



## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 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.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

*Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy*

### Sunday, March 19

#### **4th Sunday of the Great Fast; St. John Climacus**

**9:30am** 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
*Intention: For the Faithful*  
*Social & ECF following Liturgy*

**12:00pm** Ge'ez Liturgy  
*Social in hall*

### Monday, March 20

**7:00pm** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,  
Presanctified  
*Intention: +Charlotte Doctor*

### Wednesday, March 22

**9:00am** Third Hour

### Thursday, March 23

**7:00pm** Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

### Friday, March 24

**6:45p** Mothers' Prayers  
**7:00pm** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,  
Presanctified

### Saturday, March 25

**7:00pm** Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation  
*Intention: For the Faithful*

### Sunday, March 26

#### **5th Sunday of the Great Fast; St. Mary of Egypt**

**9:30am** 3rd Hour with Patristic Readings

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
*Intention: For the Faithful*  
*Social & ECF following Liturgy*

### Readings – Week of March 19

#### **Sunday, Mar. 19**

##### **4th Sunday of the Great Fast;**

##### **St. John Climacus**

Epistle, Heb 6:13-20

Gospel, Mark 9:17-31

#### **Monday, Mar. 20**

Gen 13:12-18

Prov 14:27-15:4

#### **Tuesday, Mar. 21**

Gen 15:1-15

Prov 15:7-19

#### **Wednesday, Mar. 22**

Gen 17:1-9

Prov 15:20-16:9

#### **Thursday, Mar. 23**

Gen 18:20-33

Prov 16:17-17:17

#### **Friday, Mar. 24**

Gen 22:1-18

Prov 17:17-18:5

#### **Saturday, Mar. 25**

##### **Annunciation of the Theotokos**

Epistle, Heb 2:11-18

Gospel, Luke 1:24-38

#### **Sunday, Mar. 26**

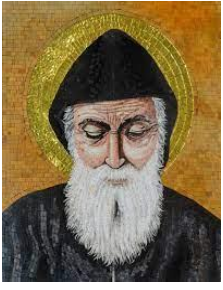
##### **5th Sunday of the Great Fast;**

##### **St. Mary of Egypt**

Epistle, Heb 9:11-14

Gospel, Mark 10:32-45

**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.



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

### LENTEN REFLECTION

"Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly the angel who guards you will honor your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm it is easy to heal, but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect become incurable. But with God all things are possible [Matthew 19:26]."

~ St. John Climacus

### Mystery of Confession

Confession is a "sacrament of joy", indeed a "feast", in Heaven and on earth. It is not the sacrament, scarcely frequented these days, that is changing. What the Pope proposes is a completely different outlook on confession, different from the experience of so many Christians and different from a certain historical legacy.

First of all, the Pope indicated that within the sacrament lies "the remedy" for the moments in life when we are down. And to the question of a young lady, Petra, who asked him how her peers could "overcome the obstacles on the path to God's mercy", he responded with another question: "If I ask you: what do you think about when you go to confession? I am almost certain of the answer: sins. But are sins really the focus of confession? Does God want you to approach Him by thinking about you, your sins, or about Him?"

The Christian way, Pope Francis said, begins with taking a step backward, with removing oneself from the center to make room for God. This same criterion, this same outlook, applied to confession, can provoke a smaller or greater Copernican revolution in the life of each person: I am no longer at the center of the sacrament of penance, humiliated with my list of sins — perhaps always the same ones — to be told with difficulty to the priest. At the center is the encounter with God who welcomes, embraces, forgives, raises up.

"One does not go to confession," the Pope explained to the young people, "as chastised people who must humble themselves, but as children who run to receive the Father's embrace. And the Father lifts us up in every situation, He forgives our every sin. Hear this well: God always forgives! Do you understand? God always forgives!" One is not going to a judge to settle accounts, but "to Jesus who loves me and heals me".

Pope Francis advised priests to "feel" in God's place: "Let them feel themselves to be in the place of God the Father who always forgives and embraces and welcomes. Let us give God first place in confession. If God, if He, is the protagonist, everything becomes beautiful, and confessing becomes the Sacrament of joy. Yes, of joy: not of fear and judgment, but of joy".

The new outlook on the sacrament of penance proposed by the Pope, therefore, asks us not to remain prisoners of shame for our sins — shame which "is a good thing" — but to overcome it, because "God is never ashamed of you. He loves you right there, where you are ashamed of yourself. And He loves you, always". To those who still cannot forgive themselves, believing that not even God can do it "because I will always fall into the same sins", Pope Francis says, "When does God take offence? When you go to ask Him for forgiveness? No, never. God suffers when we think He can't forgive us, because it is like telling Him, 'You are weak in love!' Instead, God rejoices in forgiving us, every time. When He raises us up, He believes in us as He did the first time, He does not get discouraged. We are the ones who are discouraged, He is not. He does not see sinners to label, but children to love. He does not see people who have erred, but beloved children; wounded, perhaps; and then He has even more compassion and tenderness. And every time we confess — never forget this — there is a celebration in Heaven. May it be the same on earth!"

(From <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-09/confession-sacrament-pope-francis-joy-editorial.html> )

**Receive the mercy of God!**

There is no true celebration of Pascha (Easter) without receiving the mystery of Reconciliation (Confession). Reflecting on the perspective of Pope Francis, I encourage you to plan on receiving it in the following days. I am always available one hour before any service or by appointment. Furthermore, the Confession is necessary condition to receive the mystery of the Anointing of the sick as well! If the Lord commands us to forgive not seven times but 77x7 - endlessly - than he is the first to forgive endlessly! "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed!" (James 5:16)

-Fr. Robert Jager

**ECF CLASS SCHEDULE**

<b>03/19</b> – ECF	<b>04/23</b> - ECF
<b>03/26</b> – ECF	<b>04/30</b> – ECF
<b>04/02</b> – ECF	<b>05/07</b> – ECF
<b>04/09</b> – No Classes	
<b>04/16</b> – No Classes	

- Children and students of ECF **must be in the hall by 11:30pm for the snack; otherwise, no snack and they go directly to classes!**
- We ask parents to supply **pre-packaged** snacks and water. Please, see Lisa Sulich or Emma Ricketts.
- Parent volunteers are needed for clean-up in the classrooms and hall after classes.

**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.

<b>03/22</b>	<b>04/12</b>
<b>03/29</b>	<b>04/19</b>

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>03/22</b>	<b>03/29</b>	<b>04/12</b>
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**PASCHA SALE**

The Pascha Foods Sale is April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am until 1:00pm. This sale is on a first come, first served basis.

We will have Pascha loaves @ \$13 each, Nut and poppy seed rolls @ \$15 each; Potato/cheese and sauerkraut pirohi @ \$7 per package of 12. We will have Lamb cakes @ \$15; other baked goods and quart containers of various soups, priced as marked.

**PARISHIONERS ONLY, PLEASE:** This is the last week in which to place an order for bread, rolls or pirohi. Please email the office with your order **BEFORE** Friday, March 24.

**Parish Activities this week**

**Sun. March 19**

Social & ECF following 10a Liturgy  
Ge'ez Social following 12p Liturgy

**Wed. March 22**

9:30a Book study in hall  
7:00p Book Study in hall

**Thurs. March 23**

5:30p Ge'ez Choir practice in hall

**Fri. March 24**

6:30p Mother's Prayers

**Sat. March 25**

4:00p Ge'ez Women's meeting in hall

**Sun. March 26**

Social & ECF following 10a Liturgy  
Ge'ez Social following 12p Liturgy

**PARKING LOT RENOVATION**

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised \$165,170.00.

### **We need volunteers for the following:**

- 1.** 2-3 families to sign up to bring in food/snacks for the Sunday parish social after Divine Liturgy. There is a clipboard with a sign-up sheet in the hall, usually on the table with the food.
- 2.** We need more people to help with cleaning the church every other week. We currently have 6 volunteers but 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.

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

*\$9,105 has been pledged; \$9,055 has been received by Parma. We are at 95% of our goal! Remember: Any amount over our goal is returned to the parish*

**During this Lenten season**, please consider the blessings that our Lord has bestowed upon you and your family. Consider the ways you may give back to God and His Church through assisting at your parish, and by pledging to the Stewardship Appeal. Please be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in sharing your gifts through your time, talent, and treasure.

Please visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website.

**Pre-Cana Weekend**  
**Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite**

Saturday and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

St. John Byzantine Catholic Church  
36125 Aurora Rd.; Solon OH 44139

Ways to register:

Online: [tabor-life.org](http://tabor-life.org)

Call Catherine: 708-653-8344

Email: [taborlife@earthlink.net](mailto:taborlife@earthlink.net)

Registration fee: \$150 per couple

*Sponsored by the Marriage and Family Life ministry of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma in cooperation with the Tabor Life Institute*

Please speak with your pastor regarding this and for registration form.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>, until Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.gctrl.org/40-days-for-life](http://www.gctrl.org/40-days-for-life)

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

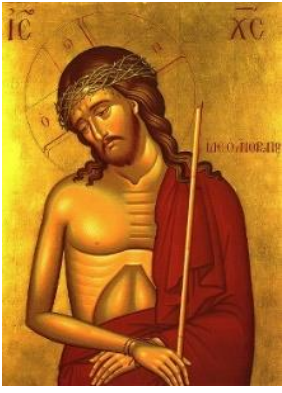
Our next Torchbearers event is Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Our Third Friday event is April 21, 2023 from 7:00am-12:00pm.

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.

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2023 program beginning with a weekend on April 14, 15, 16 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)





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**Holy Week and Pascha Schedules**

**All Visitors Welcome!**

*Holy Week Schedule*

**Monday, April 3**

**Great & Holy Monday**

**5:00p** Confessions

**7:00p** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,  
Presanctified

**Tuesday, April 4**

**Great and Holy Tuesday**

**6:00p** Confessions

**7:00p** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,  
Presanctified; Anointing of the Sick

**Wednesday, April 5**

**Great and Holy Wednesday**

**6:00p** Confessions

**7:00p** Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,  
Presanctified; Anointing of the Sick

**Thursday, April 6**

**Great and Holy Thursday**

**6:00p** Confessions

**7:00p** Holy Thursday Vespers with Liturgy of  
St. Basil

**Friday, April 7**

**Great and Holy Friday**

**9:00a** Royal Hours

**7:00p** Holy Friday Burial Vespers  
Vigil at the Tomb

**Saturday, April 8**

**Great and Holy Saturday**

**9:00p** Vigil of Resurrection with Adult Baptism;  
Blessing of baskets in hall

*Bright Week Schedule*

**Sunday, April 9**

**PASCHA!**

**8:00a** Ge'ez Palm Sunday Liturgy

**11:00a** Matins of Resurrection and Divine  
Liturgy; Blessing of baskets

**Monday, April 10**

**6:45p** Paschal Hour

**7:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, April 11**

**6:45p** Paschal Hour

**7:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, April 12**

**8:45a** Paschal Hour

**9:00a** Divine Liturgy



**Thursday, April 13**

**4:00p** Ge'ez Holy Thursday Liturgy

**6:45p** Paschal Hour

**7:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Friday, April 14**

**12:00-5p** Ge'ez Good Friday prayers;  
Social in hall following

**6:45p** Paschal Hour

**7:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, April 15 Ge'ez Easter Service**

**8:00p** Ge'ez Confessions heard

**9:00p** Ge'ez Easter Liturgy; Social in hall after

# How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket

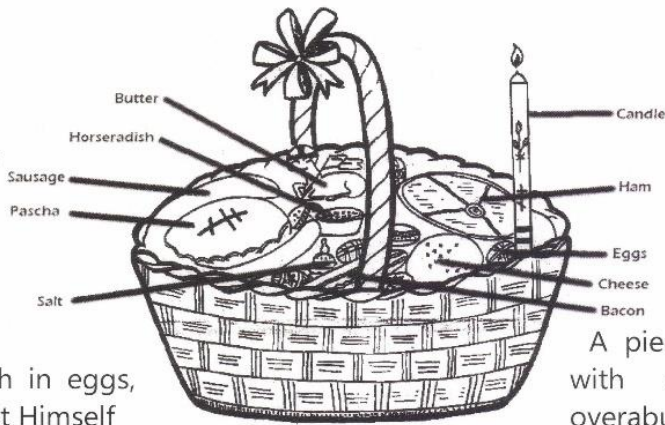
Text by: Rev. Basil Kraynyak

All Illustrations by: Mary Ellen Petro

May You Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

*Christ is Risen!  
Indeed, He is Risen!*

*Christos Voskrese!  
Voistinu Voskrese!*



## **PASCHA or PASKA** **The Easter Bread**

A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect, or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for "Christ is Risen."

## **CHEESE (Hrudka or Sirets)**

A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols made of cloves or pepper balls.

## **HAM**

The flesh meat popular with Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer lamb or veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats prepared in advance so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

## **BUTTER**

This favorite dairy product is shaped into the figure of a lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

## **SAUSAGE**

A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity

## **BACON**

A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

## **EGGS-PYSANKY**

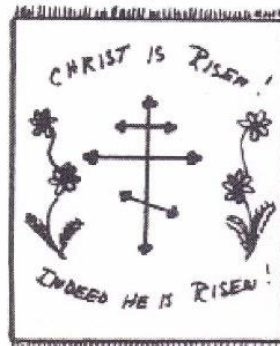
Hard boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.

## **SALT**

A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.

## **HORSERADISH**

Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.



These articles are placed in a wicker basket and ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the foods when brought to the church. In some places a large Easter Bread is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing region, a sweet wine may be brought.