



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 OCTOBER 6, 2024

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday October 6

11:30a Akathistos to the Theotokos

12:00p Divine Liturgy w/Bishop Fernandes

Intention: for the Faithful

Monday October 7

Day of Fasting & Prayer for Peace

8:30a Akathist to the Theotokos

6:00p Divine Liturgy for Peace

Wednesday October 9

8:45a Akathistos to the Theotokos

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thursday October 10

5:45p Akathistos to the Theotokos

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Friday October 11

NO LITURGY

Saturday October 12

5:45p Akathistos to the Theotokos

6:00p Vespers w/ Fr. Dcn. Jeff

Sunday October 13

9:30a Rosary led by K of C

10:00a Divine Liturgy w/Fr. Stephen Hayes

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish activities this week

Sun. October 6

1:30p Luncheon following Divine Liturgy w/Bishop Fernandes (NO ECF)

Weds. October 9

10:00a Breakfast with the Pastor

Sat. October 12

7:45a Men's Bible study

9:00a Roll baking

12:00p K of C Rosary along Cleveland Ave.

5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

Sun. October 13

10:45a SJC Social; ECF classes

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Readings for the Week of October 6th

Sun. Oct. 6

Epistle, Gal 1:11-19

Gospel, Lk 7:11-16

Tues. Oct. 8

Epistle, Col 1:1-2 & 7-11

Gospel, Lk 8:1-3

Thu. Oct. 10

Epistle, Col 1:24-29

Gospel, Lk 9:7-11

Sat. Oct. 12

Epistle, 2 Cor 3:12-18

Gospel, Lk 6:1-10

Mon. Oct 7

Epistle, Phil 4:10-23

Gospel, Lk 7:36-50

Wed. Oct. 9

Epistle, 1 Cor 4:9-16

Gospel, Lk 10:16-21

Fri. Oct. 11

Epistle, Col 2:1-7

Gospel, Lk 9:12-18

Sun. Oct. 13

Epistle, Gal 2:16-20

Gospel, Lk 8:5-15

St. John Chrysostom Contact Information:

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

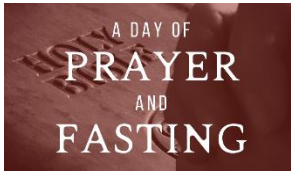
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TODAY WE WELCOME BISHOP EARL FERNANDES of the Diocese of Columbus as he celebrates Divine Liturgy with us for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

There will be a Luncheon in the hall, following liturgy. All are invited to join with us.



DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

Monday, October 7

"Let us walk together! Let us listen to the Lord. And let us be led by the breeze of the Spirit!" - urged Pope Francis to Catholics at the end of the Eucharistic celebration at St. Peter Square on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for on October 7th, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. "In this dramatic hour of our history," the Pope said, "**while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, the Christian community is reminded of its call to put itself at the service of humanity.**" The Pope was speaking after Mass in St Peter's Square for the opening of the second session of the General Assembly of the Synod.

Days of fasting and prayer for warzones have been a constant throughout the pontificate of Pope Francis. Not six months after his election, on September 7, 2013, the Pope gathered thousands of people in St. Peter's Square to pray for peace in Syria. In 2017, he called for prayer and fasting in DRC and South Sudan. In 2020, in the wake of the Beirut Port blast, he urged the same for Lebanon. In 2021, he called for prayer and fasting in Afghanistan, and the next year, in a moving ceremony in St Peter's, he consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Monday, October 7th, at St. John Chrysostom, we will offer the Akathistos at 8.30am and the Divine liturgy for Peace at 6:00pm. Please, keep the fast on this day as much as you can, offering during the day acts of charity and mercy for this intention.

BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR will follow the 9am Divine Liturgy on Wednesday October 9th. We ask for volunteers to bring in the breakfast.

There is NO divine Liturgy on Friday, October 11th as Fr. Robert will be in Washington D.C. for Anniversary celebrations.

Next Sunday, October 13TH, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Stephen Hayes. The Akathistos will be at 9:30am with Divine Liturgy following at 10:00am

Liturgy, Pro-life and Womanhood

Whenever we attend any liturgical service of the Church we are not just 'attending' church, or just 'satisfying an obligation.' From the art and architecture, itself, to the liturgical texts, chants, gestures and movements, liturgy is an encounter with God's blueprint for His entire created order, for the very meaning of life itself. It is liturgy, therefore, that provides the context, the model for a true understanding of pro-life issues. Liturgy teaches us to see things "Sacramentally" or "Mystically", in other words, to see the ultimate "why" and value behind everything in creation.



In one way or the other, pro-life issues have a common beginning and foundation in what does or does not go on in the womb of womanhood. It is therefore the womb of womanhood that must be seen in its liturgical, mystical context.

Historically, classic church design, in both the Western and Eastern Churches, had a separation of the sanctuary from the nave. This is preserved in Byzantine Churches with the use of the icon screen. Like the Old Testament

temple symbolism, the Christian sanctuary became the mystical nuptial chamber in which a mystical marriage between Christ the Bridegroom and his Bride the Church, would be consummated upon the nuptial bed of the Altar in the Eucharist. In Byzantine Church design the tabernacle is always on the Altar and in it is the presence of Christ in the form of consecrated bread. On the back wall of the sanctuary in Byzantine churches hovering above the tabernacle is to be painted the icon of the Theotokos. This icon is called the "Platytera" which means "more spacious than the Heavens." The Blessed Mother presents Christ to us as though we were looking into her very womb. She therefore becomes the "Mystical Tabernacle." The Byzantine liturgy has many beautiful references to the womb of the Virgin Mary including, "Mystical Paradise."

The priest is, so to speak, the 'steward' of the tabernacle, the protector of it. Like the Old Testament High priest, the Byzantine priest (or bishop) is the only one authorized to approach the tabernacle but only for the loftiest of reasons.

Women are configured to the Theotokos. Therefore, by extension all women have a sacred space in their body as well, a one authorized to approach the tabernacle but only for the loftiest of reasons.

Every woman is configured to the Blessed Virgin Mary which means by extension every woman has a 'sacred space' within her own body, a 'tabernacle' of sorts where Heaven and earth meet in the miracle of a new life. If the sanctity of the tabernacle on the altar were to be corrupted by something foreign to its character and purpose, the whole Church would become corrupted. So, too if the womb of womanhood is corrupted, seen and approached for other than what it is, the whole moral order of humanity, especially of human sexuality, would become disordered and corrupted.

The marital bedroom is the sanctuary of the human race and woman's womb is its 'tabernacle.' Like the priest to the tabernacle, it is the role of manhood to protect the intrinsic holiness of the body and womb of womanhood. What goes on in the "bedroom" does not "stay there." Rather, it determines the rise and fall of civilization. All of the sexual disorders and offenses against the sanctity of life in our times ultimately have their origin in the non-sacramental, non-liturgical view of the womb of womanhood. The restoration of the sanctity of human life in all of its forms will not fully happen without a restoration of a liturgical worldview of the human person which begins with the liturgical view of the womb. From art, to architecture to liturgical text and gesture that restorative view is found and experienced in the liturgical life of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

Office of Marriage, Family, and Pro-Life Ministry
—Eparchy of Parma

EPARCHY OF PARMA

• **Pre-Cana Weekend (Fall).** Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite. **Sat & Sun, Nov. 2 & 3, 2024** at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church; 14610 S. Will Cook Rd.; Homer Glen, IL 60491 **Ways to register:** on-line at taborlife.org; Call Catherine at 708-653-8344; email taborlife@earthlink.net. There are registration forms available from the church office, just contact the office during posted hours. **Registration fee:** \$200/couple.



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ST. AGATHA, PATRON OF BREAST CANCER - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and St. Agatha Parish is having a special Mass to honor those who have been affected in any way by breast cancer at **6:00pm next Sunday, October 13, 2024**. This Mass will be a special Mass – will not "count" for the Sunday obligation. St. Agatha is located at 1860 Northam Rd., Columbus, OH 43221.

ARCHEPARCHY OF PITTSBURGH

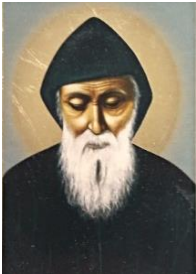
On October 12-13, 2024, there will be a 100th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, DC-Annandale, VA, celebrating the Centennial of the Establishment of Byzantine Ruthenian Church Exarchate in the United States (est.1924) and the Golden Anniversary of the Dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel, Washington, DC & the Dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church in the United States to the Protection of the Mother of God (est.1974).

Here is the link to more information on this celebratory weekend: parma.org/events/100th-anniversary-celebration & Here is the link to register: **Centenary of the Byzantine Catholic Church (byzantine100.com)**



Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; Washington, DC

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.

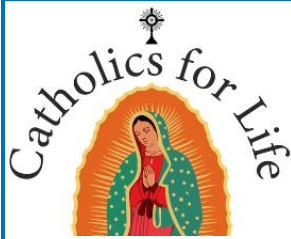
For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

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
Marcy Mnich
Katie Nann
Ed Nyahay
Anne O'Halloran
Mic O'Halloran
John Oshinski
Paula Oshinski
Beauetta Parks
Susan Penn
Cathy Pitt
Maksym Popadyn
Maria Rakowsky

Terry Rasor
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
Claudette Weber
Curtis Weber
Lippert Family



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

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. Please contact Gabriel Vance with any questions at 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

Pregnancy Support Resources

Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411

Birthright: 614-221-0844

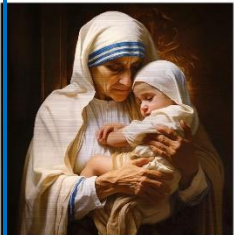
Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308

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



"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

