

February 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF HOLY IMAGES



Icon of the Restoration of Holy Images

On the Holy Images

In former times God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake, who willed to take His abode in matter; who worked out my salvation through matter. Never will I cease honoring the matter which wrought my salvation! I honor it, but not as God. How could God be born out of things which have no existence in themselves? God's body is God because it is joined to His person by a union which shall never pass away. The divine nature remains the same; the flesh created in time is quickened by a reason endowed soul. Because of this I salute all remaining matter with reverence, because God has filled it with His grace and power. Through it my

salvation has come to me. Was not the thrice-happy and thrice blessed wood of the Cross matter? What of the life bearing rock, the holy and life-giving tomb, the fountain of our resurrection, was it not matter? Is not the ink in the most holy Gospel-book matter? Is not the life-giving altar made of matter? From it we receive the bread of life! Are not gold and silver matter? From them we make crosses, patens, chalices! And over and above all these things, is not the Body and Blood of our Lord matter? Either do away with the honor and veneration these things deserve, or accept the tradition of the Church and the veneration of images.

St. John of Damascus

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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 26

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Fr. Marek preaches on Iconography

Intention: For the Faithful
Social & ECF

12pm Ge'ez Liturgy

Monday, February 27

7pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great
(Presanctified)

Wednesday, March 1

9am Third Hour

7pm Book Study "Praying w/Church Fathers"
in hall

Friday, March 3

6:45pm Panachida for All Souls

7pm Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great
(Presanctified)

Intention: +Gary F. Schmitt by Keith Nissen

Saturday, March 4

7pm Vespers w/OT readings

Sunday, March 5

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30am 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

10am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Intention: For the Faithful
Social & ECF

12pm Ge'ez Liturgy

NO Social

Readings – Week of February 26

Sunday, Feb. 26

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle, Heb 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel, John 1:43-51

Monday, Feb. 27

Gen 3:21-4:7

Prov 3:34-4:22

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Gen 4:8-15

Prov 5:1-15

Wednesday, Mar. 1

Gen 4:16-26

Prov 5:15-6:3

Thursday, Mar. 2

Gen 5:1-24

Prov 6:3-20

Friday, Mar. 3

Gen 5:32-6:8

Prov 6:20-7:1

Saturday, Mar. 4

Epistle, Heb 3:12-16

Gospel, Mark 1:35-44

Sunday, Mar. 5

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle, Heb 1:10-2:3

Gospel, Mark 2:1-12

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday mornings after the Third Hour, we start a Book Study Group reading *Worshipping 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.

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Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm we meet to continue the reading of Christopher Hall's, *Worshipping 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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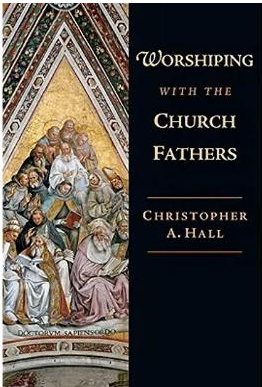
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Fasting Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast - 2023

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.

Parish Activities this week

Sun. Feb. 26

1:00pm Iconography Workshop
Ge'ez celebration of St. Mary – lunch in hall following
Ge'ez Liturgy

Wed. March 1

7:00pm 2nd Book Study 'Praying' in hall

Thurs. March 2

10:00am Pirohi making in hall

Fri. March 3

10:00am Pirohi Making
6:30pm Mother's Prayers

Sat. March 4

10:00am Pascha Bread Baking

Sun. March 5

2:00pm Ukrainian Ass. Mastnyitsa event in hall

PASCHA SALE

The Pascha Foods Sale is April 1st from 11am until 1pm. We are in need of volunteers to help bake the Pascha loaves and rolls for the sale. Lisa Sulich is coordinating these volunteers and will be contacting parishioners. If you are available over the next four Saturdays (March 4, 11, 18, 25) and do not hear from Lisa, please contact the office with your availability.

We need help making pirohi for the Pascha Sale.
We have scheduled March 2nd & 3rd to make pirohi. 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.

- 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 to volunteer for either or both of these. You may also leave your contact information with Teresa in the office via email or phone.

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.

St. John Chrysostom

GIFTS FOR YOUR BELOVED ONES

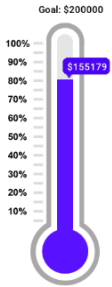
When the priest celebrates the Divine Liturgy, he *offers it for particular person or intention*. The persons, living or deceased, are immersed into the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, asking God the Father to remember, sanctify, transform and renew them. When offered for the deceased 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.

PARKING LOT RENOVATION

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We are close to our goal. We currently have \$155,179.00 of the \$200,000 estimated that is needed to replace the parking lot.



Carson Boniface
Abigail Branham
Nicholas Branham



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.



Jennifer Boniface	Rebecca Krofcheck
Maria Czynnik	Matthew Mnich
Esther Imhoff	Maria Rakowsky
Sofia Jager	Ruth Turanchik
Donovan Koval	

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhoul



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 Stinich
Will Culver	Regina Lee	Josh Taylor
Maria Czynnik	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	Dave Martz
Hagos	Paula Oshinski	Fr. Ignatius Harrington
Gerri Herald	Carol Osifchin	
Jeanette Hill	Beauetta Parks	

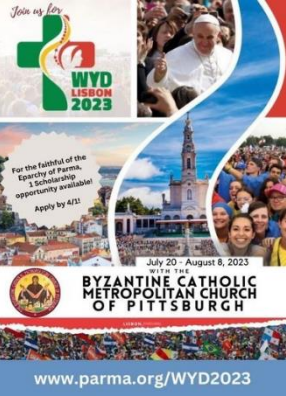
can give back and show our appreciation. Please also consider the ways that you can help at your local parish to strengthen and build up your community.

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 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.



World Youth Day – Lisbon 2023

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma will be providing one scholarship to a young member of our Eparchy which will cover the cost of the full trip **July 20 - August 8, 2023**, including airfare. The recipient will serve as a

chaperone for an English summer camp in Slovakia and enjoy a European road trip to Portugal, stopping in Nice, Lourdes, and Fatima, before arriving to Lisbon to participate in the World Youth Day Pilgrimage.

Visit www.parma.org/WYD2023 to learn more and **Apply by April 1, 2023**.

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

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 Spring 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.

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