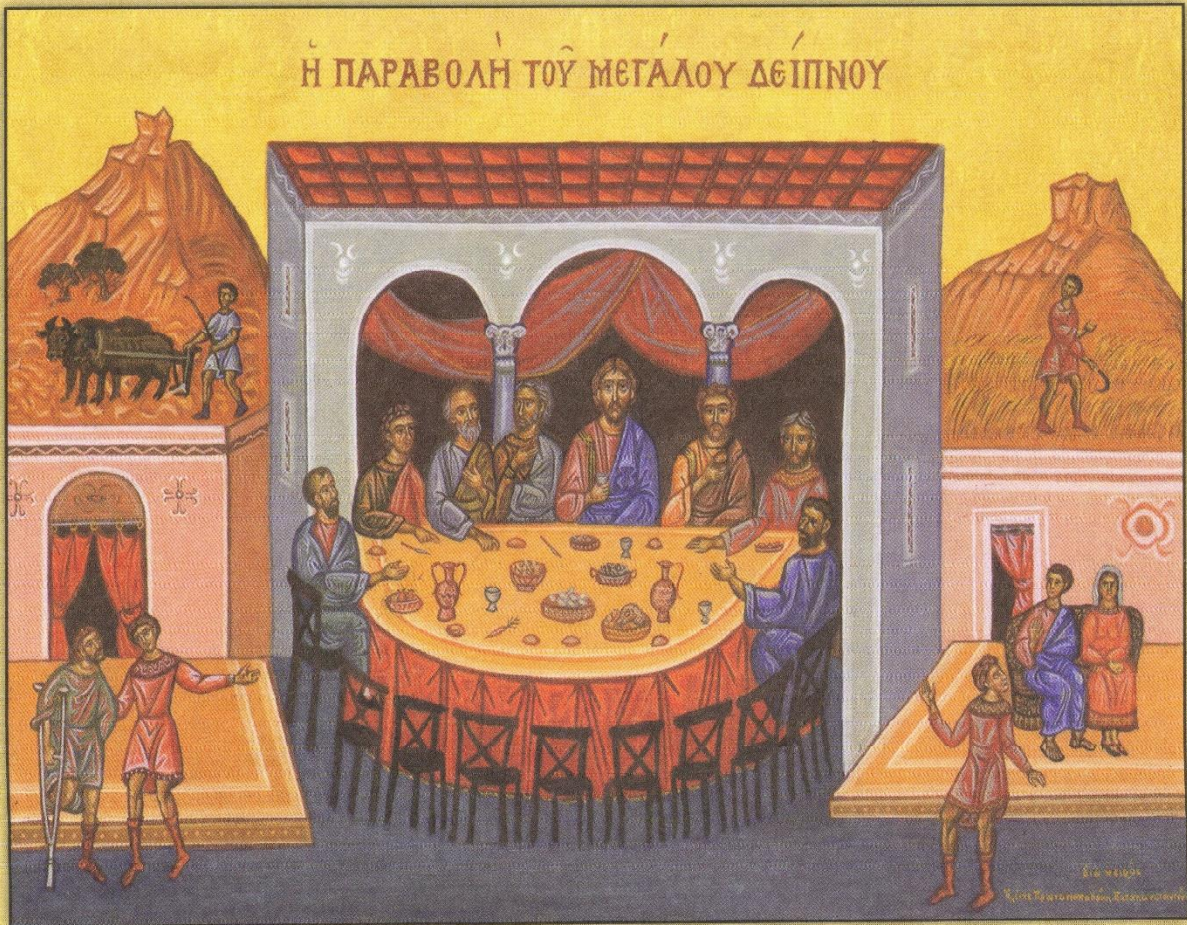


SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS  
**December 11, 2022**



*Icon of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)*

***Invited to the Banquet***

It is written in the Gospel: The Master sent out his servants to call them who wish to come, inviting them: “My banquet is ready.” But those who were called began to excuse themselves, one saying: “I bought some yoke of oxen.” Another: “I have married” (Luke 14:16ff). You see, he was ready who called, but the invited refused. They themselves were alone responsible in the way they answered.

Thus, so great is the dignity of Christians. Consider, the Lord has prepared for them the Kingdom and has called them to enter, but they have refused.

Concerning the gift that Christians will receive by way of their inheritance, one could rightly say that if anyone, from the time of Adam’s creation to the end of the world, should battle against Satan and put up with afflictions, it would be nothing in comparison to the glory which he is to obtain. For he will reign forever together with Christ. Glory to Him who so loved such a person that He gave himself and His grace and entrusted himself to Him. Glory to His greatness!

*Pseudo-Macarius*

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, COLUMBUS

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

#### Readings for the Week of December 11, 2022

**Sunday, Dec. 11**

Epistle, Col 3:4-11  
Gospel, Luke 14:16-24

**Monday, Dec. 12**

Epistle, Heb 9:1-7  
Gospel, Luke 1:39-56

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

Epistle, Eph 6:10-17  
Gospel, Luke 21:12-19

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

Epistle, 2 Tim 4:9-22  
Gospel, Mark 7:14-24

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

Epistle, Titus 1:5-2:1  
Gospel, Mark 7:24-30

**Friday, Dec. 16**

Epistle, Titus 1:15-2:10  
Gospel, Mark 8:1-10

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

Epistle, Eph 1:16-23  
Gospel, Luke 14:1-11

**Sunday, Dec. 18**

Epistle, Heb 11:9-10 & 17-23 & 32-40  
Gospel, Matt 1:1-25

#### *Liturgy Dates & Times*

**Sunday, December 11**

**9:30am** 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour with Patristic Readings

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

*For the Faithful*

**No ECF Classes**

**Wednesday, December 14**

**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

*For the Health & Safety of the Lahola & Andrusiak families  
in Ukraine*

**Thursday, December 15**

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy

**Friday, December 16**

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 17**

**7:00pm** Vespers w/OT readings

**Sunday, December 18**

**9:30am** 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour with Patristic Readings

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

*For the Faithful*

**ECF – crafts & Movie for the little ones**

#### **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.*

#### **Sunday Cookie Sale**

Any remaining cookies from yesterday's sale are available for sale following Divine Liturgy today.

#### **Many Thanks for all our Blessings**

**St. Nicholas' Visit:** I would like to thank Maria Gordon, Myroslava Mudrak, Rose Jager, Lisa Sulich Lisa Kassa and Marcy Mnich for their time and effort to prepare our children and youth for such a beautiful play!!! A special thanks to our young adults and adults from the Ukrainian Culture Assn. for their involvement in making the day of St. Nicholas' visit so unique!! Great thanks to Bob Zvansky for arranging the gifts that St. Nicholas was distributing this year and to our Ladies Guild for the delicious St. Nicholas cookies. May the Lord reward your generosity.

**Cookie Sale:** It is hard to find words of gratitude to all who have participated in the preparation of the

Cookie Sale and during the sale itself! Countless hours of work prepping the cookies, pirohi, baklava, rolls and other goodies!! Your involvement is highly appreciated. Special thanks to Lisa Sulich for sacrificing her time and managing the whole fundraising! This year was another success and the feedback from the wider community is tremendous. THANK YOU!!

**Parking Lot:** I would like to express my appreciation in a very special way to the Ge'ez Community for their contribution to the Parking Lot Project. On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, during the visit of St. Nicholas, I received a check from their community for \$6,000 that they raised for this project. Thank you so very much.

~ Fr. Robert



### GIVING TREE FOR THE PARKING LOT RENOVATION

This year we are using the Christmas tree in the church vestibule to help raise money for the Parking Lot Renovation project.

There are special envelopes hanging on the tree for your donations to this effort. There are varying amounts written on the front of these envelopes as well as ones for you to write in your own amount. Place your donations in the box next to the tree.

We thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair.

We currently have \$69,645.00 of the \$200,000 estimated that is needed to replace the parking lot.

#### CHRISTMAS & THEOPHANY SCHEDULES

The Christmas and Theophany Schedules are in this week's and next week's bulletins.

#### Parish Activities this week

**Sunday, December 11**  
Cookies will be available for sale after Liturgy NO ECF CLASSES

**Saturday, December 17**  
**4pm** Ge'ez Community Meeting in hall

**Sunday, December 18**  
ECF Crafts & Movie for the little ones

**Thursday, December 22**  
OFFICE CLOSED through January 2, 2023  
The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023



DECEMBER

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

David Lonzrick

James Pitt

Timothy Lyons

Mark Stephens

Rosemary Nyahay

Michael & Ann O'Halloran

Celebrating 32 years Crowned in Marriage



### CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 23**  
**(Day of Strict Fasting)**  
7:00pm Royal Hours w/Readings

**Saturday, December 24**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE** (No Fast)  
9:00pm Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil - Myrovanje

**Sunday, December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
12:00pm Divine Liturgy with Myrovanje

**Monday, December 26**  
**SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
7:00pm Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, December 27**  
**ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR**  
7:00pm Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 31**  
**LEAVE-TAKING OF CHRISTMAS**  
5:00pm Divine Liturgy

### THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023**  
9:00am Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, January 5, 2023**  
**EVE OF THEOPHANY** (Day of Strict Fasting)  
9:00am Royal Hours  
7:00pm Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil - Myrovanje

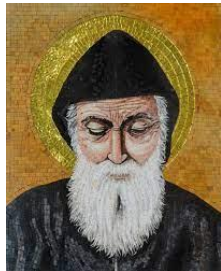
**Friday, January 6, 2023**  
**THEOPHANY** (No Fast)  
7:00pm Liturgy w/the Blessing of Waters - Myrovanje

**Saturday, January 7, 2023**  
**GE'EZ CHRISTMAS LITURGY**  
10:30-11:45am Confessions heard  
12:00pm Liturgy  
Celebration in hall following

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**  
9:30am Third Hour  
10:00am Divine Liturgy with Myrovanje



### 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.

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

Abby	Tad Imhoff	Cathy Pitt
Hussein Abdi	Dora Johnson	Keith Pope
Adrian	Jackson Family	Maria Rakowsky
Paula Balcarcel	Gordon Kaercher	Terry Rasor
Charles Branham	Susan Kaiser	Nadia Ritchey
Carol	Kathy	Stephanie Salerno
Mary Carroll	James Kester	Justine Schwenk
Charyton Intentions	Kathy Krofcheck	Trey Shearon
Will Culver	Regina Lee	Rosemary Steinbauer
Maria Czynnik	Christine Leon	John Sikora
DeClue Intentions	Jessie Madzia	Dennis Stinich
Ron Doctor	Bill Martin	Josh Taylor
Aimeé Evans	Joe Martin	L.T. Tekle
Joseph Evans	Judy Martin	Ruth Turanchik
Frye Intentions	Madelyn Martz	Owen Ward
Weyni Girmay	Melissa	Stelmack Intentions
Deborah Gordon	Joy Mersch	Steve
Charlene Grabner	Angela Merva	Steven Woryk
Nataly Grace	Keith Nissen	Dave Zaroka
John Griffen	Rosemary Nyahay	Rita Zaroka
Hagos	Mic O'Halloran	Nicholas Zvansky
Gerri Herald	John Oshinski	Sandra Zvansky
Jeanette Hill	Paula Oshinski	Intentions of Fr. Robert
Tim Hill	Carol Osifchin	Keith Nissen
Esther Imhoff	Beauetta Parks	Louis Bambick

Cleveland, OH; St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Parish in Brecksville, OH; St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Parish in Solon, OH; Holy Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Parish in Euclid, OH.

### ~ V E N U E ~

**Event Timing:** Friday, December 30, 2022

**Event Address:** Holy Spirit Hall, 5500 W 54th St. Parma, OH 44129

**Contact us at (440) 884-8452 or contact us @ [holyspiritbyzantine.org](mailto:holyspiritbyzantine.org)**

**Attire:** Cocktail or Ball Dress

**Price:** \$40 for adults; \$20 for teens; \$10 for child (6 and under are for free)

**Capacity:** 180 tickets (**first come, first served**)

**REGISTRATION CLOSES DECEMBER 20, 2022.**

### FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

#### **NATIVITY DISPLAYS AT THE DIOCESAN MUSEUM**

Join us for our annual Nativity display at the diocesan Museum of Catholic Art and History. Come be inspired and see our nearly 500 Nativity sets representing cultures from all over the world. The display will be open from November 25th through January 9th. The museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Adult admission is \$10 and student/seniors are \$5. The Museum is located in the Catholic Foundation building at 257 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215. Call [\(614\) 618-4030](tel:6146184030) for more information.

#### **CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS**

Our Third Friday event is December 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am-12:00pm.

Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, January 3, 2023 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

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.

### **FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA 2022-2023 Annual Stewardship Appeal**

#### ***St. John Chrysostom's Goal is \$9,500***

*\$4,695 has been pledged; \$4,345 has been received by Parma*

**As we continue in this season of preparation for the Nativity,** let us keep focus on the coming Feast of the Incarnation and the great gift the Father has given us in His Son, Jesus. If you have not already made your pledge or donation to the Stewardship Appeal, please visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) and consider a donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs we face. Thank you for your generosity!

**ST. STEPHEN VESELITSA is the traditional first opening of the Grand Ball season following the feast of St. Stephen's (December 28). After the fasting period of Philip's Fast and subsequent celebration of the Christmas, Grand Ball season continues until the beginning of the Great Lent.**

**Organized by Byzantine Catholic Parishes in the Greater Cleveland Metropolitan area:** Dormition of the Theotokos Byzantine Catholic Parish in

### **CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2023**

**Women's Conference:** Saturday, February 18, 2022 at the Ohio Expo Center

**Men's Conference:** Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Ohio Expo Center

**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.*