

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 18, 2022



Icon of Simon Carrying the Cross of Christ

Carrying Your Cross or Your Cross Carrying You?

Turn, rather, to these teachings, my very dear friend: take up your cross and follow the Lord. For, when I noticed that you were being slowed down in your divine purpose by your preoccupation with domestic cares, I felt that you were being carried and dragged along by your cross rather than that you were carrying it.

What else does the cross mean than the mortality of this flesh? This is our very own cross which the Lord commands us to carry that we may be as

well armed as possible in following him. We suffer momentarily until death is swallowed up in victory. Then this cross itself will be crucified.

The cross will be nailed to the fear of God. We would hardly be able to carry it now if it forever resisted us with free and unfettered limbs. There is no other way for you to follow the Lord except by carrying it, for how can you follow him if you are not his?

From the Letters of St. Augustine

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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
Sunday, September 18 <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 & ECF classes following Liturgy</i>	<i>Tone 6 Pg 152</i> <i>Pg 258</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 20 7pm Divine Liturgy <i>+Thomas Hunter by the Pitt Family</i>	
Wednesday, Sept. 21 9am Divine Liturgy 7pm Adult ECF in hall	

Liturgy Date & Time	Music in Green Book
Thursday, Sept. 22 10am Pirohi Making in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy	
Friday, Sept. 23 9am Divine Liturgy 10am Pirohi Making in hall 3pm Wedding	
Saturday, Sept. 24 7pm Vespers w/OT Readings	
Sunday, September 25 9:30am Third Hour with Patristic Readings 10am Divine Liturgy	<i>Tone 7 Pg 156</i>

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2022

Sunday	Epistle, Gal 2:16-20;	Gospel, Mark 8:34-9:1
Monday	Epistle, Gal 4:28-5:10;	Gospel, Luke 3:119-22
Tuesday	Epistle, Gal 5:11-21;	Gospel, Luke 3:23-4:1
Wednesday	Epistle, Gal 6:2-10;	Gospel, Luke 4:1-15
Thursday	Epistle, Eph 1:1-9;	Gospel, Luke 4:16-22
Friday	Epistle, Gal 4:22-31;	Gospel, Luke 1:5-25
Saturday	Epistle, 1 Cor 10:23-28;	Gospel, Luke 4:31-36
Sunday	Epistle, 2 Cor 6:1-10;	Gospel, Luke 5:1-11

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: Friday evenings at 6:30pm 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!

THE NEXT BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR is Wednesday, October 12th after the 9am liturgy in the Hall.

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 this Wednesday, September 21st, at 7pm in the Hall; there will be 6 sessions (ending on October 26th)

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:

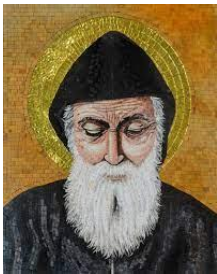
At St. John Chrysostom on November 19th at 7pm (no registration & no fee):

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 December 1 -3

More information is available at https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/hwp_12-1-22/ Registration and fee: see the link. Registration on September 5. In person or online options!!!!

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.*



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

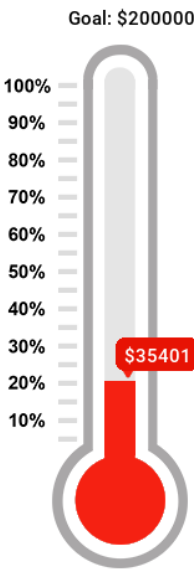


September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Tom & Rose Ann Jirles
Celebrating 58 years Crowned in Marriage

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.

IN COLUMBUS

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS

Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, October 4th 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 October 21st 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 or you can call or text him at 740-972-2570.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB – FRIDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2022**

Newly ordained Father Paul Marich O.P., Parochial Vicar for St. Patrick Church will speak at our October luncheon. Please join us Friday, October 7 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch followed by Fr. Marich's talk entitled, "A New Priest's Journey to Ordination." Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Fr. Marich's talk. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! If you are interested in sponsoring this luncheon or another luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com.

Our November luncheon will feature Major General (Ret) Edward J. Mechenbier who spent nearly 6 years as a POW during the war in Viet Nam. The title of his talk is "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Vietnamese Prison." Mark your calendar for the first Friday in November to hear General Mechenbier.

**OCTOBER 15th THE COLUMBUS CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE** is 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

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

2022-2023 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

September 10th, we kicked off the Stewardship Appeal for 2022-2023. This year's Appeal continues to focus on support for our four greatest needs in the Eparchy: the Development of parishes; Vocations and Seminarian Education; Works of the Apostolate; and Supporting our Retired Priests.

Please consider making a **sacrificial gift** to this year's Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a **positive difference**.



Please go to parma.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

The Feast of The Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14th. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

The icon of the Feast of the Precious Cross tells the story of the finding of the Cross and of its Exaltation. Patriarch Macarius is standing in the pulpit elevating the Cross for all to see and venerate. On each side of the Patriarch are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine.



In the background of the icon is a domed structure that represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.