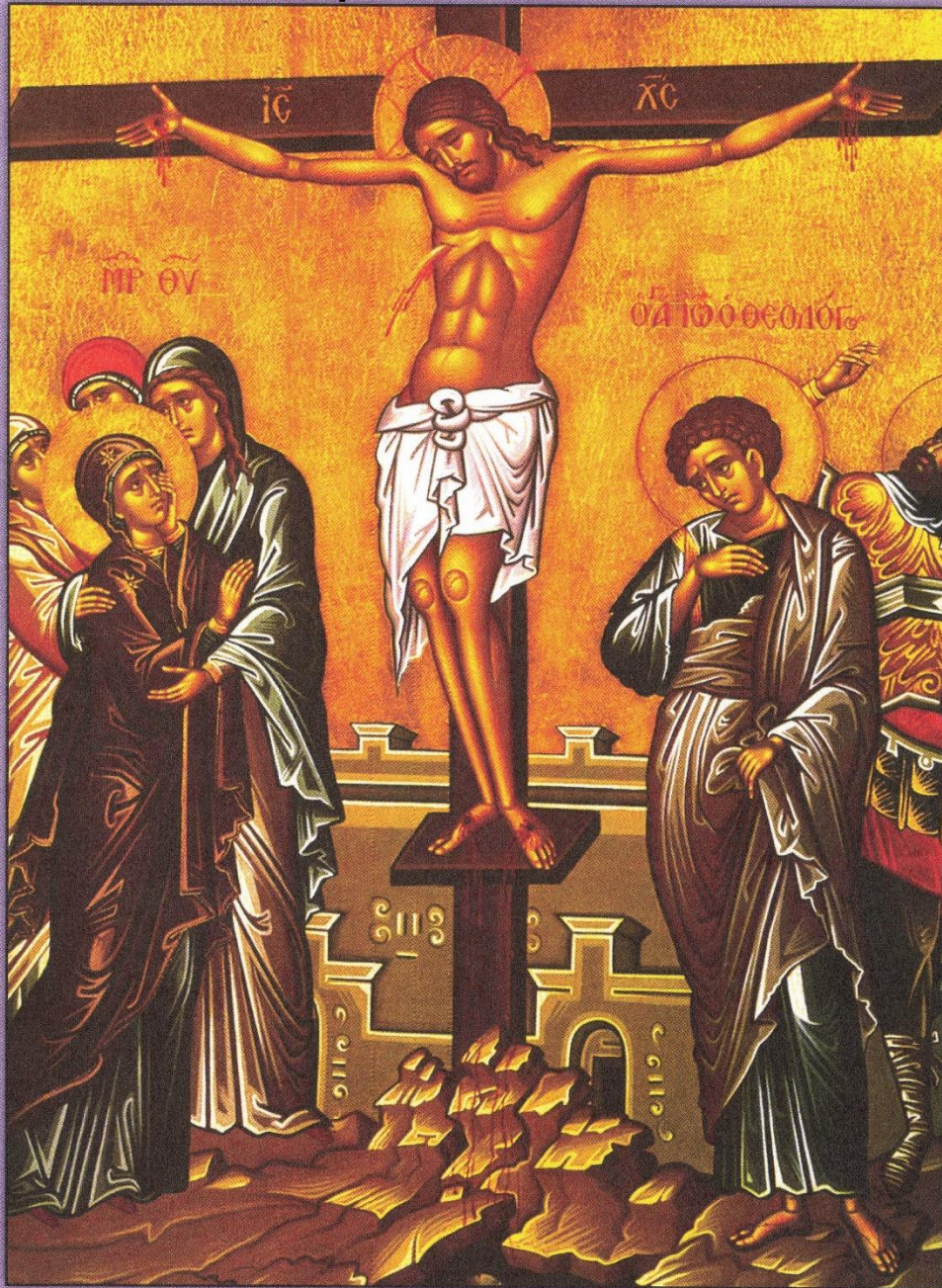


SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
*September 11, 2022*



*Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*The Foolish Cross is the Power of God*

Every action of Christ glorifies the Church, but the cross is the glory above all glory. Paul understood that well when he said: 'I will glory in nothing else but the cross of Christ.' (Gal 6:14) That a blind man should have been able to regain his sight by the pool of Siloam is certainly a marvelous fact. But what does this single episode add up to, when you think of the blind all over the world?

The resurrection of Lazarus who had already been dead four days was a miraculous event, overcoming all the forces of nature. But this favor granted to him alone could not be any comfort to all those who had died through their own sin. It was a miracle to feed the

five thousand with five loaves. But what use could that be for all the ignorant people starved of truth?

The glory of the cross, by contrast, has enlightened all those who were blinded by ignorance. It has set free all those who were slaves of sin. It has redeemed the whole human race.

Let us glory in the cross of the Savior. 'The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.' (1Cor 1:18)

*Catechesis of St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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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***

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

<i>Liturgy Date &amp; Time</i>	<i>Music in Green Book</i>
<b>Sunday, September 18</b> <i>Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 9:30am Third Hour with Patristic Readings 10am Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> <i>Social &amp; ECF classes following Liturgy</i>	<i>Tone 6 Pg 152 pg 258</i>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 20</b> 7pm Divine Liturgy	
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 21</b> 9am Divine Liturgy 7pm Adult ECF in hall	
<b>Thursday, Sept. 22</b> 10am Pirohi Making in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy	
<b>Friday, Sept. 23</b> <b>9am</b> Divine Liturgy 10am Pirohi Making in hall 3pm Wedding	
<b>Saturday, Sept. 24</b> 7pm Vespers w/OT Readings	

<b><u>Readings for the Week of September 11, 2022</u></b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Gal 6:11-18;	Gospel, John 3:13-17
<b>Monday</b>	Epistle, Gal 2:11-16;	Gospel, Mark 5:24-34
<b>Tuesday</b>	Epistle, Heb 3:1-4;	Gospel, Matt 16:13-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Epistle, 1 Cor 1:18-24;	Gospel, John 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Epistle, Gal 3:23-4:5;	Gospel, Mark 6:30-45
<b>Friday</b>	Epistle, Gal 4:8-21;	Gospel, Mark 6:45-53
<b>Saturday</b>	Epistle, 1 Cor 1:26-29;	Gospel, John 8:21-30
<b>Sunday</b>	Epistle, Gal 2:16-20;	Gospel, Mark 8:34-9:1

**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

***ETERNAL MEMORY***

Please remember the 2977 people who lost their lives on this date in 2001 and their families. Also, those who suffered from the effects of their rescue efforts.  
May God grant His servants blessed repose and eternal memory.

**ECF KICKOFF SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**POTLUCK SOCIAL** – all are invited.

**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: 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!

## **BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR**

We resume the much-appreciated Breakfast with the Pastor from before Covid time. Our next breakfast is this Wednesday, **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**

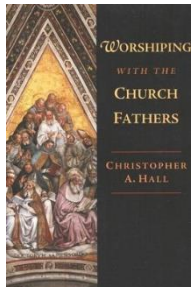
We kindly remind the parents that it is time to enroll your children for the ECF. Eastern Christian Formation program is **the ongoing formation of children** to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and learn more about their faith. There will be again age groups. The following information is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



## **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>)**

## **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.**

## **RETREAT ON HEALING**

All of us carry hurts; all of us hurt others...we are indeed wounded. However, the solution is not to forget, run away or take revenge. Jesus came so we would have life and life in abundance (John 10:10). Let us learn how to approach and touch Jesus so healing may take place. Jesus often asked the needy: Do you want to be healed? What answer will you give him now?

### **2 STEP PROGRAM:**

**At St. John Chrysostom on November 19 at 7pm (no registration & no fee):**

Vespers with OT readings on the mercy followed by talks and prayer of Fr. Dave Sizemore, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales church in Newark.

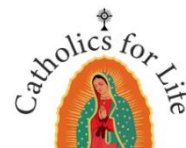
**At St. Paul in Westerville on December 1 -3**

More info here [https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/hwp\\_12-1-22/](https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/hwp_12-1-22/) Registration and fee: see the link. Registration on September 5. In person or online options!!!!

## **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!**

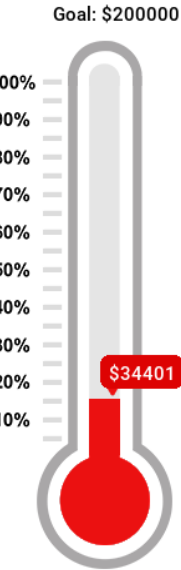
**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**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/>



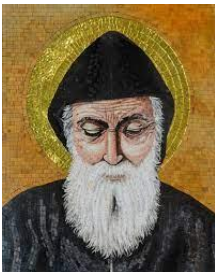
PARKING LOT RENOVATION

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

September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 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.

## 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); or, contact Jane Pittman (hall manager and co-chair of this event) at (540) 327-4502 (jpittman@su.edu). Thanks for your support!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**FR. JASON CHARRON**  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

# EVENING OF HOPE

OCTOBER 22, 2022  
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS



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