



**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**

5858 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43231

Pastor: Fr. Robert Jager

Deacon: Fr. Deacon Jeffrey Martin



**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.*

**BULLETIN FOR MAY 5, 2024**

**SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

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

**Sunday May 5** *Sunday/Man Born Blind*

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

**Wednesday May 8**

**9:00a** Divine Liturgy

**Thursday May 9** *Feast of the Ascension*

**6:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Friday May 10**

**6:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday May 11**

**6:00p** Old Slavonic/Ukrainian Divine Liturgy

**Sunday May 12** *MOTHER'S DAY*

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

**12:00P** Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Parish Activities this week**

**Sun. May 5**

**11:15a** Parish social; Father meeting w/ECF teachers

**2:00p** Ge'ez social

**Wed. May 8**

**6:00p** St. John Gospel Study Group

**Sat. May 11**

**7:45a** Men's Bible Study

**5:30p** Ge'ez choir practice

**7:00p** Catechesis & social following Liturgy

**Readings for the Week of May 5**

**Sun. May 5**

Epistle, Acts 16:16-34  
Gospel, Jn 9:1-38

**Tues. May 7**

Epistle, Acts 17:19-28  
Gospel, Jn 12:19-36

**Thu. May 9**

Epistle, Acts 1:1-12  
Gospel, Lk 24:36-53

**Sat. May 11**

Epistle, Heb 13:17-21  
Gospel, Jn 10:9-16

**Mon. May 6**

Epistle, Acts 17:1-15  
Gospel, Jn 11:47-56

**Wed. May 8**

Epistle, 1 John 1:1-7  
Gospel, Jn 19-25 & 21:24-25

**Fri. May 10**

Epistle, 1 Cor 4:9-16  
Gospel, Mt 13:54-58

**Sun. May 12**

Epistle, Acts 10:16-18 & 28-36  
Gospel, Jn 17:1-13

**PRAYER FOR PEACE 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 Contact Information:**

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**To schedule an event, send an email to: eventstjohn@outlook.com**



**MOTHER'S DAY** - Next Sunday is Mother's day and we invite all to join us at the social following Liturgy to honor our mothers.

**PARISH PICNIC** – Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is invited and welcome! There will be games for the children and even for the adults! The parish will supply burgers, hot dogs, buns and beverages.



We ask parishioners to bring the following: those with the last names beginning with **A – L**, please bring a dessert to share; and those with last names beginning with **M – Z** please bring a side dish to share.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We have a few copies of the book available for purchase, please contact the office.

Volunteers are needed to provide a light snack, please contact the office to let us know what date you will provide it.

**FOR THE MEN OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM** - in the Hall every Saturday morning beginning @ 7:45am for 60 minutes only!

Join us to build fraternity and grow! That Man is You! truly accompanies men and their families on the pathway to holiness. Please let the office know if you are attending.

Volunteers are needed to provide a light snack, please contact the office to let us know what date you will provide it.

**THE RIGHT TO LIFE**

*"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion because it is war against the child."*

*~St. Teresa of Calcutta*



**BOTTLES FOR LIFE – PDHC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Let's remember in our prayers all the women who are especially abortion-vulnerable today as they face unplanned pregnancies during these frightening and uncertain times. Next Sunday, we are launching a Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign to help those women and families who are in need! Let's help Pregnancy Decision Health Centers continue providing life-giving services. Now more than ever, moms in crisis need our prayers and support.

The city-wide average of a baby bottle filled with coins, cash or checks is \$25. Talk with your family about how much each would like to give, involve the kids!

This campaign will run from Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, through Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**GREATER COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE: SPIRITUAL ADOPTION**

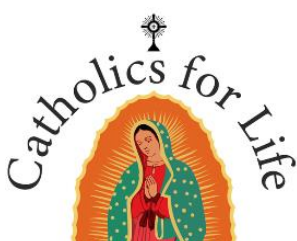
From now through Christmas, we are inviting our supporters to join us in a Spiritual Adoption program. The premise of the program is that each participant "spiritually adopts" an unborn child at risk of abortion and prays for that child over the next 9 months. We have a limited supply of prayer cards that are available on a first come, first served basis. *(on the table in the vestibule)* An image of the Holy Family is on one side and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's prayer for spiritual adoption is on the back with a space for you to write the name of your unborn spiritual child.




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*"Life is a Gift From God. The Church's teaching on the dignity of human life is clear. "Human life" states the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person— among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. ~Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013*

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Catholics for Life is a Columbus-based apostolate organizing pro-life and evangelization events to equip Catholics for life-saving missionary work.

We lead larger events every First Thursday and Third Saturday. Sign up for updates at [www.CatholicsForLife.us](http://www.CatholicsForLife.us)

Our main initiative is to make sure that Catholics are praying and offering help from

the sidewalk every hour the two abortion facilities in central Ohio are open. 10 babies are aborted every day in our city on average. When Christians are there 1 out of every 50 mothers cancel their appointment! We have seen 121 mothers leave and babies be rescued! More children depend on you!

Catholics for Life, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and other ministries can provide training, literature, signs, and shadowing opportunities. There are only 10 monthly and weekly shifts that are left uncovered at Planned Parenthood (3255 E. Main St.). Shifts are regularly updated at [www.CatholicsForLife.us](http://www.CatholicsForLife.us). Please contact Gabriel Vance with any questions at [gabriel@catholicsforlife.us](mailto:gabriel@catholicsforlife.us) or 740-972-2570. May God bless you! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

- Second Fridays from 11am-1pm
- 5th Tuesday or 5th Friday from 11am-1pm
- First and Third Tuesdays from 11am-1pm
- Mondays from 5-7pm
- Wednesdays from 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm, or 3-5pm
- Thursdays from 3-5pm

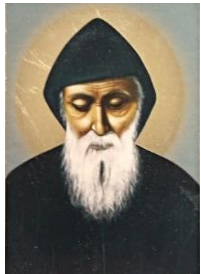
**Pregnancy Support Resources**



**Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411**  
**Birthright: 614-221-0844**  
**Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308**  
**Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357**  
**Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200**  
**Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400**  
**Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County: 740-417-9358**



**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:***

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

**FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA**

**THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA** is 6-9:30pm Saturday, May 25, 2024 at St. Joseph's Hall in Brecksville, OH. St. Joseph is located at 8111 Brecksville Rd. This is a small plate buffet; wine and beer included. Raffle Baskets and a silent auction. Charge is \$40 per person; \$220 for a table of six. Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, OH.

Call 216-272-6790 or order online at: [www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch](http://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch)

**PARMA – SAVE THE DATES!**

**FAMILY AND CANTOR CAMP 2024: LITURGY AND LIFE.** Join Byzantine Catholic families from across the Eparchy of Parma from **August 11th through August 16th** in Cedar Lakes, IN to have some faith-focused, family-friendly

fun! This year's camp will feature Fr. Andrew Summerson and special guests, who will lead a Cantor Camp for both children and adults. Cantor Camp will bring families together to build up our rich tradition of Byzantine Catholic worship and enrich the spiritual lives of our families through singing. Alongside Cantor Camp, there will be daily Liturgy and community prayer, as well as plenty of outdoor activities. This year's camp will be hosted at Cedar Lakes Ministries, which has an abundance of on-site facilities for families to have fun together outdoors, including a private beach, playground, campfire sites, and multiple fields and courts for sports. **Find out more and register at <https://parma.org/family-camp>.**

Are you ready to tee off for a great cause? Look no further than **THE 4TH ANNUAL OHIO BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC!**  
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 Location: Valleaire Golf Club in Hinckley, Ohio

Your participation directly impacts the four established eparchial funds for 1) development of parishes; 2) promotion of vocations and seminary education; 3) the eparchial pension fund for priests; and 4) works of the apostolate.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a novice with a passion for the greens, these events promise a day of camaraderie, fun swings, and a chance to make a difference. We hope to see you on the fairway! **Register or sponsor at [Parma.org](https://parma.org) TODAY!**

**THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION** "Evening of Hope" October 19, 2024 6:00 PM Holiday Inn Cleveland South 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131 Deadline for program acknowledgment: September 20, 2024.

### **FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS**

**MAKE AN IMPACT! OUR MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART AND HISTORY'S GALA** "A Night at the Statehouse" is May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus (parking available in the capitol's underground parking garage for approximately \$5). This magnificent evening features a presentation by the Most Reverend Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, a keynote address by retired U.S. Congressman and Catholic man Pat Tiberi, great food and beverages, fine music, and more. Tickets are \$100 for individuals, \$175 for couples. The Museum, which has been owned by Bishop of Columbus for many years now, holds the largest collection of Catholic art and history in the U.S. and shares this vital collection with people of all ages from all walks of life. Make an impact by joining us for this event

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL** - All are invited to join Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, the faithful from the Diocese of Columbus, and the pilgrims from The National Eucharistic Revival for a weeklong Eucharistic procession from June 24th to 30th through the Diocese of Columbus, while on pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. One of the stops along the way is at **St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville** on Saturday, June 29, 9:00am through 2:00pm.

**To register for these joyous events, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/revival>**

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival please visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/evangelization/national-eucharistic-revival>



*"In the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus shows us in particular the truth about the love which is the very essence of God. ... Precisely because Christ has become for us the food of truth, the Church turns to every man and woman, inviting them freely to accept God's gift"*

*(Benedict XVI, Sacramentum caritatis, n. 2).*

The slogan, "My body, my choice," is often used in the abortion debate to argue that a mother has a right to end the life of an unborn child. The slogan expresses an idea is also relevant to debates about gender identity and euthanasia: that a person's body is his/her own possession, and can be isolated, altered, or disposed of at will.

This upcoming conference seeks to present an alternative perspective that sees the body not as a matter of choice but as a gift. The Church has proclaimed this view for nearly two millennia through the celebration of the Eucharist. Christ instituted the Eucharist by saying, "This is my body, given for you" (Lk 22:19). In this way he established the logic of the gift as a paradigm for understanding the body. The Eucharistic body is a "body given for you," and a person's human body is a "body given for you" as well.

The conference intends to explore this logic from three perspectives:

- the "body given" in response to a vocation,
- the "body given" as it transforms our moral life, and
- the "body given" as a social body, embedded in the Church and in society, and thus in history and tradition.

Please go to [franciscan.edu/truth-of-love-2024](https://franciscan.edu/truth-of-love-2024) for more information and to register.