



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 10, 2024

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday November 10

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy; Retreat 2nd Catechesis

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wed November 13 **St. John Chrysostom**

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thurs November 14 **St. Philip, Apostle**

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Friday November 15 **Philip's Fast begins**

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Saturday November 16

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

Sunday November 17

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

2:30p Ukrainian Liturgy; Social

Parish activities this week

Sun. November 10

11:15a SJC Social; ECF Classes; Retreat

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Wed. November 13

9:30a Pirohi making

10:00a Breakfast with the Pastor

Thurs. November 14

9:00a Parishioner baking in hall

Fri November 15

9:30a Pirohi making

Sat. November 16

9:00a Roll baking

9:30a Classroom Project

5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

5:30p Fr. Robert -Panachida for Holodomor @ Franklin Park Conservatory

Sun. November 17

11:15a SJC Social; ECF Classes

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Readings for the Week of November 10th

Sun. Nov. 10

Epistle, Eph 4:1-6

Gospel, Lk 10:25-37

Tues. Nov. 12

Epistle, Heb 4:14-5:6

Gospel, Jn 10:9-16

Thu. Nov. 14

Epistle, 1 Cor 4:9-16

Gospel, Jn 1:43-51

Sat. Nov. 16

Epistle, 1 Cor 4:9-16

Gospel, Mt 9:9-13

Mon. Nov. 11

Epistle, 1 Tim 1:1-7

Gospel, Lk 14:1 & 12-15

Wed. Nov. 13

Epistle, Heb 7:26-8:2

Gospel, Jn 10:9-16

Fri. Nov 15

Epistle, 1 Tim 4:4-8 & 16

Gospel, Lk 16:15-18 & 17:1-4

Sun. Nov. 17

Epistle, Eph 5:9-19

Gospel, Lk 12:16-21

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Nativity Fast, also known as Philip's Fast, is a 40-day period before Christmas dedicated to preparing for the arrival of the Messiah. It starts on November 15th, following St. Philip's feast, and lasts until December 24th. This period involves fasting, prayer, reading Scripture, increased attendance at church liturgical services, and participating in the holy mystery of penance (confession) in order to help us fully comprehend the significance of Christ's coming.

The Church has traditionally emphasized four ways to practice self-denial as Christians, regardless of our life circumstances. These include prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and love. By actively incorporating these disciplines during the fast, we align ourselves more closely with Christ as we celebrate the joy of His Nativity. Here are some suggestions for applying these four forms of self-denial during the Nativity fast.

1. **Prayer:** Allocate 15 minutes in the morning and evening daily for prayer. Use the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Place a Nativity icon in your designated prayer area and spend 10 minutes each day reflecting on the redemptive aspects of Christ's Birth. Seek the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) at least once during the fast.
2. **Fasting:** Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays at the least. Fast from certain foods, such as soda, alcoholic beverages or candy. With each meal, eat only an amount that is sufficient for nutritional needs, without feeling full. Fast from select forms of entertainment (television, movies, radio, internet, novels, etc.). See below for customary fasting options.*
3. **Almsgiving:** Contribute to a parish outreach or charity by giving your time, talent, or treasure. Increase your stewardship to the church during this season. Declutter your home and donate excess items to those in need. Buy gifts for homeless or underprivileged children and families.
4. **Love:** Reflect on the Ten Commandments or Beatitudes and practice one or two each week. Evaluate your actions each night, seeking forgiveness from God and others. Share your faith with others. Commit to a modest fast, abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, engaging in devotions, and reading Scripture to prepare for the Nativity of Christ.

*During this fast, it was customary to abstain strictly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and to have a lesser abstinence on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia considers this period a penitential season, which can be observed voluntarily, partially, or completely.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

PARISH RETREAT November 9-10, 2024

We thank Fr. Mykhaylo Solianyky for leading our Parish Retreat yesterday and today. The theme of the retreat has been '**St. John Chrysostom, His Relevance for Today**'.

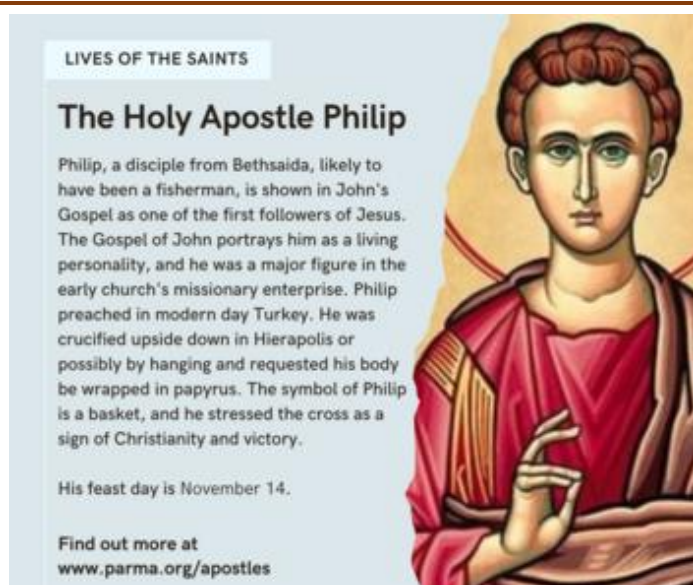
A parish potluck social is to follow in the hall following Liturgy. All are invited.

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~~ DATE CHANGE DEC. 7, 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.



Church as Temple

Pope Francis, 26 June 2013

Today I would like to mention briefly another image that helps us describe the mystery of the Church: the temple (cf. Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, n. 6).

What does the word “temple” make us think of? It makes us think of a building, of a construction. More especially the minds of many turn to the history of the People of Israel recounted in the Old Testament. Solomon’s great Temple in Jerusalem was the place for the encounter with God in prayer. Inside the Temple was the Ark of the Covenant, a sign of God’s presence among the people; and the Ark contained the Tables of the Law, the manna and Aaron’s rod. This was a reminder that God had always been in the history of his People, that he had accompanied it on its journey and had guided its steps. The Temple is a memorial of this history. When we go to the Temple we too must remember this history, each one of us our own history, how Jesus met me, how Jesus walked beside me, how Jesus loves and blesses me.

It is this that was prefigured in the ancient Temple and brought about in the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit: the Church is “God’s house”, the place of his presence, where we can find and encounter the Lord; the Church is the Temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells. It is he who gives life to her, who guides and sustains her. Let us ask ourselves: where can we meet God? Where can we enter into communion with him through Christ? Where can we find the light of the Holy Spirit to light up our life? The answer is: in the People of God, among us who are the Church. It is here that we shall encounter Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father.

The ancient Temple was built by human hands. There was a wish “to give God a house”, to have a visible sign of his presence among the people. With the Incarnation of the Son of God, Nathan’s prophecy to King David was fulfilled (cf. 2 Sam 7:1-29): it is not the king, it is not we who “give God a house”; rather it is God himself who “builds his house” in order to come and dwell among us, as St John wrote in his Gospel (cf. 1:14). Christ is the living Temple of the Father, and Christ himself builds his “spiritual house”: the Church, not made of material stones but rather of “living stones”, which we are. The Apostle Paul said to the Christians of Ephesus: you are “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built... for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit” (Eph 2:20-22). This is a beautiful thing! We are the living stones of God’s building, profoundly united to Christ who is the keystone and also the one that sustains us. What does this mean? It means that we are the temple, we are the living Church, the living temple, and with us when we are together is also the Holy Spirit, who helps us to grow as Church. We are not alone, for we are the People of God: this is the Church!

And it is the Holy Spirit with his gifts who designs the variety. This is important: what does the Holy Spirit do among us? He designs the variety which is a wealth in the Church and unites us, each and every one, to constitute a spiritual temple in which we do not offer material sacrifices but ourselves, our life (cf. 1 Pt 2:4-5). The Church is not a fabric woven of things and interests; she is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Temple in which God works, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Temple in which God works, the Temple in which, with the gift of Baptism, each one of us is a living stone. This tells us that no one in the Church is useless, and if from time to time someone says to someone else: "go home, you are no good", this is not true. For no one is no good in the Church, we are all necessary for building this Temple! No one is secondary. No one is the most important person in the Church, we are all equal in God's eyes. Some of you might say "Listen, Mr Pope, you are not our equal". Yes, I am like each one of you, we are all equal, we are brothers and sisters! No one is anonymous: we all both constitute and build the Church. This also invites us to reflect on the fact that if the brick of our Christian life goes missing, the beauty of the Church loses something. Some people say "I have nothing to do with the Church"; but in this way the brick of a life in this beautiful Temple is left out. No one can go away, we must all bring the Church our life, our heart, our love, our thought and our work: all of us together.

I would now like us to ask ourselves: how do we live our being Church? Are we living stones or are we, as it were, stones that are weary, bored or indifferent? Have you ever noticed how grim it is to see a tired, bored and indifferent Christian? A Christian like that is all wrong, the Christian must be alive, rejoicing in being Christian; he or she must live this beauty of belonging to the People of God which is the Church. Do we open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, to be an active part of our communities or do we withdraw into ourselves, saying; "I have so much to do, it isn't my job!"?

The Lord gives all of us his grace, his strength, so that we may be profoundly united to Christ, who is the cornerstone, the pillar and the foundation of our life and of the whole life of the Church. Let us pray that enlivened by his Spirit we may always be living stones of his Church.



35 Days to Cookie Sale!

**December 14, 2023 is our
20th 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.

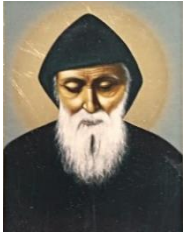
WE NEED BAKERS of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale. **Please contact Lisa Sulich**, via phone call, text or email to volunteer. You may also email or call the church office and your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



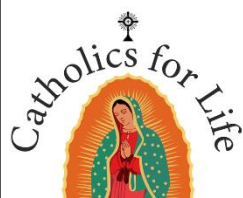
Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf

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 Rasor	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 Hoechstetter	Mic O'Halloran	Owen Ward	Sarah
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

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