



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 DECEMBER 1, 2024

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday December 1

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wed December 4

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thurs December 5

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Fri December 6

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Sat December 7

6:00p Vespers

Sunday December 8

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy; Myrovanije

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish activities this week

Sun. December 1

11:15a SJC Social; ECF Classes

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Mon. December 2

9:00a St. Nicholas Cookie baking

Wed. December 4

9:00a Parishioner baking in hall

3:00p Ge'ez dinner w/Bishop Fikremariam in hall

Fri. December 6

6:00p Ge'ez choir practice in hall

Sat. December 7

9:00a Parishioner baking in hall

4:00p Family Meeting get-together in hall

Sun December 8

11:15a K of C Breakfast and visit with St. Nicholas

2:00p Ge'ez Social

Cookie Sale hall set-up following Ge'ez social

Readings for the Week of December 1st

Sun. Dec. 1

Epistle, Col 1:12-18

Gospel, Lk 18:18-27

Tues. Dec. 3

Epistle, Heb 4:1-13

Gospel, Lk 21:12-19

Thu. Dec. 5

Epistle, Gal 5:22-6:2

Gospel, Mt 11:27-30

Sat. Dec. 7

Epistle, Eph 2:11-13

Gospel, Lk 6:17-23

Mon. Dec. 2

Epistle, Heb 3:5-11 & 17-19

Gospel, Lk 20:27-44

Wed. Dec. 4

Epistle, Heb 5:11-6:8

Gospel, Lk 21:5-7,10-11, 20-24

Fri. Dec. 6

Epistle, Heb 13:17-21

Gospel, Lk 6:17-23

Sun. Dec. 8

Epistle, Eph 2:11-13

Gospel, Lk 13:18-29

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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!

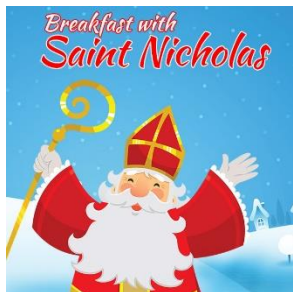
For how long? – until we feel bored 😊

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. Nicholas 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. Nicholas. The contribution to the breakfast is \$6/person.

Methods of payment: Cash or check in an envelope with "Breakfast with St. Nick on the front and put in the collections boxes. Be sure to include family name and number of persons with this. You may also pay through our website; byzantinecolumbus.com using the Donate page. Be sure to change Sunday Offering to Other and note that it is for the "Breakfast with St. Nick", include your family name and the number of persons attending in the Note section.

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



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

ONE CHURCH

Pope Francis, 09/25/2013

In the *Creed* we say "I believe in one... Church". In other words, we profess that the Church is one, and this Church by her nature is one. However, if we look at the Catholic Church in the world, we discover that it includes almost 3,000 dioceses scattered over all the continents: so many languages, so many cultures! Present here are many bishops from many diverse cultures, from many countries. There is a bishop of Sri Lanka, a bishop of South

Africa, a bishop from India, there are many here... bishops from Latin America. The Church is spread throughout the world! And yet the thousands of Catholic communities form a unit. How can this be?

1. We find a concise answer in the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* which says: the Catholic Church in the world "has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity" (n. 161). It is a beautiful definition, clear, it orients us well. Unity in faith, hope and charity, unity in the sacraments, in the ministry: these are like the pillars that hold up and keep together the one great edifice of the Church. Wherever we go, even to the smallest parish in the most remote corner of this earth, there is the one Church. We are at home, we are in the family, we are among brothers and sisters. And this is a great gift of God! The Church is one for us all. There is not one Church for Europeans, one for Africans, one for Americans, one for Asians, one for those who live in Oceania. No, she is one and the same everywhere. It is like being in a family: some of its members may be far away, scattered across the world, but the deep bonds that unite all the members of a family stay solid however great the distance. I am thinking, for example, of my experience of the World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro: in that endless crowd of young people on the beach at Copacabana we could hear many languages spoken, we could note very different facial features, we came across different cultures and yet there was profound unity, they formed one Church, they were united and one could sense it. Let us all ask ourselves: as a Catholic, do I feel this unity? As a Catholic, do I live this unity of the Church? Or doesn't it concern me because I am closed within my own small group or within myself? Am I one of those who "privatize" the Church to their own group, their own country or their own friends? It is sad to find a "privatized" Church out of selfishness or a lack of faith. It is sad! When I hear that so many Christians in the world are suffering, am I indifferent or is it as if one of my family were suffering? When I think or hear it said that many Christians are persecuted and give their lives for their faith, does this touch my heart or not? Am I open to a brother or sister of the family who is giving his or her life for Jesus Christ? Do we pray for each other? I have a question for you, but don't answer out loud, only in your heart. How many of you pray for Christians who are being persecuted? How many? Everyone respond in your heart. Do I pray for my brother, for my sister who is in difficulty because they confess and defend their faith? It is important to look beyond our own boundaries, to feel that we are Church, one family in God!

2. Let us go a step further and ask ourselves: are there wounds in this unity? Can we hurt this unity? Unfortunately, we see that in the process of history, and now too, we do not always live in unity. At times misunderstanding arises, as well as conflict, tension and division which injure her and so the Church does not have the face we should like her to have; she does not express love, the love that God desires. It is we who create wounds! And if we look at the divisions that still exist among Christians, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants... we are aware of the effort required to make this unity fully visible. God gives us unity, but we often have a lot of trouble putting it into practice. It is necessary to seek to build communion, to teach communion, to get the better of misunderstandings and divisions, starting with the family, with ecclesial reality, in ecumenical dialogue too. Our world needs unity, this is an age in which we all need unity, we need reconciliation and communion and the Church is the home of communion. St Paul told the Christians of Ephesus: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (4:1-3). Humility, meekness, magnanimity, love to preserve unity! These, these are the roads, the true roads of the Church. Let us listen to this again. Humility against vanity, against arrogance — humility, meekness, magnanimity, love to preserve unity. Then Paul continued: there is one body, that of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist; and one Spirit, the Holy Spirit who enlivens and constantly recreates the Church; one hope, eternal life; one single faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all (cf. vv. 4-6). The wealth of what unites us! This is the true wealth: what unites us, not what divides us. This is the wealth of the Church! Let each one ask him- or herself today "do I increase harmony in my family, in my parish, in my community or am I a gossip. Am I a cause of division or embarrassment? And you know the harm that gossiping does to the Church, to the parishes, the communities. Gossip does harm! Gossip wounds. Before Christians open their mouths to gossip, they should bite their tongue! To bite one's tongue: this does us good because the tongue swells and can no longer speak, cannot gossip. Am I humble enough to patiently stitch up, through sacrifice, the open wounds in communion?"

3. Finally, the last step which takes us to a greater depth. Now, this is a good question: who is the driving force of the Church's unity? It is the Holy Spirit, whom we have all received at Baptism and also in the Sacrament of

Confirmation. It is the Holy Spirit. Our unity is not primarily a fruit of our own consensus or of the democracy in the Church, or of our effort to get along with each other; rather, it comes from the One who creates unity in diversity, because the Holy Spirit is harmony and always creates harmony in the Church. And harmonious unity in the many different cultures, languages, and ways of thinking. The Holy Spirit is the mover. This is why prayer is important. It is the soul of our commitment as men and women of communion, of unity. Pray to the Holy Spirit that he may come and create unity in the Church.

Let us ask the Lord: Lord, grant that we be more and more united, never to be instruments of division; enable us to commit ourselves, as the beautiful Franciscan prayer says, to sowing love where there is hatred; where there is injury, pardon; and union where there is discord. So be it.



**December 14, 2023 is our
20th Christmas Cookie Sale**

**13 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. (*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

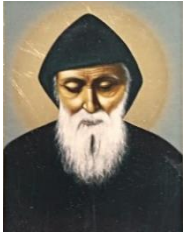
Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are in vestibule

- **Thu, Dec 12th Cookie Drop-Off**
Beginning at 10am Drop your cookies off in the hall
- Fri, Dec 13th Cookie Tray Assembly**
9am until complete
- **Fri, Dec 13th 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 8th.*
- **Sat, December 14th**
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



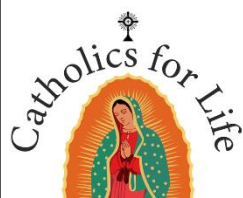
Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf

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

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