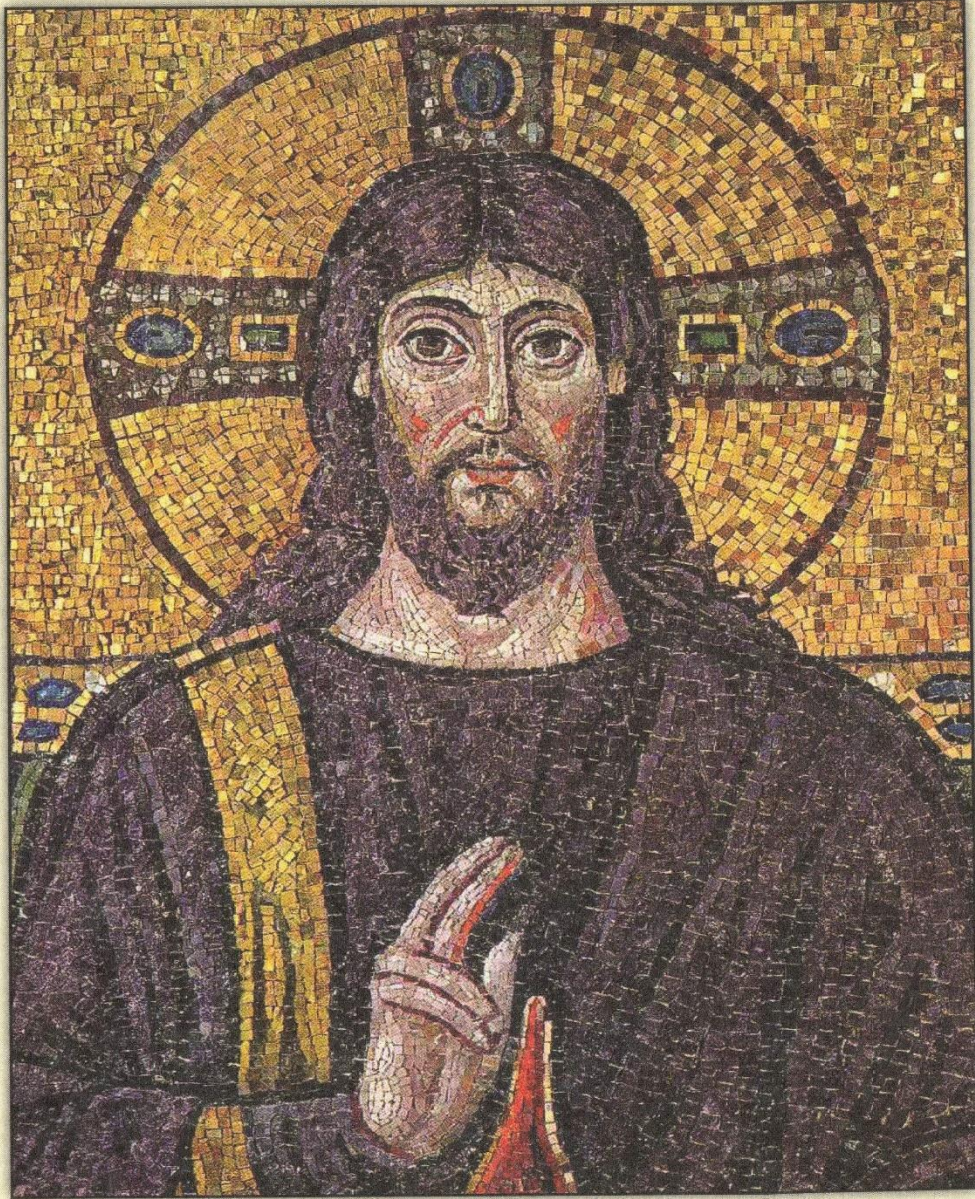


## SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

*January 8, 2023*



*Icon of Christ Pantocrator*

### *The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles*

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

*St. Chromatius*

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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 - Week of January 8, 2023

**Sunday, Jan. 8**

Epistle, Eph 4:7-13  
Gospel, Matt 4:12-17

**Monday, Jan. 9**

Epistle, James 2:14-26  
Gospel, Mark 12:13-17

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

Epistle, James 3:1-10  
Gospel, Mark 12:18-27

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

Epistle, 2 Cor 4:6-15  
Gospel, Matt 11:27-30

**Thursday, Jan. 12**

Epistle, James 4:7-5:9  
Gospel, Mark 12:38-44

**Friday, Jan. 13**

Epistle, 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10  
Gospel, Mark 12:1-8

**Saturday, Jan. 14**

Epistle, Col 1:3-6  
Gospel, Matt 25:1-13

**Sunday, Jan. 15**

Epistle, 1 Tim 1:15-17  
Gospel, Matt 15:21-28

#### Liturgy Dates & Times

**Sunday, January 8**

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

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: For the Faithful*

**No ECF Classes – Ge'ez Christmas**

**Wednesday, January 11**

**9:00am** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +Francis Kohl*

*Breakfast with the Pastor in hall following Liturgy*

**Thursday, January 12**

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy

**Friday, January 13**

**6:30pm** Mother's Prayer Group in Hall

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: For the Sick of the Parish*

**Sat. January 14**

**7:00pm** Vespers

**Sunday, January 15**

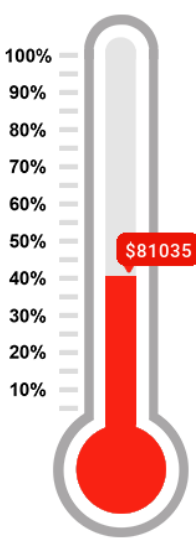
**9:30am** 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour with Patristic Readings

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: For the Faithful*

**ECF Classes following Liturgy**

Goal: \$200000



#### **PARKING LOT RENOVATION**

We thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We currently have \$81,035.00 (*plus the net profit of the cookie sale*) of the \$200,000 estimated that is needed to replace the parking lot.

#### **2023 WALL CALENDARS AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

We have 2023 wall calendars available on the table in the vestibule of the church. We ask that

**ONLY ONE PER HOUSEHOLD** be taken so that there are enough for everyone.

The 2023 Offertory Envelopes are also now in the church vestibule. They have the family name on the top of each set. If you do not see your name, please contact the office and a set will be provided for you the following week. Thank you for your patience, the company that prints the envelopes had issues with printing and shipping, that was the cause of the delay.

#### **Parish Activities this week**

**Wed. Jan. 11** Breakfast with the Pastor following 9am Divine Liturgy

**Fri. Jan. 13** Mother's Prayer Group in Hall

**Sun. Jan. 15** ECF classes following Liturgy

#### **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.

Please, reach out to the Office if you wish to schedule your house blessing.

BEGINNING OF THE GREAT FAST (LENT) 2023

Fr. Marek Visnovsky will be offering an iconography workshop at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43231. This class will be held on Friday, February 24 from 5 pm to 10 pm, Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, February 26 from 1 pm to 6 pm. There will be time for prayer, talk, discussion, personal instructions, reflections and a hands-on demonstration. We will paint the Icon of Christ "Mandylion" also known as "Made With No Human Hands". The cost is \$350 (includes icon boards and painting material). Beginners as well as advanced artists are welcome. **The deadline for registration is Sunday, February 12, 2023. For the registration form and any further information please email Fr. Marek at [marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com](mailto:marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com)**

*Fr. Marek is a married Byzantine Catholic priest, serving the Eparchy of Parma. With his wife Miriam they raise three children. For 22 years he has been teaching iconography classes in the USA and Europe. He has painted over 700 icons which are venerated in churches and private homes around the world.*

**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 12, 2023.**

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). The suggested offering is \$20 per liturgy. 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.

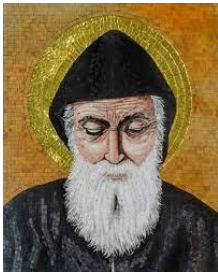
IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH

**Eucharistic Renewal with Fr. Hayes OP**  
**Saturday, February 18 – 19, 2023**

Saturday - Vespers 7pm with 1<sup>st</sup> homily, Sunday - 10am Liturgy with 2<sup>nd</sup> homily followed by Social in the Hall. 1:30pm Cheese-Fare Vespers with 3<sup>rd</sup> homily

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	



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Stephen Bednar  
Nicholas Branham  
Kathy Krofcheck

Amanda Preece  
Christopher Stasek  
Patrick Stasek

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

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

*\$7,865 has been pledged; \$7,815 has been received by  
Parma. We are at 82% of our goal! \$\$ over our goal  
are returned to parish*

**The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy** including evangelization and ministries, charity, retired priests, and parishes and missions. The Eparchy depends upon your support. Please respond with your pledge and payments today!

Visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

**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 at 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 for further information at [karl.busam.77@gmail.com](mailto:karl.busam.77@gmail.com) or 419-626-6811

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR \$200 FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN INDIANAPOLIS 2024.** Order through your parish office until January 27, 2023. Ticket does not cover housing, food and any other expenses. The U.S. bishops have selected the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to host the first national eucharistic congress in 48 years. The local events will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress, which will be held from July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. At this historic gathering, Catholics of all ages will come together to worship our Eucharistic Lord with expectant faith. There, the Holy Spirit promises to enkindle a missionary fire in the heart of our nation as we reconsecrate ourselves to the source and summit of our faith. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year program being undertaken by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Learn more at : <https://eucharisticrevival.org/>

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

**ROE REMEMBRANCE:** On Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Greater Columbus Right to Life will host the annual Roe Remembrance in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium at 12:05 pm. The event will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Supreme Court Decision Roe vs Wade, and will be the first since Roe was overturned. Abortion continues to happen in Ohio through 20+ weeks of pregnancy. The event is free, but to help protect the dignity of the event and the safety of attendees, registration is requested. Learn more and register online [www.gcrtl.org/roe](http://www.gcrtl.org/roe). The Roe Remembrance will follow the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Earl K. Fernandes.

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

Our Third Friday event is January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am-12:00pm.

Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, February 7, 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.

### **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.*

# St. John Chrysostom Calendar for January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Theophany</i>	7
12p Divine Liturgy NO ECF	OFFICE CLOSED		9am Divine Liturgy OFFICE REOPENS	9am Royal Hours 7pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; Blessing of water; Myrovanje	6:30p Mother's Prayer Group in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Water; Myrovanje	Ge'ez Christmas 10am Confessions 12pm Mass Celebration in hall following Mass
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 10a Divine Liturgy NO ECF			9am Divine Liturgy Breakfast with the Pastor following Liturgy	7pm Divine Liturgy	6:30p Mother's Prayer Group in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy <i>For the Sick of the Parish</i>	7pm Vespers
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians</i>						
9:30a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 10a Divine Liturgy Social & ECF Classes after			9am Divine Liturgy	7pm Divine Liturgy	6:30p Mother's Prayer Group in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy	7pm Vespers
22 Sunday/ <i>Zacchaeus</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 10a Divine Liturgy Social & ECF Classes after			9am Divine Liturgy	7pm Divine Liturgy	6:30p Mother's Prayer Group in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy <i>in Old Church Slavonic</i>	7pm Vespers
29 Sunday/ <i>Publican and the Pharisee</i>	30 <i>Three Holy Hierarchs</i>	31				
9:30a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 10a Divine Liturgy Social & ECF Classes after	7pm Divine Liturgy					