

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.

August 3, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Aug 3	9:30am	Third Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Tue	Aug 5	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration	
Wed	Aug 6		Feast of the Transfiguration	
		9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Anniversary of Tom Marco & Myroslava Mudrak
Fri	Aug 8	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	+John Sikora by K. Krofcheck
Sat	Aug 9	6:00p	Vigil Divine Liturgy for Sunday	
Sun	Aug 10	10:00am	Typika w/Communion	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

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Readings

Sun Aug 3
Mon Aug 4
Tue Aug 5
Wed Aug 6
Thu Aug 7
Fri Aug 8
Sat Aug 9
Sun Aug 10

Epistle

1 Cor 1:10-18
1 Cor 11:31-12:6
1 Cor 12:12-26
2 Pet 1:10-19
1 Cor 14:6-19
1 Cor 14:26-40
Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26
1 Cor 3:9-17

Gospel

Matt 14:14-22
Matt 18:1-11
Matt 18:18-22; & 19:1-2; 13-15
Matt 17:1-9
Matt 20:17-28
Matt 21:12-14 & 17-20
Luke 9:1-6
Matt 14:22-34

Parish Activities

Sun	Aug 3	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social Ge'ez Social
Wed	Aug 6	10am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Sat	Aug 9	8:45am 7:00pm	K of C Rosary @ Planned Parenthood downtown Families Gathering FOLLOWING Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 10	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social; ECF Geez social

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AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

From PDHC – PDHC received additional donations from parishioners, the new total given by the parishioners of St. John Chrysostom is \$900.19!

Wednesday, August 6th is Breakfast with the Pastor following 9:00am Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, August 9th, our Knights of Columbus Council is meeting here in the parking lot at 8:45am to carpool downtown to pray the rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic. This is a regular event every second Saturday of the month.

Saturday, August 9th at 6:00pm, we will have a Vigil Liturgy for Sunday. Following Liturgy, **the next Families Gathering** will be in the hall. We will be starting the *Little Way - Spirituality for Spouses*, an interactive program to foster our spirituality as spouses and families.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - August 17th, Divine Liturgy begins at 9:00am. This is to allow time for those who wish to attend the Mariapoch Pilgrimage Liturgy in Burton are able to do so.

AUGUST 24 - ECF KICK OFF & POTLUCK SOCIAL

Potluck - Everyone: Those with last names beginning with **A-L** please bring side dishes to share; those with last names beginning with **M-Z** please bring desserts to share. St. John will supply meat, bread and beverages.

ECF - As the new school year approaches, we are thrilled to launch the new ECF cycle with prayer and much fun! ECF enrollment forms will be sent out via email in the next few days. There will be hard copies available in the vestibule as well every Sunday.

Make sure you fill them out with all the required details.

Parents: we ask you to volunteer as an aide during the ECF lessons. Each group requires one aide; therefore, we ask the parents to sign up. Aides help the children with the in-class activities, oversee behavior, help the teacher, and help with cleaning up after the class. The aide is not teaching!!!

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Join us in celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day. Let's stand united in faith and love for Ukraine!
On Sunday, August 24 we invite you to a special Divine Liturgy in celebration of Ukraine's Independence Day. Whether you have Ukrainian roots or simply stand with Ukraine, you are welcome.

August 24, 2025 2:30 PM St John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus
Together in prayer. Together for Ukraine.

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FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

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: parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch

Please see flyer in this bulletin for schedule of pilgrimage events

SAME CAUSE. NEW SWING.

After this year’s Mariapoch pilgrimage, keep the spirit alive with a fun and faith-filled evening at Topgolf in Independence, Ohio on Monday, August 18, 6-9pm. This event will replace the previously announced golf outing, offering a fresh and exciting way to come together in support of our community.

We’ll be joined by Bishop Robert, members of the Chancery staff, our new Development Coordinator, and Fr. Michael Lee, recently appointed Cathedral rector.

Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or a first-time player, no experience is needed—just bring your best shot and enjoy great food, fellowship, and friendly competition.

A variety of sponsorships and tickets are available! Proceeds from the event will benefit the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Foundation, supporting parish development, vocations, evangelization, and care for clergy across the Eparchy.

For more information please visit - parma.org/golf-outings

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. For program specifics, please visit - sistersofstbasil.org/pilgrimage-program



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FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

CATHOLIC MEN’S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 – SPEAKER FATHER JACQUES KIK. Join us Friday, September 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father Jacques Kik, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish. Since July 2023, Our Lady of Victory Parish has been the spiritual home for the Maronite Mission of *Our Lady of Lebanon*. Fr. Kik’s talk will be on “The Lebanese Maronite Church.” St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the September luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Fr. Kik’s presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon on Friday October 3, 2025 will feature a talk by Father William Hahn on vocations. Please mark your calendar.**



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



The Little Way

While the name echoes St. Thérèse of Lisieux, this “Little Way” refers to a simple yet profound path, a journey open to all couples, regardless of their background. It invites spouses to trust in God’s Grace active in the mystery (sacrament) of marriage, with humility and hope. It complements existing resources.

The Little Way invites couples to deepen their understanding of the sacrament of marriage and to live out their vocation in accordance with the Church’s teachings. It offers a path to holiness, grounded in love, prayer, and service, for those called to live the sacrament of marriage as a means of sanctification. It reveals the depths of marital spirituality.

If you are interested in, please, let the Office know. Our Parish will offer financial subsidies! We start on Saturday 08/09 after the Vigil liturgy at 7pm in the Hall!

What It Offers:

- **35 guided sessions**, ideal for use at home or in parish groups.
- A step-by-step journey to rediscover the richness of the sacrament.
- Rooted in Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church.
- Accessible, practical, and deeply spiritual.
- Aimed at fostering communion with other couples and with priests and consecrated persons.

The complete kit includes three beautifully designed books:

- **The Little Way of Catholic Spouses** – A step-by-step guide featuring meditative images and detailed outlines for each meeting.
- **Insights** – A rich companion volume with carefully selected quotations from Scripture, the Church’s Tradition, the Magisterium, and leading contemporary theologians—perfect for those who want to explore the theological depth of marriage. ([Insights Paperback](#) version).
- **Workbook** – A practical tool for reflection and personal or group engagement, helping couples internalize and apply what they’ve learned. (Available soon).

Explore more at <https://misterogrande-us.org/the-little-way-of-catholic-spouses>

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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.



I have a dream

I have a dream that one day people will visit St. John Chrysostom and will recognize that we are resembling what they read in Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47; 4:32-34): *they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... praising God and having favor with all the people... Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them.*

The good news is that this is achievable, not because we are strong, smart, and have all the necessary tools and resources! It is achievable because the Holy Spirit works always with those who are open. Remember what Jesus says in the book of Revelation! *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dwell there* (Rev 3:20). If each of us opens his/her heart, the Spirit will help, using the gifts each of us has received, to build up the community that indeed reflects the Biblical pattern!

We return to my favorite theme *the vision for St. John Chrysostom*! I sketch it for myself as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who grow in their relationship with Jesus and as missionary disciples reach out to bring others to him. We base ourselves on Byzantine spirituality as a framework, inspiration, and source of growth, formation and community. Practically speaking, each of us makes every effort to grow, worship, connect, serve and give.

The last Advisory Board meeting and the Book Study Group brought to the fore powerful images and paths to take. Among others we strive to be the icon of the Holy Trinity in our relations. God the Father gives life and fosters it. God the Son, Jesus the Messiah, sacrifices himself and forms disciples to continue the mission. God the Holy Spirit makes the salvation a personal experience for each of us. There is so much to ponder on! There are so many talents, gifts, skills, and willingness among us!

I invite you to embrace the Biblical vision, to respond to it, giving feedback and offering your talents. What are your talents? How could you use them? I would like to hear from you! Let me know how you see our community. Please respond to the survey we are getting ready for our community soon. Do you have experience with teaching or being engaged in formation? ECF and Youth activities may be an opportunity for you! Do you like to work with kids but cannot commit to full year ECF program? Why do not you join once a month the Families Gatherings? Do you want to grow and strengthen your marriage? Join our monthly Families Gatherings for the Little Way program or an intensive 8 weeks program PREP 8.

Are you ready to join the great story started by Jesus?

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2025 – Shrine of Mariapoch

“Theotokos: - our joy, our protection, our hope.”

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 3:00 PM – Water blessing/ Moleben to Theotokos
- 5:00 PM – Cafe opens for dinner
- 7:00 PM – Vespers
- 8:30 PM – Campfire and fireside chat
- 10:00 PM – Compline / Start of all-night vigil

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 9:00 AM – Matins
- 11:00 AM – Teen activity
- 12 Noon – Sixth Hour / Café opens for Lunch
- 1:30 PM – Children Activity
- 1:30 PM – Guest Speaker Talk, Jubilee Year



3:00 PM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Robert Pipta, Main Celebrant. Homilist: Bishop Earl K Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)

5:00 PM – Café opens for dinner

The opportunity for Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.

Tent camping IS permitted and encouraged. Food will be available for purchase at the above times only. Please bring your own chair.

Visit out Eastern Treasures Gift Shop!

Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya,
greglova@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790



Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>