



# 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.*

## BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2024

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### Liturgy Schedule for the Week

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

#### Sunday November 3

**9:30a** Akathistos to the Theotokos

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: for the Faithful*

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

#### Wednesday November 6

**8:45a** Akathistos

**9:00a** Divine Liturgy

#### Thursday November 7

**6:00p** Divine Liturgy

#### Friday November 8 Archangel Michael

**6:00p** Divine Liturgy

#### Saturday November 9 Parish Retreat

**6:00p** Vespers; Parish Retreat 1<sup>st</sup> Catechesis;  
Questions & Answers

#### Sunday November 10 Parish Retreat

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Retreat Catechesis

*Intention: for the Faithful*

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

#### Parish activities this week

#### Sun. November 3

**11:15a** SJC social; Trunk or Treat

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

#### Sat. November 9

**9:00a** Roll baking

**5:00p** Hall in use

#### Sun. November 10

**11:15a** SJC Potluck Social; ECF Classes

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

#### Readings for the Week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Sun. Nov. 3

Epistle, Eph 2:14-22

Gospel, Lk 8:41-56

#### Tues. Nov. 5

Epistle, 2 Thess 1:10-2:2

Gospel, Lk 12:42-48

#### Thu. Nov. 7

Epistle, 2 Thess 2:13-3:5

Gospel, Lk 13:1-9

#### Sat. Nov. 9

Epistle, Gal 1:3-10

Gospel, Lk 9:37-43

#### Mon. Nov. 4

Epistle, 2 Thess 1:1-10

Gospel, Lk 12:13-15 & 22-31

#### Wed. Nov. 6

Epistle, 2 Thess 2:1-12

Gospel, Lk 12:48-59

#### Fri. Nov 8

Epistle, Heb 2:2-10

Gospel, Lk 10:16-21

#### Sun. Nov. 10

Epistle, Eph 4:1-6

Gospel, Lk 10:25-37

#### **St. John Chrysostom Contact Information:**

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**TRUNK OR TREAT - CELEBRATION OF SAINTS EVENT IS TODAY!** If you are decorating your trunk or just participating in handing out candy - please park in front of the Parish Hall and rectory. Children will "Trunk or Treat" from car to car with their parents. We encourage adults and children to guess who is which saint. Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus for donating candy for this event.

Please see the insert for information on the Cookie Sale and how you can help.

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

### **PARISH RETREAT November 9-10, 2024**

Fr. Mykhaylo Solianyky, parish priest of St. Nicholas in Detroit, will lead our Parish Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the retreat is '**St. John Chrysostom, His Relevance for Today**'.

Saturday 11-09 5:00p Confession; 6:00p Vespers; 1<sup>st</sup> Catechesis - "*John Chrysostom and the Bible as the source of true knowledge*"; questions and answers following

Sunday 11-10 9:30a Third Hour; 10a Divine Liturgy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Catechesis - "*From Knowledge to Practice*".

Parish potluck social to follow in hall following Liturgy. We ask that parishioners bring salads and sides, the parish will supply the main course and beverages.

### **CLASSROOM PROJECT November 16, 2024**

On Saturday, 11/16, we plan to finish up the last classroom in the basement – putting up drywalls on the ceiling. Start at 9:30am, lunch around 12:30pm (provided by the Parish). Please let the Office know your participation. The more hands we get the sooner we accomplish our goal. Thanks for considering!

### **FAMINE – HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL November 16, 2024**

In 1932–1933, the Soviet Union authorities, intending to destroy a part of Ukrainian national group, officially denied the mass deaths from famine in Ukraine and refused to receive foreign aid, which was offered, often with the assistance of Ukrainian immigrants. For decades, in the USSR, the memory about the victims of the Holodomor was prohibited — no public awareness about this, no commemorating innocent victims.

There will be a Panachyda (Memorial Service) on 11/16 at 5:30pm in Franklin Park (Botanical Gardens Conservatory – Arboretum) at the Ukrainian Memorial Tree in the Nationalities Arbor.

### **FAMILY GATHERING SATURDAY, November 23, 2024**

As Pastor I would like to invite the families with children to spend an afternoon together on Saturday, 11/23.

Why? – to get to know each other!

Where? – Parish Hall!

When? – 4pm!

For how long? – until we feel bored 😊

What about the kids? – volunteers will engage them with games/activities!

What should I bring? – salads and sides; Parish provides hotdogs.

Let the Office know your intention to participate so we can provide enough hotdogs!

### **PRE CHRISTMAS (ADVENT) FAST REFLECTION November 24 2024**

On Sunday, 11/24, Fr. Jonathan Wilson, Pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in Westerville, will offer a reflection for the season of preparation for the Nativity of the Lord. On the same day we will bless all the children of our parish, since it is the Sunday after the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple.

**Join Greater Columbus Right to Life and the Respect Life Committee** on Sunday, November 10, 2:30pm, at St. Cecilia, 434 Norton Road Columbus, OH 43228, for a discussion that will help you to understand the foundations of making decisions at end of life that conform with our Catholic Faith. The presentation will also include information about the FATEL pro-life health care power of attorney and advanced medical directive form, which is a helpful resource for those wishing to adopt a pro-life HCPOA form. Note that this program is educational only.

Information provided will be of an educational nature only and does not constitute legal advice.

There is no cost to attend the program, which will last about an hour and ten minutes with additional time to ask questions.

This program is geared toward all adults, regardless of age, marital, or health status. Every adult over the age of 18 should have a Health Care Power of Attorney and understand how it is used.

Please note that this program will cover the Catholic edition of the program. A general version of the program is available that conforms with consensus positions from the prolife Christian community, and the HCPOA-only forms would be appropriate for any person living in Ohio.

We strongly encourage you to RSVP with the total number of members in your party, so that we can be sure to have a copy of program materials available for you. We will bring a small number of additional books, but cannot guarantee them for those who are not registered (but don't worry; you can download a copy from our website). Registration will also help us to ensure that we do not exceed room capacity.

RSVP at <https://www.gcrtl.org/fatel-stcecilia.html>

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## CHURCH – THE BODY OF CHRIST

### Pope Francis, Catechesis on the Church, 06/19/2013

Today I am pausing to reflect on another expression by which the Second Vatican Council indicates the nature of the Church: body; the Council says that the Church is the Body of Christ (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, n. 7).

I would like to start with a text from the Acts of the Apostles that we know well: the conversion of Saul, later called Paul, one of the greatest evangelizers (cf. Acts 9:4-5). Saul is a persecutor of Christians, but while he is travelling on the road to the city of Damascus, a light suddenly envelops him, he falls to the ground and hears a voice saying to him: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?". He asks: "Who are you, Lord?", and the voice responds: "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (v. 3-5). St Paul's experience speaks to us of how profound the union between us Christians and Christ really is. When Jesus ascended into heaven he did not leave us orphans, but through the gift of the Holy Spirit our union with him became even more intense. The Second Vatican Council says that "by communicating his Spirit, Christ mystically constitutes as his body those brothers of his who are called together from every nation" (*Lumen Gentium*, n. 7)

The image of the body helps us to understand this profound bond Church-Christ, which St Paul developed in a particular way in his First Letter to the Corinthians (cf. Chapter 12). First of all, the body reminds us of a living reality. The Church is not a welfare, cultural or political association but a living body that walks and acts in history. And this body has a head, Jesus, who guides, feeds and supports it. This is a point that I would like to emphasize: if one separates the head from the rest of the body, the whole person cannot survive. It is like this in the Church: we must stay ever more deeply connected with Jesus. But not only that: just as it is important that life blood flow through the body in order to live, so must we allow Jesus to work in us, let his Word guide us, his presence in the Eucharist feed us, give us life, his love strengthen our love for our neighbour. And this forever! Forever and ever! Dear brothers and sisters, let us stay united to Jesus, let us trust in him, let us orient our life according to his Gospel, let us be nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God, by sharing in the Sacraments.

And here I come to a second aspect of the Church as the Body of Christ. St Paul says that just as the limbs of the human body, although diverse and many, form one body, so have we been baptized by one Spirit into one body (cf. 1 Cor 12:12-13). Consequently, in the Church there is variety and a diversity of roles and functions; there is no flat uniformity, but a wealth of gifts that the Holy Spirit distributes. Yet, there is communion and unity: each one relates to the other and comes together to form a single living body, deeply tied to Christ. Let us remember this well: being part of the Church means being united to Christ and receiving from him the divine life that makes us live as Christians; it means staying united to the Pope and to the Bishops who are instruments of unity and communion; and it also means learning

to overcome subjectivism and division, to understand each other better, to harmonize the variety and the richness of each person; in a word to love God and the people beside us more, in the family, in the parish, in associations. Body and limb, in order to live, must be united! Unity is superior to conflict, always! Conflicts, if not properly resolved, divide us from each other, separate us from God. Conflict can help us to grow, but it can also divide us.

Let us not go down the path of division, of fighting among ourselves! All united, all united in our differences, but united, always: this is the way of Jesus. Unity is superior to conflict. Unity is a grace for which we must ask the Lord that he may liberate us from the temptation of division, of conflict between us, of selfishness, of gossip. How much evil gossip does, how much evil! Never gossip about others, never! So much damage to the Church comes from division among Christians, from biases, from narrow interests. Division among us, but also division among communities: Evangelical Christians, Orthodox Christians, Catholic Christians, why are we divided? We must try to bring about unity. I will tell you something: today, before leaving home, I spent 40 minutes, more or less, half an hour, with an evangelical pastor and we prayed together and sought unity. Because we have to pray together as Catholics and also with other Christians, pray that the Lord give us the gift of unity, unity among us. But how will we have unity among Christians if we are not capable of it among ourselves, as Catholics? Or in our families? So many families fight and are divided! Seek unity, the unity that builds the Church. Unity comes from Jesus Christ. He sends us the Holy Spirit to create unity.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask God: help us to be members of the Body of the Church, ever more deeply united to Christ; help us not to cause the Body of the Church to suffer through our conflicts, our divisions, our selfishness. Help us to be living limbs bound one to the other by that unique force, love, which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts (cf. Rom 5:5).



## 42 Days to Cookie Sale!

### December 14, 2023 is our 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cookie Sale

**This is our big fundraiser and EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED AND REQUESTED.** The proceeds of this sale will help us pay for the replacement of the hall roof and other improvements.

**WE NEED BAKERS** of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale. **Please contact Lisa Sulich**, via phone call, text or email to volunteer. You may also email or call the church office and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

#### USING THE HALL KITCHEN TO BAKE FOR COOKIE SALE

We offer the use of the parish hall kitchen to those who may need to use the bigger space to bake for this year's Cookie Sale. Please use the following reservation procedure: send an email to **eventstjohn@outlook.com** to schedule the date(s) and times that you need. Allow 24-48 hours for a response. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RESERVE TIME IN THE HALL.**

#### ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE

To place an order for trays, rolls, pirohi or baklava go to the Cookie Sale page on our website, **www.byzantinecolumbus.com**. You are able to prepay through that page or you can pay at the time you pick up your order. If you are picking up orders for multiple people, please order ALL through your name as one order. Flyers and paper order forms (*for your use only*) are available in the back of the church for you. Any questions, contact Teresa in the office.



### 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:***

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



#### **Join us to pray at central Ohio's two abortion facilities!**

Planned Parenthood (PP) at 3255 E. Main St. | Your Choice Healthcare (YCH) at 6721 Karl Rd.

***View updated times at: [www.CatholicsForLife.us/FacilityMinistry](http://www.CatholicsForLife.us/FacilityMinistry)***

#### **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**