

# 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.

## Liturgical Schedule

## Intention



Sun	Apr 6	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent-St. Mary of Egypt</b>	
		9:30am	Third Hour
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy
Mon	Apr 7	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory
			+Judit Magyari (w/Panachida)
Wed	Apr 9	9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour-Isaiah readings
Fri	Apr 11	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory
Sat	Apr 12	<b>9:00am</b>	Divine Liturgy

## Sun Apr 13 **Palm Sunday**

9:30am	Blessing of Palms <b>in hall</b> ; Process to church	
10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Faithful
12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy	

**Confessions:** one hour before liturgy or by appointment

## Readings

## Epistle

## Gospel

Sun	Apr 6	Heb	9:11-14	Mark	10:32-45
Mon	Apr 7	Gen	27:1-41	Prov	19:16-25
Tue	Apr 8	Gen	31:3-16	Prov	21:3-21
Wed	Apr 9	Gen	43:25-45:16	Prov	21:33-22:4
Thu	Apr 10	Gen	46:1-7	Prov	23:15-24:5
Fri	Apr 11	Gen	49:33-50:26	Prov	31:8-31:23
Sat	Apr 12	Heb	12:28-13:8	John	11:1-45
Sun	Apr 13	Phil	4:4-9	John	12:1-18



## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WHOLE 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.*

## Parish Activities

Sun	Apr 6	11:15	SJC Parish Social; ECF; short practice for Easter Play
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Wed	Apr 9	6:00pm	Final Nicene Creed Study Group in hall
Sat	Apr 12	10:00am	Church clean & decorate following Liturgy
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Pascha Sale</b>
Sun	Apr 6	11:15	SJC Parish Social; ECF; short practice for Easter Play
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



## ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is a biblical practice going back to the OT times. It is sharing the material blessings we received through the abundant loving kindness of God the Father. Here are the three ways to practice it at St. John Chrysostom.

- **W.A.R.M.** food pantry. We collect food throughout the year for Westerville Area Resource Ministry, helping thus the needy, homeless, and families with low income in our area. The patron saint of our efforts is St. Tabitha, at whose icon we bring the food. **From W.A.R.M.** – St. John Chrysostom has donated 103 pounds of food since the beginning of Lent and 126 pounds in total for 2025.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Super Cash Bonanza Raffle**, Tickets are \$5.00 a piece and you may purchase from the Knights in the hall after Liturgy. The proceeds benefit the Charitable efforts of the Knights in the State of Ohio. Proceeds from the raffle support Catholic High School Education, Vocations, Religious Education and Evangelization, Veterans, and a variety of other charities in each diocese in the state. Assumption Council uses funds to support Seminarians, the Pregnancy Decision Health Center, and various food banks in our local area. Likewise, to support the faith building activities at St. John Chrysostom
- **Support Ukraine** – from the very beginning of the war (2/2022) we continuously collect money to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine. The collections are sent to our Eparchy, which transfers them to the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Ukraine. Our support helps the displaced families, orphans, and medical aids.

**NICENE CREED STUDY GROUP** – 6pm-7pm Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the final meeting.

***We ask the families with children to please donate one bag of wrapped candy per child to stuff the eggs for the Easter Egg hunt next Sunday. Please leave the bags in the hall kitchen before Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.***

## THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>:

**CHURCH CLEAN AND PALM SUNDAY PREPARATION** following the 9:00am Liturgy. We have a few people who have offered to help, but more hands are always welcome!

**THE PASCHA FOODS SALE**, in the parish hall, runs between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Pascha bread loaves, pirohi, nut or poppyseed rolls, lamb cakes, and other goodies will be available for sale on a first come, first sold basis.

## PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13:

**We begin at 9:30 am in the parish hall** with the blessing and distribution of palms and pussy willows. We will then process to the church for Divine Liturgy.

**The ECF Easter Egg Hunt** will follow Divine Liturgy.

## **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18:**

The time of the Royal Hours on Good Friday has been changed to **8:30am**.

**We will celebrate the Byzantine Vespers of Holy (Good) Friday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in downtown Columbus beginning at 5:30pm.** This is a unique opportunity to share the rich theological and spiritual heritage with the wider Catholic community in Columbus.

**"WILL YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?" - The Vigil at the Grave** will be held here at St. John Chrysostom from **8:30pm Good Friday to 7:00am Holy Saturday**. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule. We would like to have at least one person or family here for every hour. We ask that you park in the front drive as that is where the deputy will be.

**THE HOLY WEEK AND BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULES** are in this bulletin. The directions for making a traditional Pascha basket are on the back side of the schedule.

## **THE SPLENDOR OF LOVE**

All Single Catholics are invited to a special evening of worship, talk and dinner dance at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church (5858 Cleveland Ave, Columbus) on **April 26, 2025**. Talk given by **Dr. Perry Cahall** from the Pontifical College Josephinum on the nature of true love (Eph 5:2) ***Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you.***

The seminars for Catholic singles began to promote the teaching of the Church on love and to help singles to recognize love when it presents itself, cherish it when they find it, and appreciate it as they experience it. According to the Church's teaching, human love as Christianity presents it is not, as many believe, a set of harsh rules and punishments that imprison people and control their consciences. Nor is it an emotional upheaval. On the contrary, it is the release of God's gift to us, awakening us to who we are and blossoming into the fullness of self (cf. Gaudium et Spes 22). The seminars aim to introduce Catholic singles to the Splendor of Love so that their love will never cease to shine despite the difficulties that the bonds of partnership inevitably entail.

**Early bird until 04/10 \$35. After 04/10 \$50. Registration link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-54130263-thesplendor>

**AT GREATER COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE**, we are working hard to grow a community of life dedicated to promoting and protecting the dignity of all innocent human life. We can only do this with your help. We encourage you to sign up for our Spring 40 Days for Life campaign.

As an individual, you can adopt an hour or more. The spring campaign will run from Wednesday, March 5th until Sunday, April 13th from 7 am until 7 pm at The Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic (3255 E Main Street, Columbus).

We know firsthand that there is power in gathering in peaceful prayer and we know that both unborn lives can be saved and abortion-minded women can be protected through compassionate education about choices.

Please prayerfully consider joining us.

Parishioner Kathy Krofcheck plans on praying in front of the Planned Parenthood Center during Lent. She usually stays an hour and prays the rosary. If others join that would be great!

If you would like more information you can contact Kathy Krofcheck at 614-357-7605 or let the office know and they will contact her for you.

## **FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA**

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024/25:** As we move closer to the great Feast of Pascha, we continue in our process to identify the gifts given to us by God and ponder the ways in which we can respond to His generosity. Please remember the annual Stewardship Appeal as you prepare for the upcoming Feast of Pascha.

Visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

**St. John Chrysostom's goal for this year is \$13,050. Amount contributed to date: \$10,040. Remember,** any amount over the assigned goal for our parish is returned to us.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS**

**WITHOUT HIS CROSS THERE IS NO CROWN FREE CONCERT** with St. John's Passion Reading.

Palm Sunday April 13, 7PM at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church; 1559 Roxbury Rd. Columbus 43212. A Sacred Concert featuring Our Lady of Victory Holy Week Choir and chamber orchestra Director, Mark Voris. This free concert will deeply enrich your Holy Week journey with stirring pieces such as 'Echoes of Golgotha,' "He is Wounded," "Without His Cross There is No crown," and many more. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect and prepare your heart for the sacred days ahead.

**BEYOND THE MEN'S CONFERENCE; LENTEN CHALLENGE.** How will you continue the conversation after the Men's Conference? Lent provides the opportunity to reflect on this year's Conference presentations and the challenges each speaker gave. Go to <https://stgabrielradio.com/category/st-gabriel-radio-podcasts/special-features/> and you can click on the links to listen to the presentations.

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

# 2025 Holy Week and Pascha Schedules

*All Visitors Welcome!*

## 2025 Holy Week Schedule

### Monday, April 14

#### *Great and Holy Monday*

- 5p Confessions
- 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great

### Tuesday, April 15

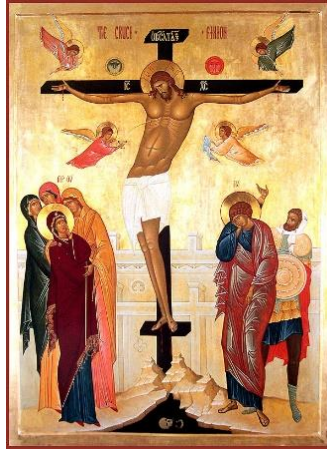
#### *Great and Holy Tuesday*

- 5p Confessions
- 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great

### Wednesday, April 16

#### *Great and Holy Wednesday*

- 5p Confessions
- 6p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great, Anointing of the Sick



### Thursday, April 17

#### *Great and Holy Thursday*

- 4p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
- 6p Byzantine Vespers w/Liturgy

### Friday, April 18

#### *Great and Holy Friday*

- 8:30a Byzantine Royal Hours
- 10a Ge'ez Good Friday services
- 5:30p Holy Friday Burial Vespers at St. Joseph Cathedral
- 8p Vigil at the Tomb @ St. John

### Saturday, April 19

#### *Great and Holy Saturday*

- 9p Byzantine Vigil
- 11p Blessing of baskets in hall



## 2025 Bright Week Schedule

### Sunday, April 20

**PASCHA!**

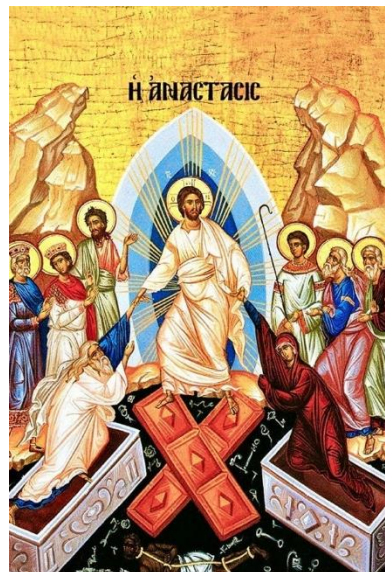
- 9a Ge'ez Paschal Celebration
- 12p Byzantine Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy; Blessing of baskets

### Monday, April 21

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy

### Tuesday, April 22

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy



### Wednesday, April 23

- 8:45a Paschal Hour
- 9a Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, April 24

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy

### Friday, April 25

- 5:45p Paschal Hour
- 6p Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, April 26

- 6p Vespers

# HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON



**PASCHA** - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

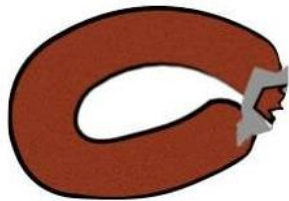
**CHEESE** - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



**HAM** - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

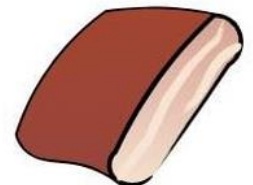


**BUTTER** - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

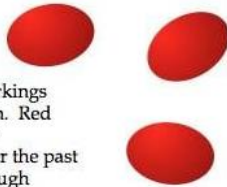


**SAUSAGE** (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

**BACON** - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



**EGGS** (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



**SALT** - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



**HORSERADISH** (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought

