ECF YEAR**

We kindly remind the parents that it is time to enroll your children for the ECF. Eastern Christian Formation program is **the ongoing formation of children** to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and learn more about their faith. There will be again age groups. The following information is necessary:

**CHILD’S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT NAME & PHONE**  
**Please add, if your child is preparing for First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation**  
**Classes are held Sundays after the liturgy.**  
**ECF calendar: you will receive it upon enrollment.**

**CALL FOR ECF TEACHERS**

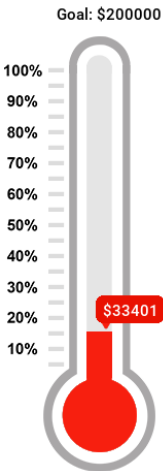
Our ECF classes have grown and we ask for volunteers to join the ECF teachers' crew. There are two kinds of missions: **teacher** and **assistant**. Classes are already prepared. You do not have to have teaching credentials or experience. This is a way to show the children that everyone can learn from the Christian experience of others and pass it along. **There will be prep meetings for the teachers and assistants once a month. The first meeting is September 11 after the ECF Kick-Off Social.**

**ADULT ECF**

Reviewing the preferences and talking to many of you, the best date for the Adult Ed. is Wednesday evenings 7pm - 8.30pm and in person format. We will use as our guide Worshipping with the Church Fathers by Christopher Hall. Price research:

- Amazon \$24.30
- Intervarsity press \$27.00
- Christianbook.com \$19.90

**We will start September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Hall; there will be 6 sessions (ending on October 26<sup>th</sup>)**



**PARKING LOT RENOVATION**

This graphic shows how much we have collected and how far we have yet to go toward this project. Thanks to our good relationship with the Diocese of Columbus, we were able to have their contractor and Development Dept. chief look at the parking lot. The estimate we were given for the total project was \$200,000. Once we have \$100,000 set aside, (we are a third of the way toward this first goal), we can ask contractors for estimates and will have the definitive answer for the total cost of the parking lot. If you have any specific questions regarding the project, please, refer to Fr. Dcn. Jeff.

Please donate to this fundraising effort in addition to your normal Sunday donations. Mark any contributions to this project: **“PARKING LOT”** Thank you to those who have given specifically to this goal, we greatly appreciate your support.

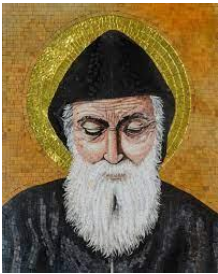


**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:** *We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war. Grant peace to your servants. Implant in them the fear of You and confirm in them love one for another. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*



Stephen Boniface	Jeff McCallister	Alexander Rakowsky
Ryan Hodovanich	Sharon Mech	Madelyn Rakowsky
Fr. Robert Jager	Louise Mnich	Teresa Rakowsky
Connie Kotula	Edward Nyahay	Helen Stephens
Lora Lonzrick	Catherine Pitt	Irena Wallace

Tom & Rose Ann Jirles  
Celebrating 58 years Crowned in Marriage



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.

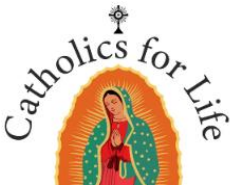
For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Hussein Abdi	Shayna DeClue	Gordon Kaercher	John Oshinski	Trey Shearon	Intentions of parishioners
Paula Balcarcel	Ron Doctor	Susan Kaiser	Paula Oshinski	Rosemary Steinbauer	Abby
Charles Branham	Aimeé Evans	James Kester	Carol Osifchin	John Sikora	Adrian
Anna Brown	Joseph Evans	Kathy Krofcheck	Beauetta Parks	Dennis Stinich	Hagos
Mary Carroll	Weyni Girmay	Regina Lee	Julia Parks	Josh Taylor	Kathy
Garey Conley	Deborah Gordon	Christine Leon	Willie Phoenix	L.T. Tekle	Steve
Will Culver	Charlene Grabner	Jessie Madzia	Cathy Pitt	Ruth Turanchik	Melissa
Maria Czyrnik	Gerri Herald	Bill Martin	Keith Pope	Owen Ward	Carol
Dominique DeClue	Jeanette Hill	Joe Martin	Maria Rakowsky	Steven Woryk	Celia Gavett & Family
Lori DeClue	Tim Hill	Judy Martin	Terry Rasor	Dave Zaroka	John Griffen
Mike DeClue	Esther Imhoff	Angela Merva	Nadia Ritchey	Nicholas Zvansky	
Rick DeClue	Tad Imhoff	Rosemary Nyahay	Stephanie Salerno	Sandra Zvansky	
Ron DeClue	Jackson Family	Mic O'Halloran	Justine Schwenk	Intentions of Fr. Robert	

IN COLUMBUS

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS

Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-4:00pm. All ages are welcome at our event! We will have adoration, a brief training, Mass and reconciliation, followed by our street evangelization at the Ohio State University, prayer at Planned Parenthood, and closing with adoration!



Our Third Friday event is September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am-12:00pm, we will attend Mass, pray at Planned Parenthood, and then lead a pro-life street evangelization on the sidewalk at Columbus State Community College.

For more information or to RSVP please email Gabriel Vance at [gabriel@catholicsforlife.us](mailto:gabriel@catholicsforlife.us) or you can call or text him at 740-972-2570.

SAVE THE DATE!  
OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

**COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE** at St. John Neumann. We seek to empower young adults (*between the ages of 19-35*) to transform their communities through their identity in Christ! Registration is now open - go to [www.ccyac.org](http://www.ccyac.org)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS

Are you single and Catholic? Join us at "Discovering Identity through Relationship" - a conference for single Catholics from all over the world. We're gathering in the DC metro area, September 16th-18th, 2022! This is a great opportunity to connect with like-minded singles and to grow deeper in the Catholic faith. This weekend includes dynamic TOB-based presentations (by Dr. Mario Sacasa, Dr. Jennifer Morel, Fr. Daniel Brandenburg and others), as well as music by Valerie and Rocco, socials, prayer, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship and more! For more information and to register, visit <https://nationalcatholicsingles.com/>

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 506 E. Main Street, Marblehead, Ohio**, is celebrating its 125th anniversary on Sunday, October 16th, 2022. We are the oldest Ruthenian parish in the Eparchy of Parma (origins to Kellys Island). A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Byzantine Church Choir (formerly Detroit) will lead the responses under the direction of Professor Nicholas J. Nagrant. A formal banquet and short program will follow in St. Mary Church Hall. Dinner tickets are available: \$40 for adults (\$45 after September 25th); children, 5 & under: Free; 6-12 years: \$12. Ads for our commemorative anniversary book are also available. A misconception is that this is a wealthy parish. We need your financial support to help make this anniversary celebration a success. For dinner tickets and more information about our parish celebration, please contact Fr. Joe at (419) 967-7398 ([frrepko@ameritech.net](mailto:frrepko@ameritech.net)); or, contact Jane Pittman (hall manager and co-chair of this event) at (540) 327-4502 ([jpittman@su.edu](mailto:jpittman@su.edu)). Thanks for your support!



Please go to [parma.org](http://parma.org) for more information and the purchase tickets.