



**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**

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Summer Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 1:00pm

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

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

**Sunday July 16**

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Wed. July 19**

9:00a Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the health of Edward Pitt*

**Thursday July 20**

7:00p Divine Liturgy

**Saturday July 22**

7:00p Vespers w/OT readings

**Sunday July 23**

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Wed. July 26**

9:00a Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +Stan & +Martha Frye*

**Saturday July 29**

7:00p Vespers w/OT readings

**Readings for the Week of July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. July 16**

Epistle, Rom 15:1-7

Gospel, Mt 9:27-35

**Thu. July 20**

Epistle, James 5:10-20

Gospel, Lk 4:22-30

**Mon. July 17**

Epistle, 1 Cor 9:13-18

Gospel, Mt 16:1-6

**Fri. July 21**

Epistle, 1 Cor 11:8-22

Gospel, Mt 17:10-18

**Tues. July 18**

Epistle, 1 Cor 10:5-12

Gospel, Mt 16:6-12

**Sat. July 22**

Epistle, Rom 13:1-10

Gospel, Mt 12:30-37

**Wed. July 19**

Epistle, 1 Cor 10:12-22

Gospel, Mt 16:20-24

**Sun. July 23**

Epistle, 1 Cor 3:9-17

Gospel, Mt 14:22-34



**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.*

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD**

*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 PARKING LOT RENOVATION**

Thank you for all your help in raising money for this greatly needed repair. We have currently raised **\$177,534.00** of the \$200,000 goal we set for ourselves (89%). We still have way to go so please continue to help with this. Once we have the scope of work finalized, we will be able to have a definitive total cost of this project.

**AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION**

**OHIOANS: WHY VOTING YES ON ISSUE 1 IS IMPORTANT**

There is a special election in Ohio on August 8, 2023, concerning Issue 1 which is a proposed constitutional amendment that would:

- 1) Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment.
- 2) Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio be signed by at least five percent of the eligible voters of each county in the state.

**3)** Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio. If passed, the amendment shall be effective immediately.

**Why is voting yes for this amendment important as faithful Catholics?** Currently, our Ohio State Constitution can be amended by a favorable majority of 50% + one vote of those who vote in that election. This means that our Ohio State Constitution could be amended by a small number of individuals. Considering the ballot initiative being proposed for the November 7 election to enshrine abortion in our Ohio State Constitution and deprive parents of their rights, it is crucial to make sure that our Ohio State Constitution cannot be amended easily. Voting YES on Issue 1 will make it more difficult to change our Ohio State Constitution and thus allow us to protect our children and families.

According to Right to Life:

For those who want to protect pre-born human beings, Issue 1 is critical because of the probable abortion amendment ballot initiative that will be on the Ohio ballot in November of 2023. This dangerous amendment proposal was passed in several states during the midterm elections of 2022 and in the majority of those states, was passed with far less than 60% of the vote in a campaign heavily supported by lucrative pro-abortion special interest groups. The proposed abortion amendment in Ohio is even more threatening because the language also will endanger parental rights. Should Issue 1 pass by the voters on August 8, it will require the November abortion ballot initiative to pass with at least 60% of the vote.

**DEFEAT OHIO’S PROPOSED ABORTION AMENDMENT**

The dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by a proposed Ohio Constitutional amendment to enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catholic Conference of Ohio has produced resources for Catholics to learn more about and to take action to defeat the proposed amendment. **Visit [www.ohiocathconf.org/protect](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect).**

For additional resources from the statewide Protect Women Ohio coalition working to defeat the amendment, **visit <https://protectwomenohio.com>.** For a list of local informational meetings about the proposed amendment, visit Greater Columbus Right to Life’s website at **<https://www.gctrl.org/stop-events.html>**.

**Parish Activities for July**

**Sun July 16**

11:15a Social in hall  
2:00p Ge’ez Social

**Sat July 22**

5:30p Ge’ez Choir practice in hall

**Sun July 23**

11:15a Social in hall  
2:00p Ge’ez Social

**Sat July 29**

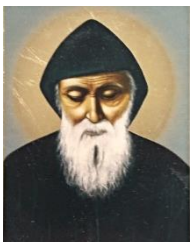
10:00a Women’s Bible Study in hall  
4:00p Ge’ez Women’s mtg in hall  
5:30p Ge’ez Choir practice in hall



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*

Damian Branham	Conrad Gozon	Arlene Preece
Kacie Branham	Myroslava Mudrak	Evangeline Rakowsky
John Elliott	Keith Nissen	Ilya Rakowsky
Mark Frye	Julia Parks	Dave Zaroka
	Nick & Kacie Branham	
	<i>Celebrating 13 years Crowned in Marriage</i>	
	Jeff & Paula Martin	
	<i>Celebrating 35 years Crowned in Marriage</i>	
	Mike & Pat Papai	
	<i>Celebrating 47 years Crowned in Marriage</i>	
	Matt & Arlene Preece	
	<i>Celebrating 7 years Crowned in Marriage</i>	
	Mark & Helen Stephens	
	<i>Celebrating 41 years Crowned in Marriage</i>	

**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	Maria Czynnik	Esther Imhoff	Jessie Madzia	Paula Oshinski	L.T. Tekle
Hussein Abdi	DeClue Intentions	Dora Johnson	Bill Martin	Beauetta Parks	Ruth Turanchik
Adrian	Ron Doctor	Jackson Family	Joe Martin	Cathy Pitt	Owen Ward
Louis Bambick	Elizabeth Gamez	Gordon Kaercher	Melissa	Maksym Popadyn	Steve
William Brake	Christopher Gehman	Susan Kaiser	Joy Mersch	Maria Rakowsky	Nicholas Zvansky
Charles Branham	Deborah Gordon	Kathy	Angela Merva	Terry Rasor	Sandra Zvansky
Carol	Charlene Grabner	James Kester	Ed Nyahay	Nadia Ritchey	
Mary Carroll	Nataly Grace	Kathy Krofcheck	Rosemary Nyahay	Trey Shearon	
Charyton Intentions	John Griffen	Regina Lee	Anne O'Halloran	John Sikora	
Cindy Cox	Hagos	Christine Leon	Mic O'Halloran	Dennis Stinich	
Will Culver	Evelyn Hoehstetter	Christine Long	John Oshinski	Josh Taylor	





## THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

Join us for a weekend of service, socializing, and spirituality!



### WHO?

All young adults between 18-35 years of age. Clergy are also more than welcome to join us for any duration of the retreat!

### WHERE?

Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church  
506 E Main Street, Lakeside  
Marblehead, OH 43440.

### WHEN?

**THURSDAY JULY 27TH-SUNDAY JULY 30TH.** Late arrivals due to work or other obligations are welcome, just let us know ahead of time. We do recommend you come on Thursday though, you'll miss out on our service project if not!

### RESERVATIONS AND CONTACT INFO

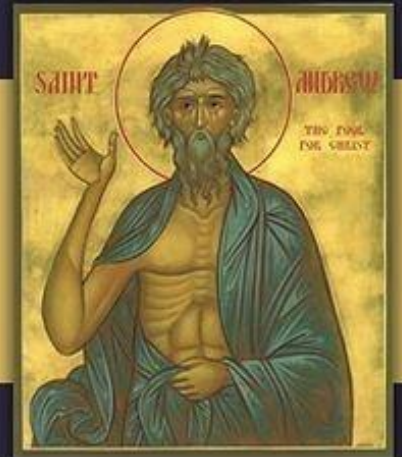
Reservations can be made online through our website: [byzantineyoungadults.com](http://byzantineyoungadults.com) or send us an email at [byzantineyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineyoungadults@gmail.com).

For any questions, feel free to send us an email, or call/text us at (440) 720-4679.

BYA Third Annual Young Adult Retreat

## BECOMING "FOOLS FOR CHRIST'S SAKE"

-1 Corinthians 4:10



## ANNUAL EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARIAPOCH

*"Under the Protection of Your Veil"*

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Shrine of Mariapoch; 17486 Mumford Rd.; Burton, OH  
<https://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

### Saturday Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> Schedule

**3:00pm** - Blessing of Water & Moleben to the Theotokos – Shrine Chapel  
**4:00pm** – Divine Liturgy (for Saturday) **5:30pm** – Café open for dinner  
**7:00pm** – Great Vespers (for Sunday) **8:30pm** – Campfire & fireside chat  
**9:30pm** – Compline

### Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> Schedule

**9:00am** – Matins  
**12:00pm** – 6<sup>th</sup> Hour/Café open for lunch **1:30pm** – Children's activity/Guest Speaker  
**3:00pm** – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Mirovanija; Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)  
**5:00pm** – Café open for dinner

The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the Pilgrimage • Camping is permitted • Food will be available for purchase at the cafeteria or you are welcome to bring your own food • Bring your own chairs • The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open



## ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH

**Registration is now open!**

*Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh will be hosting the 3rd assembly of our Church on Thursday, November 2 to Sunday, November 5, 2023, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ.*

## Tracks

The Assembly's theme is Living Our Faith: Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past. The Assembly will consist of two tracks.

- A clergy track will be presented on Thursday and Friday, November 2nd and 3rd.
- A laity track will occur from Friday to Sunday, November 3rd to 5th.

## Goals

This gathering aims to increase the appreciation of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church's history (both in the "Old Country" and the United States) and Byzantine Ruthenian art and culture.

The second goal of the assembly is to learn about the best practices occurring in our parishes today, which are contributing to the growth of our communities, with the hope that the attendees will incorporate this information into their parish activities.

A third goal is to develop concrete steps to ensure the future and growth of our Church. The synodal meetings revealed these three topics to be the most important to those participating.

## Registration

Registrations may be made through the Assembly website or by mail beginning July 1. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples.

The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35.

## Accommodations

Special rates for hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bridgewater, NJ. The reservation link and hotel information may be found [here](#). The hotel is a 15-minute drive to St. Mary's in Hillsborough.

For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is [byzantineassembly2023.org](http://byzantineassembly2023.org), and the email is [byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com).



## THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

### **CATHOLICS FOR LIFE: EQUIPPING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES FOR LIFESAVING ACTIVISM**

Catholics for Life is a Columbus-based apostolate organizing pro-life and evangelization events (we represent the local St. Paul Street Evangelization team). Our efforts are anchored in the Eucharist and Mary's intercession. Our events include:

Every weekday starting at 9am and ending between 2-7pm (depending on the day): Join us and our volunteers for prayer, counseling, and evangelization on the sidewalk outside Columbus's two abortion facilities.

Monthly on the Second Tuesday & Fourth Friday: Join a group for training, Mass, reconciliation, street evangelization, sidewalk counseling, and adoration.

For more information contact Gabriel Vance at 740-972-2570 and [Gabriel@CatholicsForLife.us](mailto:Gabriel@CatholicsForLife.us) or visit [www.CatholicsForLife.us](http://www.CatholicsForLife.us)

**URGENT:** We only need to fill one more weekly shift to reach every mother arriving for an abortion in the greater Columbus area: Thursdays 12-2pm at Your Choice Healthcare (6721 Karl Rd.)



### **CCO Statement on the FY24-25 Budget**

Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, Brian Hickey, issued the following statement commending the expansion of school choice and increased support of pregnant women, children, and other vulnerable Ohioans in the FY24-25 State Budget.

"Ohio's FY24-25 State Budget puts parents and children first in their educational decisions by providing the largest expansion of school choice in Ohio's history. For decades, the Catholic Church in Ohio and nationwide has consistently advocated for public policy that enables children of all backgrounds, no matter their income or zip code, to meaningfully access a school of their choice. The Catholic Conference of Ohio thanks Governor Mike

DeWine, Senate President Matt Huffman, and Speaker Jason Stephens for their leadership in allowing every student to receive an EdChoice Scholarship for use at one of Ohio's hundreds of Catholic or other eligible schools.

Additionally, the CCO is grateful for budget items that invest in pregnant women, children, and other vulnerable Ohioans. These include expanding the eligibility of the Ohio Works First cash assistance for a woman's entire pregnancy, eliminating sales tax for baby products, an essential provision to stabilize non-profit senior affordable housing, and a boost in pay for direct-care professionals. We look forward to supporting more policies that express closer solidarity with mothers, families, and vulnerable Ohioans, furthering a culture of life and civilization of love."

### **School Choice Highlights**

Thank you to all who took action and sent notes to your representative and senator to support school choice. It worked—now every Ohio student is eligible to receive an EdChoice Scholarship!

Scholarship amounts will be income-based. Students whose family income is at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or about \$135,000 for a family of four, is eligible to receive the full scholarship amount, and a student whose family income is above 450% FPL is eligible for a scholarship decreased on a sliding scale, displayed in the graph below.

The EdChoice Scholarship increased to \$6,165 for K-8 students and \$8,407 for K-12 students. The Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship amount has also increased, and any student with an autism diagnosis can now qualify for the Autism Scholarship.

Guidance on how to apply and receive an EdChoice Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year is coming soon!