

February 19, 2023
SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE
SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS



Icon of the the Ladder of Divine Ascent

Readiness to Forgive

Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made “the sun to shine on the evil and on the good.”

For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, “Our Father,” and “thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,” and “give us the bread, and forgive us our debts,” and “lead us not into temptation,” and “deliver us.” So everywhere he is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor.

How great a reproof then must they de-

serve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God’s vengeance on their enemies. In doing so, they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it he brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God who created us.

St. John Chrysostom

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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

Liturgy Dates and Times

Sunday, February 19

Sunday of Cheese-Fare

9am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10am Divine Liturgy 2nd Retreat Homily;
Lenten meatless Lunch in hall following Liturgy; All are invited.

Intention: For the Faithful
NO ECF

11:30am Ge'ez Liturgy

1pm Forgiveness Vespers in church

Wednesday, February 22

9am Third Hour

Book Study in hall following service

Thursday, February 23

7pm English/Ukrainian Divine Liturgy

Intention: For Peace in Ukraine

Friday, February 24

7pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great (Presanctified) Fr. Marek preaches on Iconography

Sat. February 25

7pm Vespers Fr. Marek preaches on Iconography

Sunday, February 26

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10am Divine Liturgy Fr. Marek preaches on Iconography

Intention: For the Faithful
Social & ECF

12pm Ge'ez Liturgy

Social following in hall

Readings – Week of February 19

Sunday, Feb. 19

Sunday of Cheese-Fare

Epistle, Rom 13:11-14:4

Gospel, Matt 6:14-21

Monday, Feb. 20

First day of the Great Fast

Gen 1:1-13

Prov 1:1-20

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Gen 1:14-23

Prov 1:20-33

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Gen 1:24-2:3

Prov 1:20-33

Thursday, Feb. 23

Gen 2:4-19

Prov 3:1-18

Friday, Feb. 24

Gen 2:20-3:20

Prov 3:19-34

Saturday, Feb. 25

Epistle, Heb 1:1-12

Gospel, Mark 2:23-3:5

Sunday, Feb. 26

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle, Heb 11:24-26, 32-

12:2

Gospel, John 1:43-51

Fasting Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast - 2023

Simple abstinence

- The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits the use of eggs and dairy products.
- All the faithful, from the age of 16 years old to 65, who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. It is highly encouraged to keep abstinence on the Mondays of the Great Lent; abstinence is **obligatory** on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. People with health issues are exempt from abstinence.

Strict abstinence

- The law of strict abstinence (fasting) forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs and dairy products for the faithful from the age of 16 years old to 65. Only one full meal per day on days of strict abstinence.
- Strict abstinence (fasting) is to be observed in 2023 on Pure Monday, February 20 (the first day of the Great Fast), and on Great and Holy Friday, April 7th.

Forgiveness Sunday Luncheon

Today, we will have a meatless luncheon following Liturgy. **All are invited.**

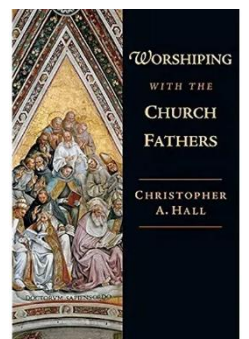
At 1pm we will return to the church for Forgiveness Vespers to mark the beginning of the Great Fast.

Tomorrow, the First Day of the Great Fast, is a day of strict observance.

Fasting for Peace in Ukraine, Friday February 24th, is the anniversary of the beginning of the war in Ukraine. We ask that everyone observe a strict fast on this day and pray for an end to the violence and peace for all.

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday mornings after the Third Hour, we start a Book Study Group reading *Worshiping with the Church Fathers* by Christopher Hall. This group focuses on the sacraments. We start at 9am with prayer in the church and study from 9.30 - 10.30am in the Hall. This



group will meet every other Wednesday beginning February 22nd.

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Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm we meet to continue the reading of Christopher Hall's, *Worshiping with the Church Fathers*, focusing on the section on prayer! We gather in the Hall. This group will meet every Wednesday evening beginning February 22nd.

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PIROHI MAKING

We need help making pirohi. We have scheduled March 2nd & 3rd to make pirohi for the Pascha Sale. We are trying to have just one day of making pirohi and need as many people as possible to help. Please call or text Pat Papai to volunteer; 614-578-5698

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.**

Parish Activities this week

Sun. Feb. 19 after Liturgy
Meatless luncheon in parish hall. All are invited

Wed. Feb. 22
Book Study 'Worshiping' in hall following the Third Hour
7pm 2nd Book Study 'Praying' in hall

Fri. Feb. 24
5pm Iconography Workshop
6:30pm Mother's Prayers

Sat. Feb. 25
8:30am Iconography Workshop
7pm Vespers

Sun. Feb. 26
1pm Iconography Workshop



LENTEN REFLECTION

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works.
If you see a poor man, take pity on him.
If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him.

Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands and all the members of our bodies.
Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice.
Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin.
Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful.
Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.
Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism.

For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers and sisters?
May He who came to the world to save sinners strengthen us to complete the fast with humility, have mercy on us and save us.

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



Carson Boniface
Abigail Branham
Nicholas Branham

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.

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.

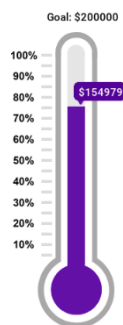


We will paint the Icon of Christ "Mandylion" also known as "Made With No Human Hands". The cost is \$350 (includes icon boards and painting material). Beginners as well as advanced artists are

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

PARKING LOT RENOVATION

We thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We currently have \$154,979.00 of the \$200,000 estimated that is needed to replace the parking lot.



FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA 2022-2023 Annual Stewardship Appeal St. John Chrysostom's Goal is \$9,500

\$8,935 has been pledged; \$8,885 has been received by Parma. We are at 94% of our goal! Amount over our goal is returned to parish

As our minds look to the Great Fast with today's celebration of Meat-fare, let us remember how Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us. How can we repay Him? What can we do to strengthen His Church on

earth? The Stewardship Appeal is just one of ways we can give back and show our appreciation. Please also consider the ways that you can help at your local parish to strengthen and build up your community.

Visit 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 or 419-626-6811.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign will run from Wednesday, February 22nd, until Sunday, April 2nd, from 7am until 7pm at Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main Street, Columbus). You are invited to pray for an hour with the campaign. You can learn more about the campaign at www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE-COLUMBUS

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

Our Third Friday event is March 17, 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.