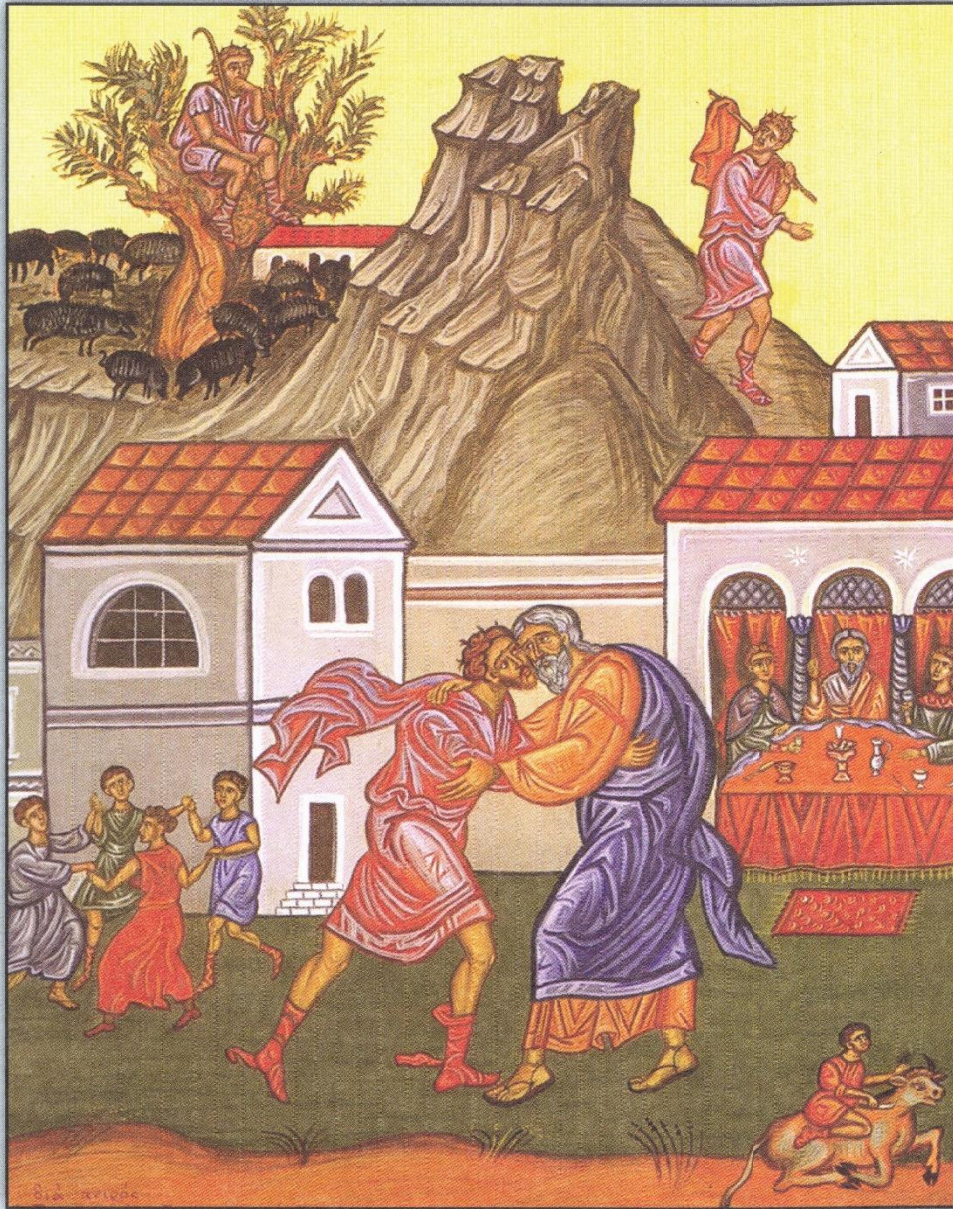


SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

February 5, 2023



Icon of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Mercy and Forgiveness

All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son, since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers.

What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would

not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the dissolute returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Because he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness.

Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he was dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."

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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 February 5

Sunday, Feb. 5

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Epistle, 1 Cor 6:12-20

Gospel, Luke 15:11-32

Monday, Feb. 6

Epistle, 1 Jn 2:18-3:10

Gospel, Mark 11:1-11

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Epistle, 1 Jn 3:10-20

Gospel, Mark 14:10-42

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Epistle, 1 Jn 3:21-4:6

Gospel, Mark 14:43-15:1

Thursday, Feb. 9

Epistle, 1 Jn 4:20-5:21

Gospel, Mark 15:1-15

Friday, Feb. 10

Epistle, 2 Jn 1-13

Gospel, Mark 15:22, 25 & 33-41

Saturday, Feb. 11

Epistle, 1 Cor 10:23-28

Gospel, Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

Sunday, Feb. 12

Sunday of Meat-Fare

Epistle, 1 Cor 8:8-9:2

Gospel, Matt 25:31-46

Liturgy Dates & Times

Sunday, February 5

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10:00am Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Candles – bring candles to be blessed

Intention: For the Faithful

No ECF

12pm Ge'ez Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Weldit followed by Social in hall

Wednesday, February 8

9:00am Divine Liturgy

Intention: +Roma Stasek

Thursday, February 9

7pm Divine Liturgy

Intention: +David Ternasky

Friday, February 10

6:45pm Panachida for All Souls

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for All Souls

Intention: for the Faithful Departed

Sat. February 11 1st All Souls Saturday

2pm Ge'ez Baptism celebrated by Fr. Weldit

7pm Vespers

Sunday, February 12

Sunday of Meat-Fare

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10:00am Divine Liturgy followed by the Blessing of all married couples

Intention: For the Faithful

ECF Classes following Liturgy

WE NEED HELP NOW WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. 2-3 families to sign up to bring in food/snacks for the Sunday parish social after Divine Liturgy. It can be donuts, veggies, store bought snacks or homemade. Please plan on enough for about 25-40 people. You can sign up for the date you wish to bring in your snacks.

There is a clipboard with a sign-up sheet in the hall, usually on the table with the food. If you do not see it, please ask Pat Papai or Rose Jager where it is so you can sign up. You can also email the office and volunteer.

2. We need more people to clean the church every other week. We currently have 6 volunteers but do need more. This would be on a rotating basis and can work around your schedule.

Please call or text Pat Papai at 614-578-5698 to volunteer for either or both of these. You may also leave your contact information with Teresa in the office via email or phone.

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.



World Marriage Day Next Sunday, February 12

The observances of World Marriage Day are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2023 is "**Marriage...one flesh, given and received.**"

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.

Here at St. John, we will honor the witness of all married couples, offering a special blessing at the end of Divine Liturgy.

A Social will follow the liturgy, all are invited!

Sunday, February 19th is Cheese-Fare Sunday. We will have a meatless luncheon following Liturgy. All parishioners are asked to bring a meatless dish to share.

At 1pm we will return to the church for Forgiveness Vespers to mark the beginning of the Great Fast.

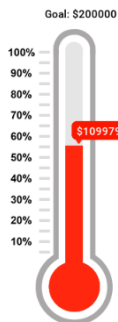
COLLECTING SHOES AND CLOTHING

Our Parish has started a project with **Planet Aid**. Its aim is to help the needy families with shoes and clothing.

If you have decent used shoes or clothing, please, feel free to bring them to the yellow containers on the parking lot. There is no fee for you nor for our parish. Planet Aid picks up the clothing and shoes every month (as of today). Thank you for supporting the needy.

PARKING LOT RENOVATION

We thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We currently have \$109,979.00 of the \$200,000 estimated that is needed to replace the parking lot.



Parish Activities this week

Wed. Feb. 8

Breakfast with the Pastor in the hall following Divine Liturgy.

Fri. Feb. 10 6:30pm

Mother's Prayer Group in Hall

Sun. Feb. 12 World Marriage Day

Bring dish to share @ social

Social in hall & ECF classes after Liturgy



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Stephen Bednar
Nicholas Branham
Kathy Krofcheck

Amanda Preece
Christopher Stasek
Patrick Stasek

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL WITH FR. HAYES OP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 19, 2023



Fr. Steve Dominic Hayes OP is a native of Boston, Massachusetts. He holds an A.B. in Biology from Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire, a J.D. from Boston University School of Law, and an S.T.B. from the Pontifical Faculty of

the Immaculate Conception (the Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, DC.

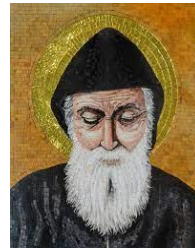
After practicing law for a few years, he entered the Dominican Order in 1982, made solemn profession in 1986, and was ordained a priest in 1988. He has the bi-ritual faculty for the Byzantine Rite; has served as a priest and pastor for 30 years in Ohio and Kentucky. He has had experience in retreat work, parish missions, pilgrimage direction, and as a spiritual director and confessor, as well as experience in Catholic radio and print media. He has for many years been active in the Knights of Columbus.

Eucharistic Renewal Retreat

Saturday: 7pm Vespers with Fr. Hayes' 1st homily

Sunday: 10am Liturgy with 2nd homily followed by Social in the Hall. 1:00pm Cheese-Fare Vespers with 3rd 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
Aimee 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	Bob Atha

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
BEGINNING OF THE GREAT FAST (LENT) FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023

Fr. Marek Visnovsky will be offering an iconography workshop at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church. 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

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.



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

We are reminded of how fortunate we are and of the gifts we have received from God. Of course, the most important gift is that of salvation in Jesus Christ. This salvation requires our response with sacrifice, dedication, and a sense of shared responsibility for the life of the Church and its mission on earth. Each of us has been given other great gifts – individual gifts such as our time, talents, and treasure. Our Lord Jesus Christ asks us to use our gifts for the glory of God. This is the essence of Stewardship: an awareness that everything comes from God and ultimately belongs to God.

Please consider supporting the Stewardship Appeal today! Visit us online at parma.org to submit your monthly or one-time donation. Thank you for your generosity!

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 or 419-626-6811.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS

Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Our Third Friday event is February 17 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. Register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com

Men's Conference: Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Ohio Expo Center. For more information, please go to www.catholicmensministry.com

**MARRIED COUPLES,
START YOUR NEW YEAR RIGHT!**

Give the gift of time to each other this year! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and learn to prioritize the important things. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by signing up today for a parish-based experience on March 10-12th at St. Mark Parish in Lancaster, or a residential experience with overnight accommodations on Sept 8-10th at the Procter Retreat Center in London. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information and to register, visit www.wmecolumbus.org; or email applicationcouple@wmecolumbus.org; or call Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880.

St. John Chrysostom Calendar for February 2023

Always check current week’s bulletin in case of changes in this schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am Divine Liturgy	2 Meeting with Simeon & Anna 7pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Candles	3 6:30p Mother’s Prayers in hall 7pm Divine Liturgy <i>For the Sick of the Parish</i>	4 7pm Vespers w/OT Readings
5 Prodigal Son Sunday 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Liturgy; Blessing of candles Social; NO ECF 12p Ge’ez Liturgy Social after	6	7	8 9am Divine Liturgy Breakfast with the Pastor in the hall following Liturgy	9 7pm Divine Liturgy	10 6:30p Mother’s Prayers 6:45p Panachida for All Souls 7pm Divine Liturgy for All Souls	11 1st All Souls Saturday 2pm Ge’ez Baptism 7pm Vespers w/OT Readings
12 Meatfare Sunday; World Marriage Day 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Married Couples Social & ECF after	13	14	15 9am Divine Liturgy	16 7pm Divine Liturgy	17 6:30p Mother’s Prayers 7pm Divine Liturgy	18 Eucharistic Renewal Retreat begins with 7pm Vespers w/OT Readings
19 Cheesehare Sunday Eucharistic Renewal Retreat continues 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Liturgy Meatless Lunch 1pm Forgiveness Vespers	20 <i>The Great Fast Begins</i>	21	22 9am Third Hour followed by Book Study ‘Worshipping with the Church Fathers’ 7pm Book Study ‘Praying with the Church Fathers’	23	24 5p Iconography Workshop 6:30p Mother’s Prayers 7pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great (Presanctified)	25 8:30a Iconography Workshop 7pm Vespers w/OT Readings
26 1st Sunday of the Great Fast 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Social & ECF after 1p Iconography Workshop	27 7pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great (Presanctified)	28				