

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.

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.

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Sun Jun 29 ***Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, Prime Apostles***

9:30am Divine Liturgy
12:00pm Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wed July 2 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Fri July 4 6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Sat July 5 6:00p Vespers

Sun July 6 9:30am Third Hour
10:00am Divine Liturgy
12:00pm Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Intention

For the faithful

+Eddie Hospodar by M/M Bill Hospodar

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Readings

Sun June 29
Mon June 30
Tue July 1
Wed July 2
Thu July 3
Fri July 4
Sat July 5
Sun July 6

Epistle

Rom 5:1-10 & 2 Cor 11:21-12:9
1 Cor 4:9-16
Rom 10:11-11:2
Heb 9:1-7
Rom 11:13-24
Rom 11:25-36
Gal 5:22-6:2
Rom 6:18-23

Gospel

Matt 6:22-34 & 16:13-19
Mark 3:13-19
Matt 11:16-20
Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Matt 11:27-30
Matt 12:1-8
Luke 6:17-23
Matt 8:5-13

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Parish Activities

Sun	June 29	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social Ge'ez Social
Mon	June 30	7:00pm	Book Study
Wed	July 2	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Sat	July 5	4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mothers meet w/Fr. Weldit
Sun	July 6	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social; ECF Geez social

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- ❖ **Today, at 2:30pm**, there is a Divine Liturgy celebrated in Ukrainian.
- ❖ **Breakfast with the Pastor is 10am this Wednesday, July 2nd**, following the 9:00am Divine Liturgy
- ❖ **The office will be closed July 7th through July 11th**
- ❖ **The next Family Meeting is July 12th at 4 pm** in the parish hall. There will be prayer, fun - games, sharing with some snacks! All families, especially those with children, are invited and welcome to attend. We ask you to bring salads and sides, the parish will supply hot dogs. This is a great way to get to know your parish family. Please let the office know so we can provide enough hot dogs.

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FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

- **Fifth Annual Young Adult Retreat Jul 31, 2025, 12pm – Aug 03, 2025, 12pm** Lakeside Marblehead, 506 E Main St, Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440
Join us for a weekend of service, spirituality, and socializing! Set right on the coast of beautiful Lake Erie, this will be a retreat you won't forget. We can't wait to see you there! The cost for the retreat this year is \$150, we are happy to offer financial assistance to those who need it. Go to byzantineyoungadults.com for more information and to register.
- **The 3rd annual Family Liturgy & Life Camp** is scheduled for **August 3rd-9th** at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, IN. Go to parma.org/family-camp for more information and to register.
- **Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mariapoch – August 16 – 17.** Theme *"Theotokos – our joy,, our protection, our hope"* Questions, ask Deacon Greg Loya at gregloya@yahoo.com or 216-272-6790. Mariapoch website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>
- **The 5th Annual Ohio Bishop's Golf Classic**, to benefit the Eparchy of Parma Foundation, is scheduled for **August 18th** at the Valleaire Golf Club in Hinkley, OH. For Sponsorship & Golfer information email development@parma.org
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Annual Pilgrimage- Uniontown, PA**
August 29 @ 8am - September 1 @ 5pm
Mount St. Macrina Monastery 500 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 878
Uniontown, PA 15401. Website: sistersofstbasil.org/events-2/annual-pilgrimage-honoring-our-lady-of-perpetual-help/

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St. Peter and Paul, the Apostles

The testimony given by the two great Apostles Peter and Paul today comes to life once more in the Church's liturgy. Peter, imprisoned by King Herod, is told by an angel of the Lord: "Get up quickly" (Acts 12:7), while Paul, looking back on his entire life and apostolate says: "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7). Let us reflect on these two phrases – "get up quickly" and "fight the good fight" – and ask what they have to say to today's Christian community, engaged in the synodal process.



Catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter, Rome

First, the Acts of the Apostles tell us of the night that Peter was freed from the chains of prison. An angel of the Lord tapped him on the side as he was sleeping, "and woke him, saying, 'get up quickly'" (Acts 12:7). The angel awakens Peter and tells him to get up. The scene reminds us of Easter, because it contains two verbs present in the accounts of the resurrection: *awaken* and *get up*. In effect, the angel awakens Peter from the sleep of death and urges him to get up, to rise and set out towards the light, letting himself be guided by the Lord in passing through all the closed doors along the way (cf. v. 10). This image has great meaning for the Church. We too, as disciples of the Lord and the Christian community, are called to get up quickly, to enter into the mystery of the resurrection, and to let the Lord guide us along the paths that he wishes to point out to us.

Still, we experience many inward forms of resistance that prevent us from setting out. At times, as Church, we are overcome by laziness; we prefer to sit and contemplate the few sure things that we possess, rather than getting up and looking at new horizons, towards the open sea. Often, we are like Peter in chains, imprisoned by our habits, fearful of change and bound to the chains of our routine. This leads quietly to spiritual mediocrity: we run the risk of "taking it easy" and "getting by", also in our pastoral work. Our enthusiasm for mission wanes, and instead of being a sign of vitality and creativity, ends up appearing tepid and listless. Then, the great current of newness and life that is the Gospel, becomes in our hands – to use the words of Father de Lubac – a faith that "falls into formalism and habit..., a religion of ceremonies and devotions, of ornaments and vulgar consolations... a Christianity that is clerical, formalistic, anemic and callous" (*The Drama of Atheist Humanism*).

In the second reading, we hear the words of Paul who, looking back on his whole life, says: "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7). The Apostle is referring to the countless situations, some marked by persecution and suffering, in which he did not spare himself in preaching the Gospel of Jesus. Now at the end of his life, he sees that a great "fight" is still taking place in history, since many are not disposed to accept Jesus, preferring to pursue their own interests and follow other teachers, more accommodating, easier, more to our liking. Paul has fought his own battles and, now that he has run his race, he asks Timothy and the brethren of the community to carry on his work with watchful care, preaching and teaching. Each, in a word, is to accomplish the mission he or she has received; each must do his or her part.

Paul's exhortation is also a word of life for us; it makes us realize that, in the Church, all of us are called to be missionary disciples and to make our own contribution. Here two questions come to my mind. The first is: *What can I do for the Church?* Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility: with passion, because we must not remain passive spectators; with humility, because being committed within the community must never mean taking center stage, considering ourselves better and keeping others from drawing nearby. That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first or second class Christians; everyone has been called.

So the second question is: *What can we do together, as Church, to make the world in which we live more humane, just and solidary, more open to God and to fraternity among men?* Surely we must not retreat into our ecclesial circles and remain pinned to some of our fruitless debates. Let us take care not to fall into clericalism, for clericalism is a perversion. A minister who is clerical, who has a clerical attitude, has taken the wrong road; even worse are clericalized lay people. [clericalism as defined by the Aparecida document is essentially 'it is the job of clergy to proclaim the Gospel and the rest of us, the laity, attends church service and this is the life of the church community'] Let us be on our guard against this perversion which is clericalism. Let us help one another to be leaven in the dough of this world. Together we can and must continue to care for human life, the protection of creation, the dignity of

work, the problems of families, the treatment of the elderly and all those who are abandoned, rejected or treated with contempt.

In a word, we are called to be a Church that promotes the culture of care, tenderness, and compassion towards the vulnerable. A Church that fights all forms of corruption and decay, including those of our cities and the places we frequent, so that in the life of every people the joy of the Gospel may shine forth. This is our "fight", and this is our challenge. The temptation to stand still is great; the temptation of that nostalgia which makes us look at other times as better. May we not fall into the temptation of "looking back", which is becoming fashionable today in the Church.

Pope Francis, From the homily on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, Rome, 06/29/2022

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof



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:

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

JOIN OUR PARISH'S "BAND" GROUP! This is a group page for parishioners and regular attendees to grow in faith, build meaningful connections and deepen our Byzantine Catholic faith. Stay up-to-date on liturgies, feast days and parish events while sharing prayer intentions and encouragement with fellow parishioners. You can go online to <https://www.band.us/en> or scan the QR code to download and join.



St. John Chrysostom Calendar for July 2025

Please see current week's bulletin for any changes to this schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9a Office 9a Divine Liturgy 10a Breakfast with Pastor	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 6p Divine Lit.	5 4p Young Mother's mtg w/Fr. Weldit
6 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Lit w/Baptism 11:15a Social 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	7 7p Book Study	8	9	10	11 6p Divine Lit.	12 4p Family Meeting 6p Vespers
← OFFICE CLOSED →						
13 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Lit 11:15a Social 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	14 9a Office	15	16 9a Office	17	18	19 6p Vespers
← FATHER @ BYZANTINE ASSEMBLY →						
20 <i>St. Elijah</i> 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Lit Blessing of cars 11:15a Social 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	21 9a Office 7p Book Study	22	23 9a Office	24	25 6p Divine Lit.	26 4p Ge'ez Women's Club 4p Fireside Fellowship 6p Vespers
27 9:30a 3 rd Hour 10a Divine Lit 11:15a Social 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social 2:30p Ukrainian Lit.	28 9a Office 7p Book Study	29	30 9a Office			

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

