

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

January 1, 2023



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

The Christ

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of "Christification", Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation

as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the "Christification" of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men" (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

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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 January 1, 2023
Sunday, Jan 1, 2023 Epistle, 2 Tim 4:5-8; Col 2:8-12 Gospel, Mark 1:1-8; Luke 2:20-21 & 40-52
Monday, Jan. 2 Epistle, 1 Tim 3:14-4:5 Gospel, Matt 3:1-11
Tuesday, Jan. 3 Epistle, 2 Tim 4:5-8 Gospel, Matt 1:1-8
Wednesday, Jan. 4 Epistle, James 1:1-18 Gospel, Mark 11:23-26
Thursday, Jan. 5 AM Royal Hours; Epistle, 1 Cor 9:19-27; Gospel, Luke 3:1-18
Friday, Jan. 6 Epistle, Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7 Gospel, Matt 3:13-17
Saturday, Jan. 7 Epistle, Eph 6:10-17 Gospel, Matt 4:1-11
Sunday, Jan. 8 Epistle, Eph 4:7-13 Gospel, Matt 4:12-17

Liturgy Dates & Times
Sunday, January 1, 2023 11:45am Caroling 12:00pm Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> No ECF Classes
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 9:00am Divine Liturgy
Thursday, January 5 Day of Strict Fasting 8:30am Royal Hours 7:00pm Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil – Blessing of Water; Myrovanje
Friday, January 6 Theophany 7:00pm Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water - Myrovanje
Sat. January 7 Ge'ez Christmas 10:30-11:45am Confessions 12 Noon Mass Celebration in hall following Mass
Sunday, January 8 9:30am 3 rd Hour with Patristic Readings 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i> No ECF Classes – Ge'ez Christmas

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.



The office opens this Wednesday, January 4th at 9:00am

NO FASTING on Friday 01/06

BLESSING OF HOMES

Homes are traditionally blessed with "Theophany water" each year. A house can be blessed at any time, but the usual season for yearly blessings is from Theophany until the beginning of the Lent.

It is a great opportunity to pray for your family in a specific way and allow the priest to get to know you better. A cross or Theophany Icon, and a candle on a table are the liturgical requirements for the blessing.

This year the blessing is offered on 01/06 from 10am-3pm, Saturday 01/07 from 10am - 6pm; Monday 01/09 from 10am-7pm. You may send an

email to the Office or sign up with Genius (link sent out). Please, reach out to the Office if you prefer another date.

GIFTS FOR YOUR BELOVED ONES

When the priest celebrates the Divine Liturgy, he *offers it for particular person or intention*. The persons, living or deceased, are immersed into the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, asking God the Father to remember, sanctify, transform and renew them. When offered for the deceased we ask God the Father to forgive their sins, cleanse them and admit them into the heavenly kingdom. The benefit is immense, as the historical experience of the Church witnesses that. Thus, offering a liturgy is the greatest spiritual gift we give to our beloved ones.

Why do we pay for Liturgy intentions?

Requesting a liturgy, you are not paying anything. Liturgies are for free, however, the Code of Canons for Eastern Churches (CCEO) states that 'it is permissible for the priest to receive offerings for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy for the intentions which the Christian faithful make according to the approved custom of the Church' (Can. 715). By doing so they share in the concern to support the ministers of the Church.

THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING OF HOSPITALITY

What is hospitality? You might say hospitality means welcoming people and making them feel at home: being friendly and generous, especially toward strangers. This is absolutely true, however, there is more to it. The Modern Catholic Dictionary defines hospitality as follows: *The virtue of kindness and generosity toward guests. It is characterized by the spirit of welcome to visitors and strangers, and is one of the conditions for salvation, foretold by Christ: "I was a stranger and you made me welcome" (Matthew 25:36).*

It may sound shocking but this is the biblical truth! The Letter to the Hebrews says *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares* (Heb 13:2) Entertaining angels refers to Abraham and his welcoming heart (Gen 18:3-5). By being welcoming we not only bless others but we receive blessing! If Abraham rejected his visitors, he would never have received the good news that Sarah would finally conceive a son.

We might tend to think of hospitality as the sole realm of the usher, greeter or secretary. But the warmest greeting by a greeter can be immediately undone by a parishioner's indifference, harsh word or even dirty look. Let us make hospitality our own responsibility. Help the visitor navigate in the propers of liturgy; invite them to the social; be interested in who they are, where they come from and offer them sincerely a prayer.

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 **\$80,000.00** (plus the net profit of the cookie sale) of the \$200,000 estimated that is needed to replace the parking lot.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023
Eucharistic Renewal with Fr. Hayes OP
Saturday, February 18 – 19, 2023

Saturday - Vespers 7pm with 1st homily, Sunday - 10am Liturgy with 2nd homily followed by Social in the Hall. 1:30pm Cheesefaire Vespers with 3rd homily

Iconography Workshop at St. John Chrysostom

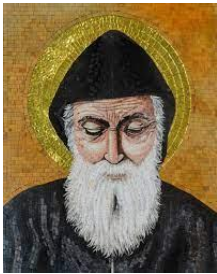
February 24-26, 2023

Fr. Marek Visnovsky, protosyncellus (vicar general) of the Eparchy of Parma will lead a weekend workshop on Iconography combined with reflections.

It begins at 4pm on Friday 02/24 until Sunday 02/26 late afternoon. The liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Friday, Vespers on Saturday and Sunday liturgy included in the program!

More details on all the programs to follow!

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	Louis Bambick
Esther Imhoff	Beauetta Parks	



Stephen Bednar	Amanda Preece
Nicholas Branham	Christopher Stasek
Kathy Krofcheck	Patrick Stasek



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



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*

A blessed Theophany to you! Have you considered your pledge to this year's Stewardship Appeal? The Eparchy of Parma relies on your continued support to provide for our various programs and outreaches. Please make your pledge today! Thank you for your generosity in 2022.

The Tenth Annual Women's Retreat February 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, OH. The Retreat Master is Fr. Thomas Loya. Contact Joan Washburn for further information 865-696-7809

The Second Annual Men's Retreat

March 10-12, 2023 at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, OH. Retreat Master is Fr. Cyril Pinchak. Contact Karl Busam

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 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 for more information.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS

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

Our Third Friday event is January 20, 2023 from 7:00am-12:00pm.

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.

CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2023

Women's Conference: Saturday, February 18, 2022 at the Ohio Expo Center. Go to www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/ for more information and to register

Men's Conference: Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Ohio Expo Center. Go to www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmensconference for more information and to register