



# 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 NOVEMBER 24, 2024

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Liturgy Schedule for the Week

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

#### 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

#### Wed November 27

**9:00a** Divine Liturgy

*Intention: In Thanksgiving*

#### Sunday December 1

**9:30a** Third Hour

**10:00a** Divine Liturgy

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### Parish activities this week

**Sun. November 24**

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

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

**Wed. November 27**

**9:00a** Parishioner baking in hall

**No Office Hours**

**Thurs. November 28**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Fri. November 29**

**Office Closed**

**6:00p** Ge'ez choir practice

**Sat. November 30**

**5:30p** Ge'ez Women's Club mtg.

**Sun. December 1**

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

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### Readings for the Week of November 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Sun. Nov. 24

Epistle, Eph 6:10-17

Gospel, Lk 13:17-17

#### Tues. Nov. 26

Epistle, 2 Tim 3:16-4:4

Gospel, Lk 19:45-48

#### Thu. Nov. 28

Epistle, Titus 1:5-2:1

Gospel, Lk 20:9-18

#### Sat. Nov. 30

Epistle, 1 Cor 4:9-16

Gospel, Jn 1:35-51

#### Mon. Nov. 25

Epistle, 2 Tim 2:20-26

Gospel, Lk 19:37-44

#### Wed. Nov. 27

Epistle, 2 Tim 4:9-22

Gospel, Lk 20:1-8

#### Fri. Nov 29

Epistle, Titus 1:15-2:10

Gospel, Lk 20:19-26

#### Sun. Dec. 1

Epistle, Col 1:12-18

Gospel, Lk 18:18-27

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

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

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**To schedule an event, send an email to: eventstjohn@outlook.com**

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

We thank Fr. Jonathan Wilson, Pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in Westerville, for his reflection on the season of preparation for the Nativity of the Lord. All are invited to the hall for the social.

## **FAMILY GATHERING SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2024**

As Pastor I would like to invite the families with children to spend an afternoon together on Saturday, 12/07.

Why? – to get to know each other!

Where? – Parish Hall!

When? – 4pm!

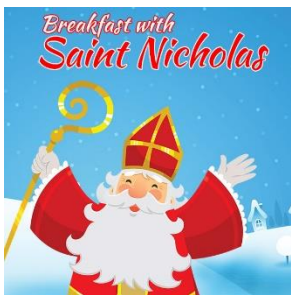
For how long? – until we feel bored 😊

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!

## **ST. NICHOLAS VISIT!**



**Sunday, 12/8,** St. Nicolas will visit with our parish. We will welcome him at the end of the liturgy. In the Hall the Knights of Columbus will prepare a Breakfast with St. Nicolas. The contribution to the breakfast is \$6/person.

We ask you to send in the contribution by 12/1 noting which family and how many persons. There will be an opportunity to take pictures with St. Nicolas.

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## **ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP FEB. 6-8, 2025**

Fr. Marek Visnovsky will be offering an iconography workshop at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43231. This class will start on Thursday, February 6 from 5 pm to 9 pm. Friday, February 7 from 9 am to 9 pm, and Saturday, February 8 from 9 am to 9 pm. We will paint the icon of the SORROWFUL MOTHER. The cost of the workshop is \$400 and includes boards, paints, brushes, twenty-four karat gold leaf (food and accommodation not included).

Beginners as well as advanced artists are welcome. DEADLINE to register is Wednesday, January 15, 2025. For more information, please email Fr. Marek at [marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com](mailto:marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com)



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## **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@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org)

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## **Church – Our Mother (II) Pope Francis, 09/18/2013**

Today I am returning to the image of the Church as mother. I am extremely fond of this image of the Church as mother. For this reason, I wish to return to it, because I feel that this image not only tells us what the Church is like but also what face the Church — this Mother Church of ours — should increasingly have.

Following what I said last Wednesday I would like to stress three things, still looking at our own mothers, at all they do, at all they experience, at all they suffer for their children. I ask myself: what does a mother do?

1. First of all, she teaches how to walk through life, she teaches the right path to take through life, she knows how to guide her children, she always tries to point out to them the right path in life for growing up and becoming adults. And she does so with tenderness, affection, and love, even when she is trying to straighten out our path because we are going a little astray in life or are taking roads that lead to an abyss. A mother knows what's important for a child to enable him to walk the right way through life. Moreover, she did not learn it from books but from her own heart. The university of mothers is their heart! They learn there how to bring up their children.

The Church does the same thing: she gives our life direction; she instructs us so that we can follow the right path. Let us think of the Ten Commandments: they point us to the road to take in order to mature, to anchor our behaviour. They result from the tenderness and from the very love of God who has given them to us. You may say to me: but they are orders! They are a series of 'no's'! I would like to ask you to read them — perhaps you have more or less forgotten them — and then think about them in a positive way. You will see that they concern the way we behave to God, to self and to others, exactly what a mother teaches us in order to live correctly. They ask us not to make ourselves material idols that subsequently enslave us. They ask us to remember God, to show our parents respect, to be honest, to respect others.... Try to see the commandments in this way and to think of them as though they were the words, the teachings that a mother gives in order to live the best way. A mother never teaches what is evil, she only wants the good of her children and so does the Church.

2. Secondly, I want to tell you: when a child grows up, becomes an adult, he chooses his path, assumes his responsibilities, stands on his own two feet, does what he likes and at times he can also go off course, some accident occurs. A mother has the patience to continue to accompany her children, always and in every situation. It is the force of her love that impels her; a mother can follow her children on their way with discretion and tenderness and, even when they go astray, always finds a way to understand them, to be close, to help. We — in my region — say that a mother can "*dar la cara*". What does this mean? It means that a mother can "put on a brave" for her children, in other words she is always motivated to defend them. I am thinking of the mothers who suffer for their children in prison or in difficult situations: they do not question whether or not their children are guilty, they keep on loving them. Mothers often suffer humiliation, but they are not afraid, they never cease to give of themselves.

This is how the Church is. She is a merciful mother who understands, who has always sought to help and encourage even those of her children who have erred or are erring; she never closes the door to home. She does not judge but offers God's forgiveness, she offers his love which invites even those of her children who have fallen into a deep abyss to continue on their way. The Church is not afraid to enter their darkness to give them hope; nor is the Church afraid to enter our darkness when we are in the dark night of our soul and our conscience to give us hope! Because the Church is mother!

3. A last thought: for her children a mother is also able to ask and knock at every door, without calculation; she does so out of love. And I think of how mothers can also and especially knock at the door of God's heart! Mothers say so many prayers for their children, especially for the weaker ones, for those in the greatest need or who have gone down dangerous or erroneous paths in life. A few weeks ago, I celebrated Mass in the Church of St Augustine, here in Rome, where the relics of St Monica, his mother, are preserved. How many prayers that holy mother raised to God for her son, and how many tears she shed! I am thinking of you, dear mothers: how often you pray for your children, never tiring! Continue to pray and to entrust them to God; he has a great heart! Knock at God's heart with prayers for your children.

The Church does this too: with prayers she puts in the Lord's hands all the situations of her children. Let us trust in the power of the prayer of Mother Church: the Lord is not indifferent. He always knows how to amaze us when we least expect it, as Mother Church knows!

These were the thoughts I wanted to share with you today: let us see the Church as a good mother who points out to us the way through life, who is always patient, merciful, understanding and who knows how to put us in God's hands.



## JOY TO THE WORLD!

Visit this free family-friendly exhibit to celebrate the harmony of Christmas with songs and Nativity sets. Music, Nativities and artwork illustrate the story of Jesus' birth. Now in its 30th year, this exhibit features the Marian Library's renowned collections accompanied by beloved Christmas music from around the world.

Familiar Christmas songs such as "The Little Drummer Boy" take on new meaning when paired with Nativity sets. An audio guide will be available. Visitors will notice musicians heralding the good news of Christ's birth in Nativities from throughout the world; relive memories of school Christmas pageants; and learn about *Los Posadas*. All ages can play along with a seek-and-find activity and make a Christmas ornament.

### Plan your visit!

Dates: Nov. 25 through Jan. 17

Weekday hours: 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. Tuesday–Friday

Weekend hours: Noon–4 p.m. Dec. 7–8 and Dec. 14–15

Location: University of Dayton Roesch Library

Parking, directions and additional information: [go.udayton.edu/christmas-exhibit](http://go.udayton.edu/christmas-exhibit)



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

**20 Days to  
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, **Please contact Lisa Sulich or the office.**

### ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE

To place an order for tray or rolls go to the Cookie Sale page on our website, [www.byzantinecolumbus.com](http://www.byzantinecolumbus.com). (*pirohi and baklava are sold out*) 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. Any questions, contact Teresa in the office.

### Important Cookie Sale Dates & Times

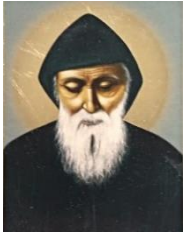
#### Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are in vestibule

- **Thu, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Cookie Drop-Off**  
**Beginning at 10am** Drop your cookies off in the hall
- **Fri, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Cookie Tray Assembly**  
**9am** until complete
- **Fri, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Parishioner Order Pick-up**  
**5-8pm** *We ask that all parishioners please pick up their orders on Friday. If you need a different time, please contact Lisa or the office **BEFORE** December 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- **Sat, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30am** Divine Liturgy

**Volunteers need to be here by 9:15am. If you are planning on volunteering later then 9:15am, please contact Lisa.**

**9:15am** Volunteer assignments and preparation for sale

**10:00am DOORS OPEN**



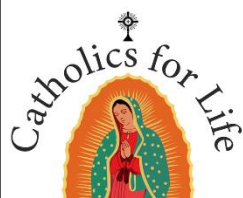
### Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf

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](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**