



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 17, 2024

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

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

Wed November 20

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thurs November 21

Theotokos Entrance into the Temple

6:00p Divine Liturgy for the Feast

Friday November 22

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Saturday November 23

6:00p Vespers

Sunday November 24

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy; Philip's Fast/Advent reflection by Fr. Jonathan Wilson; Blessing of Children

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish activities this week

Sun. November 17

11:15a SJC Social; ECF Classes

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Mon. November 18

9a Parishioner baking in hall

Wed. November 20

9:00a Parishioner baking in hall

Thurs. November 21

9:00a Parishioner baking in hall

Fri. November 22

5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

6:00p Ge'ez Youth Community

Sat. November 23

9:00a Parishioner baking in hall

Sun. November 24

11:15a SJC Social; ECF Classes

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Readings for the Week of November 17th

Sun. Nov. 17

Epistle, Eph 5:9-19

Gospel, Lk 12:16-21

Tues. Nov. 19

Epistle, 1 Tim 5:11-21

Gospel, Lk 17:26-37

Thu. Nov. 21

Epistle, Heb 9:1-7

Gospel, Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

Sat. Nov. 23

Epistle, Gal 5:22-6:2

Gospel, Lk 10:19-21

Mon. Nov. 18

Epistle, 1 Tim 5:1-10

Gospel, Lk 17:20-25

Wed. Nov. 20

Epistle, 1 Tim 5:22-6:11

Gospel, Lk 18:15-17 & 26-30

Fri. Nov 22

Epistle, 2 Tim 1:1-2 & 8-18

Gospel, Lk 19:12-28

Sun. Nov. 24

Epistle, Eph 6:10-17

Gospel, Lk 13:17-17

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From the Pastor

PHILIP'S FAST ALMSGIVING

As Christmas approaches, we prepare for the feast of the Lord's nativity by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I would like to encourage you to consider the following options.

HELP UKRAINE - the money collected is transferred to the Eparchy of Mukachevo to help the needy, especially children and wounded soldiers. The Eparchy of Mukachevo is a safe region in the West of Ukraine, bordering with Slovakia and Hungary. Many refugees moved there and wounded soldiers are treated there as well.

THE GIVING TREE - each year we set up a giving tree for a specific purpose. This year is to support the hall roof replacement.

W.A.R.M –Let's intensify our contributions to this local food pantry by supplying canned food, non-perishable goods. We will post a list of needed items.

FAMILY GATHERING SATURDAY, 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. For the social we ask parishioners to bring food to share, main dishes, sides and salads.

MAJOR RELICS OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The major first-class relics of St. Thomas Aquinas (which includes the relic of his skull) will be available for public veneration at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215, on December 7-8, 2024. This is the first time that St. Thomas's major relics will tour the United States, through an arrangement between the Dominican Province of Toulouse, France and the Dominican Province of St. Joseph (Eastern U.S.A.). The relic tour is in commemoration of the Triple Jubilee of St. Thomas Aquinas: the 700th anniversary of his canonization in 2023, the 750th anniversary of his death in 2024, and the 800th anniversary of his birth in 2025. For more information on the public veneration please contact Fr. Paul Marich, O.P., pastor, at frpaulmarich@stpatrikcolumbus.org

Church – Our Mother Pope Francis, 09/11//2013

Among the images that the Second Vatican Council chose to help us understand the nature of the Church better, there is that of "mother": the Church is our mother in faith, in supernatural life (cf. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, nn. 6,14,15,41,42). It is one of the images most used by the Fathers of the Church in the first centuries and I think it could be useful for us too. For me it is one of the most beautiful images of the Church: Mother Church! In what sense and in what way is the Church mother? We start with the human reality of motherhood: what makes a mother?

1. First of all a mother generates life, she carries her child in her womb for 9 months and then delivers him to life, giving birth to him. The Church is like this: she bears us in the faith, through the work of the Holy Spirit who makes her fertile, like the Virgin Mary. The Church and the Virgin Mary are mothers, both of them; what is said of the Church can be said also of Our Lady and what is said of Our Lady can also be said of the Church! Certainly, faith is a personal act: "I believe", I personally respond to God who makes himself known and wants to enter into friendship with me (cf. *Lumen Fidei*, n. 39). But the faith I receive from others, within a family, within a community that teaches me to say "I believe", "we believe". A Christian is not an island! We do not become Christians in a laboratory, we do not become Christians alone and by our own effort, since the faith is a gift, it is a gift from God given to us in the Church and through the Church. And the Church gives us the life of faith in Baptism: that is the moment in which she gives birth to us as children of God, the moment she gives us the life of God, she engenders us as a mother would. If you go to the Baptistery of St John Lateran, beside the Pope's Cathedral, inside it there is an inscription in Latin which reads more or less: "Here is born a people of divine lineage, generated by the Holy Spirit who makes these waters life-giving; Mother Church gives birth to her children within these waves". This makes us understand something important: our taking part in the Church is not an exterior or formal fact, it is not filling out a form they give us; it is an interior and vital act; one does not belong to the Church as one belongs to a society, to a party or to any other organization. The bond is vital, like the bond you have with your mother, because, as St Augustine says, "The Church is truly the mother of Christians" (*De moribus Ecclesiae*, I, 30, 62-63: PL 32, 1336). Let us ask ourselves: how do I see the Church? As I am grateful to my parents for giving me life, am I grateful to the Church for generating me in the faith through Baptism? How many Christians remember the date of their Baptism? I would like to ask you here, but each of you respond in your heart: how many of you remember the date of your Baptism? A few people raise their hands, but many others do not remember! But the date of your Baptism is the day of our birth in the Church, the date on which our mother Church gave us life! And now I leave you with some homework. When you go home today, go and find out what the date of your Baptism is, and then celebrate it, thank the Lord for this gift. Are you going to do it? Do we love the Church as we love our mothers, also taking into account her defects? All mothers have defects, we all have defects, but when we speak of our mother's defects we gloss over them, we love her as she is. And the Church also has her defects: but we love her just as a mother. Do we help her to be more beautiful, more authentic, more in harmony with the Lord? I leave you with these questions, but don't forget your homework: go find the date of your Baptism, carry it in your heart and celebrate it.

2. A mother does not stop at just giving life; with great care she helps her children grow, gives them milk, feeds them, teaches them the way of life, accompanies them always with her care, with her affection, with her love, even when they are grown up. And in this she also knows to correct them, to forgive them and understand them. She knows how to be close to them in sickness and in suffering. In a word, a good mother helps her children to come of themselves, and not to remain comfortably under her motherly wings, like a brood of chicks under the wings of the broody hen. The Church like a good mother does the same thing: she accompanies our development by transmitting to us the Word of God, which is a light that directs the path of Christian life; she administers the Sacraments. She nourishes us with the Eucharist, she brings us the forgiveness of God through the Sacrament of Penance, she helps us in moments of sickness with the Anointing of the sick. The Church accompanies us throughout our entire life of faith, throughout the whole of our Christian life. We can then ask ourselves other questions: what is my relationship with the Church? Do I feel like she is my mother who helps me grow as a Christian? Do I participate in the life of the Church, do I feel part of it? Is my relationship a formal or a vital relationship?

3. A third brief thought. In the first centuries of the Church, one thing was very clear: the Church, while being the mother of Christians, while "making" Christians, is also "made" by them. The Church is not distinct from us, but should be seen as the totality of believers, as the "we" of Christians: I, you, we all are part of the Church. St Jerome wrote: "The Church of Christ is nothing other than the souls of those who believe in Christ" (Tract. Ps 86: PL 26, 1084). Thus, the motherhood of the Church is lived by us all, pastors and faithful. At times I feel: "I believe in God but not in the Church... I have heard that the Church says... priests say...". Priests are one thing but the church is not formed solely by priests, the Church is all of us! And if you say that you believe in God and you don't believe in the Church,

you are saying that you don't believe in yourself; and this is a contradiction. The Church is all of us: from the baby just baptized to the Bishop, the Pope; we are all the Church and we are all equal in the eyes of God! We are all called to collaborate for the birth of new Christians in the faith, we are all called to be educators in the faith, to proclaim the Gospel. Each of us should ask ourself: what do I do so that others might share in Christian life? Am I generous in my faith or am I closed? When I repeat that I love a Church that is not closed in herself, but capable of coming out, of moving, even with risks, to bring Christ to all people, I am thinking of everyone, of me, of you, of every Christian! We all take part in the motherhood of the church, so that the light of Christ may reach the far confines of the earth. Long live Holy Mother Church!



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE 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.*



27 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.

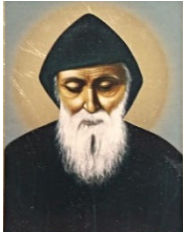
WE NEED BAKERS of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale. **Please contact Lisa Sulich**, via phone call, text or email to volunteer. You may also email or call the church office and your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