



**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**  
 5858 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43231  
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 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 JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

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

**Sunday July 7**

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

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

**Wednesday July 10**

**9:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: +Olga & +Michael Stinich by  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Oshinski*

**Friday July 12**

**6:00p** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday July 13**

**6:00p** Vespers

**Sunday July 14**

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10a** Divine Liturgy; Intro. of Knights of Columbus

*Intention: for the Faithful*

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

**Parish activities this week**

**Sun. July 7**

**11:15a** SJC Social

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

**Wed. July 10**

**10:00a** Breakfast with the Pastor

**Sat. July 13**

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

**5:00p** SJC choir practice

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

**7:00p** Fireside Fellowship

**Sun. July 14**

**11:15a** SJC Parish Social

**2:00p** Ge'ez Parish Social

**Readings for the Week of July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. July 7**

Epistle, Rom 15:1-7

Gospel, Mt 9:27-35

**Tues. July 9**

Epistle, 1 Cor 10:5-12

Gospel, Mat 16:6-12

**Thu. July 11**

Epistle, 1 Cor 10:28-11:7

Gospel, Mt 16:24-28

**Sat. July 13**

Epistle, Rom 13:1-10

Gospel, MT 12:30-37

**Mon. July 8**

Epistle, 1 Cor 9:13-18

Gospel, Mt 16:1-6

**Wed. July 10**

Epistle, Gal 5:22-6:2

Gospel, Lk 6:17-23

**Fri. July 12**

Epistle, 1 Cor 11:8-22

Gospel, Mt 17:10-18

**Sun. July 14**

Epistle, 1 Cor 1:10-18 & Heb 13:7-16

Gospel, Mt 14:14-22 & Jn 17:1-13

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**THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>**, Breakfast with the Pastor will follow the 9:00am Divine Liturgy. Theme: We ask for volunteers to bring in the breakfast.

### **FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP**

Reflecting on the ideas shared by parishioners during Bishop Robert's visit, I invite you to FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP - an informal evening for adults at a bonfire. It is an informal fellowship on sharing experiences, themes you would like to talk about and foremost to get to know each other better. Bring your chair!

**07/13** Vespers at 6pm followed by Fireside fellowship

**08/10** Vespers at 6pm followed by Fireside fellowship

Excited to meet you there! Fr. Robert

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Assumption Council of Knights of Columbus joins St. John Chrysostom Parish.** The Knights have decided to become part of our parish and we will celebrate this great occasion on July 14 at the 10am Divine Liturgy!

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882. There are over 15,000 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the world. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men aged 18 or older. We promote the core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism through our local council.

## **GET INVOLVED AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

### **SATURDAY ACTIVITIES**

The following are the Saturday activities our Parish offers, especially for those who are busy during the week or families with children.

- **MEN'S CLUB 7:45am** coffee followed by prayer, sharing blessings & challenges of the week; theme of the week
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY the first and third Saturdays at 10 am**, coffee followed by study of the Gospel of John
- **CHOIR PRACTICE 5pm** refer to Erin Wells using [stjohnbyz@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnbyz@hotmail.com)
- **VESPERS 6pm** prayerful meditation on the suffering and resurrection of our Lord
- **FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP** once a month after the Vespers. Informal encounter of parishioners, fun & open discussion. **07/13 & 08/10**

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER**

There are many opportunities to use your gifts and time to support our parish. We all enjoy being together, good food, open discussion, study etc. However, there are people behind each activity, offering their time and energy to provide. Moreover, let us know your skills and expertise so you would be a precious resource helping and advising. Become part of the crew for *there is greater joy and blessing in giving than receiving* (Acts 20:35). Let the Office know which works best for you by contacting us at [stjohnbyz@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnbyz@hotmail.com).

**Sunday Socials:** Sign up to provide snack/sides for the Sunday social on a regular basis or join to clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall. Ask Paula Martin, Kathy Krofcheck, Irena Wallace or Pat Papai.

**Greeters:** Please consider volunteering as a greeter, joining the crew. It is simple - welcome the visitors, newcomers, help them find a place, hand out booklet, bulletin, invite for the social and let them know that Father would like to meet them in person.

**Mowing:** Join the crew for mowing. Training offered. We save around \$10,000/year by mowing the property ourselves! Send an email to [stjohnbyz@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnbyz@hotmail.com)

**Cleaning Crew:** Church and hall cleaning. We are setting up groups of 4 (or more) people to facilitate the cleaning. All supplies and instruction provided.

**Beautification:** We have upgraded the flower beds on our property to make the 'maintenance' easy. It is mostly weeding. Let us know your availability or refer to Kathy Krofcheck. Part of this is decoration of the church with flowers.

**Sacristan:** join the volunteers, learn more about our church, liturgy and the 'secrets of the backstage'. Training provided.

**Altar Servers:** young or adult are welcome to serve at the altar. Go deeper in your knowledge and spiritual life by serving at the altar. Training provided.

**Again, please contact the office by phone or via email if you are interested in participating in any of these volunteer activities.**



## **EPARCHY OF PARMA**

**JULY 25, 2024 - JULY 28, 2024 - CAN YOU WALK THE TALK**

### **4TH ANNUAL BYZANTINE YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

For the fourth year in a row, the Byzantine Young Adults of the Eparchy of Parma will be hosting our weekend retreat for Young Adults from Thursday, July 25th to Sunday, July 28th. Located at St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Parish in Marblehead, Ohio right on the banks of Lake Erie, this retreat doubles as both a perfect summer getaway and a time for spiritual growth and renewal! The retreat will consist of four days- the first three being based on our group's foundational "3 S's"-service, spirituality, and socializing. The fourth will cap off our retreat with Divine Liturgy and brunch. We will learn from Father Tom Loya and from our peers how exactly we can "walk the walk" in our faith lives and not merely profess Christ with empty words. Join us in exploring the various roles that young adults can play in everyday life while being followers of Christ. We look forward to seeing you there! **Register at [parma.org/events](http://parma.org/events)**

### **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 07/17-21**

On July 17, the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will begin as the four branches of the pilgrimage converge in Indianapolis, Indiana in a powerful symbol of unity. The event will run until July 21. Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Attendees will select their preferred series of impact sessions for the morning and breakout sessions for the afternoon. Then, gathered together as one, the whole assembly will experience the powerful revival sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening.

Pope Francis has appointed Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, as his special envoy. Cardinal Tagle will celebrate the closing Mass on July 21.

**Members of our Eparchy** may be particularly interested in the Hierarchical Vigil Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius on Friday, Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Eucharistic Liturgy) on Saturday at 8:30AM and the Closing Mass on Sunday at 10AM. Our very own Bishop Robert will be participating in all three liturgical services. Please note, pre-registration is required for any liturgical participation. There is a small pool of funds to assist parishioners interested in

participating in this event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Judy Matsko at [jmatsko@parma.org](mailto:jmatsko@parma.org) or 216-741-8773 ext.1225. Funds will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

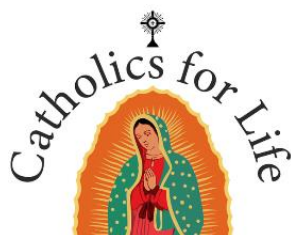
**FAMILY AND CANTOR CAMP 2024: LITURGY AND LIFE.** Join Byzantine Catholic families from across the Eparchy of Parma from August 11th through August 16th in Cedar Lakes, IN to have some faith-focused, family-friendly fun! This year's camp will feature Fr. Andrew Summerson and special guests, who will 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>.**

### **STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER!**

Did you know that our eparchy offers a weekly e-blast—a convenient way to stay informed about upcoming events, spiritual reflections, and community news? Whether you're a long-time member or new to our parish, we encourage you to sign up by visiting our homepage at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) and scrolling down to "Stay Informed With Our Newsletter & Magazine!".

### **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.*



**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

*"Human life 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."*

## Pregnancy Support Resources

**Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411**

**Birthright: 614-221-0844**

**Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308**

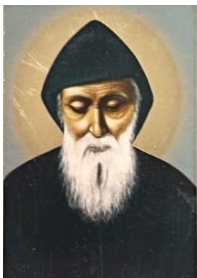
**Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357**

**Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200**

**Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400**

**Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County: 740-417-9358**

Matthew 9:27-35



### **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  
Hussein Abdi  
William Brake  
Charles Branham  
Carol  
Mary Carroll  
Charyton Intentions  
Cindy Cox  
Will Culver  
Maria Czynnik  
DeClue Intentions  
Ron Doctor  
Jack Figel  
Charles Roddy  
Christopher Gehman  
Deborah Gordon  
Charlene Grabner  
Nataly Grace

John Griffen  
Hagos  
Evelyn Hoechstetter  
Esther Imhoff  
Dora Johnson  
Jackson Family  
Gordon Kaercher  
Susan Kaiser  
Kathy  
James Kester  
Kathy Krofcheck  
Regina Lee  
Christine Leon  
Christine Long  
David Lonzrick  
Jessie Madzia  
Ilya Mandebur  
Mara

Bill Martin  
Joe Martin  
Mech Intention  
Melissa  
Joy Mersch  
Angela Merva  
Katie Nann  
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Anne O'Halloran  
Mic O'Halloran  
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Nadia Ritchey  
Trey Shearon  
John Sikora  
Helen Stephens  
Dennis Stinich  
Josh Taylor  
L.T. Tekle  
Ruth Turanchik  
Owen Ward  
Steve  
Nicholas Zvansky  
Sandra Zvansky  
Special Intentions  
Akela Danovich

## Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage – Shrine of Mariapoch 2024

*"Theotokos: Living Tabernacle of Holy Eucharist"*

### Saturday, August 17, 2024

- 3:00 PM – Water blessing/ Moleben to Theotokos
- 4:00 PM – Akathist to the Mother of God
- 5:00 PM – Café opens for dinner
- 7:00 PM – Paraklesis - Office of Consolation to the Mother of God
- 8:30 PM – Campfire and fireside chat
- 10:00 PM – Compline / Start of all-night vigil

### Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 AM – Matins
- 11:00 AM – Teen activity (Eucharistic Renewal)
- 12 Noon – Sixth Hour / Café opens for Lunch
- 1:30 PM – Children's Activity (Eucharist Renewal)
- 1:30 PM – Bishop Robert talk on Eucharistic Renewal with Proskomedia demonstration by Fr. Lukas Mitro
- 3:00 PM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Robert Pipta, Main Celebrant and Homilist. Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)
- 5:00 PM – Café opens for dinner

The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.

Camping IS permitted and encouraged. Food will be available for purchase at the above times only. Bring your own chair.

Visit out Eastern Treasures Gift Shop!



Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya, [gregloya@yahoo.com](mailto:gregloya@yahoo.com), or 216-272-6790

Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

# Introductory Note



*Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.*

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

*Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).*

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.<sup>1</sup> The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

*Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).*

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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<sup>1</sup> *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.