

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS  
*December 18, 2022*



*Icon of the Holy Ancestors*

*The Story of the Origin of Jesus Christ, Son of David, and the Rest of the Names*

Matthew's genealogy is extraordinarily comprehensive in his theology of the roots of Jesus' story in the Old Testament. But that is only one part of the story of Jesus Christ. The story has a sequence as well; and the continuing sequence is what makes the genealogy "good news" for Matthew's audience and for us. Human being have been empowered to preserve, proclaim, and convey the salvation brought by Jesus Christ throughout history. The God who wrote the beginnings with crooked lines also writes the sequence with crooked lines, and some of those lines are our own lives and witness.

A God who did not hesitate to use the scheming as well as the noble, the impure as well as the pure, men to whom the world hearkened and women upon whom the world frowned – this God continues to work through the same melange. If it was a challenge to recognize in the last part of

Matthew's genealogy that totally unknown people were part of the story of Jesus Christ, it may be a greater challenge to recognize that the unknown characters of today are an essential part of the sequence. The proclamation of that genealogy in the Advent liturgy is designed to give us hope about our destiny and our importance.

By stressing the all-powerful grace of God, the genealogy presents its greatest challenge to those who will accept only an idealized Jesus Christ whose story they would write only with straight lines and whose portrait they would paint only in pastel colors. If we look at the whole story and the total picture, the Gospels teach us that Jesus' ministry was not thus; the history of the church teaches us that the sequence as not thus. God's grace can work even with people like us.

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, COLUMBUS

#### 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.*

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

#### Readings for the Week of December 18, 2022

**Sunday, Dec. 18**

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

**Monday, Dec. 19**

Epistle, Heb 3:5-11 & 17-19  
Gospel, Mark 8:11-21

**Tuesday, Dec. 20**

Epistle, Heb 4:1-13  
Gospel, Mark 8:22-26

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**

Epistle, Heb 5:11-6:8  
Gospel, Mark 8:30-34

**Thursday, Dec. 22**

Epistle, Heb 7:1-6  
Gospel, Mark 9:10-16

**Friday, Dec. 23**

Royal Hours

**Saturday, Dec. 24**

**AM** Epistle, Gal 3:8-12 **PM** Heb 1:1-12  
**AM** Gospel, Luke 13:18-29 **PM** Luke 2:1-20

**Sunday, Dec. 25**

Epistle, Gal 4:4-7  
Gospel, Matt 2:1-12

#### Liturgy Dates & Times

**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**

*Christmas Carol rehearsal in hall for everyone*

**Wednesday, December 21**

**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

*+Sonia & +Petro Lahola*

*After Liturgy Christmas Carol rehearsal in church for everyone*

**Thursday, December 22**

*6:15 pm Christmas Carol rehearsal in church for everyone*

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy

**Friday, December 23**

*6:15 pm Christmas Carol rehearsal in church for everyone*

**7:00pm** Royal Hours w/ Readings

**Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

**9:00pm** Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil  
w/Myrovanje

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

**12:00pm** Divine Liturgy w/Myrovanje  
*For the Faithful*

#### 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 blanks 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 \$76,520.00 (*plus the net profit of the cookie sale*) 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 bulletin.

#### Parish Activities this week

**Sunday, December 18**

No ECF Classes – Movie Day!

After Liturgy Christmas Carol Rehearsal in hall – for Everyone! We will rehearse before weekday liturgies in church.

**Thursday, December 22**

**The OFFICE IS CLOSED today through January 3, 2023**

The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023



#### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

David Lonrick

James Pitt

Timothy Lyons

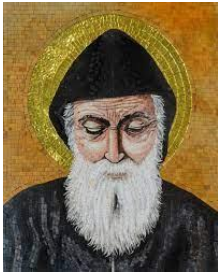
Mark Stephens

Rosemary Nyahay

Michael & Ann O'Halloran

*Celebrating 32 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:**

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
Aime� 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	Louis Bambick
Esther Imhoff	Beauetta Parks	

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

**The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord is this week** and through the liturgies of the Church we have been called to focus on the miracle of the *Incarnation* in the cave of Bethlehem. God the Father will give us the greatest gift in His Son this Christmas. How are you responding to God's gracious gift to us? How will you show your gratitude for the infant Christ?

As you complete your preparations for the Christmas Feast, please remember the Eparchy of Parma and the Church's needs by contributing to the annual Stewardship Appeal. Visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) to make your one-time or monthly donation through our secure website. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.*

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 in Thanksgiving for the past year.

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