

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 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun Aug 10	10:00am	Typika w/Communion	
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Thu Aug 14	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Dormition	
Sat Aug 16	6:00p	Vespers	
Sun Aug 17	9:00am	Divine Liturgy & Myrovanije	<i>For the faithful</i>
		<i>Father is attending the Mariapoch Pilgrimage in Burton</i>	
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings

Sun Aug 10
Mon Aug 11
Tue Aug 12
Wed Aug 13
Thu Aug 14
Fri Aug 15
Sat Aug 16
Sun Aug 17

Epistle

1 Cor 3:9-17
1 Cor 15:12-19
1 Cor 15:29-38
1 Cor 16:4-12
Heb 13:7-16
Phil 2:5-11
Col 1:12-18 or 2 Cor 3:4-11
1 Cor 4:9-16

Gospel

Matt 14:22-34
Matt 21:18-22
Matt 21:23-27
Matt 21:28-32
Matt 11:27-30
Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Luke 9:51-56 & 10:22-24
Matt 17:14-23

Parish Activities

Sun	Aug 10	11:15am	Parish Social
		2:00pm	Geez social
Sun	Aug 17	10:45am	Parish Social
		2:00pm	Geez social

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AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is 6:00pm this Thursday, August 14th.

NEXT SUNDAY, 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 to be able to do so.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FROM PARMA

Our 2024-25 Parish goal was \$13,050.00. The amount received by Parma from the members of St. John Chrysostom was \$16,060. This means we get a rebate of \$4,014.00! We had a total number of 28 donors from St. John's, which is 31.5% of the total membership. Thank you to all who contributed.

AUGUST 24 - POTLUCK SOCIAL & ECF KICK OFF

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 MARIPOCH – 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

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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.



To the clergy of the Eparchy of Parma:

In our Cherubic Hymn, we sing, ".....set aside all earthly cares." Few places help support reflection and detachment from daily routines better than our Shrine of Mariapoch in Burton, OH. Since the mid 1950's, thousands of faithful have journeyed to the Shrine to show their devotion to the Theotokos, to express sorrow for their sins and to seek forgiveness for them. Our Lord teaches us how to be truly faithful in Luke 9:23: *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."* Being at a place of peace and beauty such as our Shrine is the first step in working on denying ourselves.

As your bishop, I invite you to participate in this year's annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mariapoch, the 69th of its existence. Your presence is most necessary for the faithful in offering the Mystery of Reconciliation, helping celebrate the various services, and simply being among them. You are a necessary part of the faithful growing closer to Christ through their devotion to the Theotokos.

Please contact the Administrator of the Shrine, Deacon Gregory Loya, and let him know how you can be part of this year's pilgrimage. gregloya@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790. The pilgrimage schedule is available on the Shrine website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>. Kindly contact Deacon Gregory no later than 13 August if you plan to be present in any way.

I look forward to seeing you at the pilgrimage.

+Robert
Bishop of Parma



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

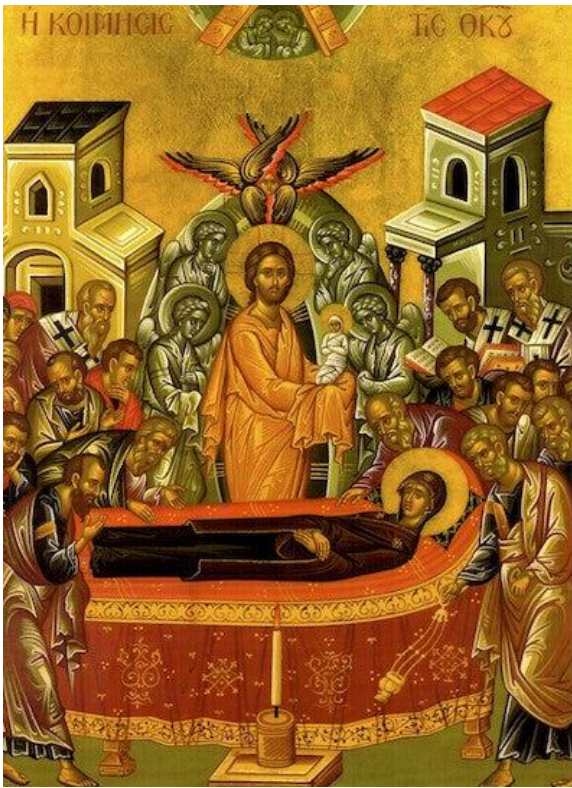


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FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

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.**

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS



In today's Gospel, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, the *Magnificat* resounds in the liturgy. This hymn of praise is like a "photograph" of the Mother of God. Mary "rejoices in God because he has looked on the *humility* of his handmaid" (cf *Lk* 1:47-48).

Mary's secret is humility. It is her humility that attracted God's gaze to her. The human eye always looks for grandeur and allows itself to be dazzled by what is flashy. Instead, God does not look at the appearance. God looks at the heart (cf 1 *Sam* 16:7) and is enchanted by humility. Humility of heart enchants God. Today, looking at Mary assumed into heaven, we can say that humility is the way that leads to Heaven. The word "humility" comes from the Latin word *humus*, which means "earth". It is paradoxical: to arrive on high, into Heaven, what is needed is to stay low, like the earth! Jesus teaches this: "he who humbles himself will be exalted" (*Lk* 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve. Mary, in fact, attributes no other "title" except servant to herself: she is, "the handmaid of the Lord" (*Lk* 1:38). She says nothing else about herself, she seeks nothing else for herself.

Today, then, let us ask ourselves, each one of us in our heart: how am I doing with humility? Do I seek to be recognized by others, to affirm myself and to be praised, or do I think rather about serving? Do I know how to listen, like Mary, or do I want only to speak and receive attention? Do I know how to keep silence, like Mary, or am I always chattering? Do I know how to take a step back, defuse quarrels and arguments, or do I always want to stand out? Let us think about these questions: how am I doing with humility?

In her littleness, Mary wins Heaven first. The secret of her success is precisely that she recognizes her lowliness, that she recognizes her need. With God, only those who recognize themselves as nothing can receive the all. Only those who empty themselves can be filled by him. And Mary is the "full of grace" (v. 28) precisely because of her humility. For us too, humility is always the point of departure, the beginning of our having faith. It is fundamental to be poor in spirit, that is, *in need of God*. Those who are filled with themselves have no space for God — and we are often full of ourselves — but those who remain humble allow the Lord to accomplish great things (cf v. 49).

The poet Dante calls the Virgin Mary, "humbler and loftier than any creature" (*Paradise*, XXXIII, 2). It is beautiful to think that the humblest and loftiest creature in history, the first to win heaven with her entire being, in soul and body, lived out her life for the most part within the domestic walls, in the ordinary, in humility. The days of the *Full of Grace* were not all that striking. They followed one another, often exactly the same, in silence: externally, nothing extraordinary. But God's gaze was always upon her, admiring her humility, her availability, the beauty of her heart never stained by sin.

It is a huge message of hope for each of us, for you whose days are always the same, tiring and often difficult. Mary reminds you today that God calls you too to this glorious destiny. These are not beautiful words: it is the truth. It is not a well-crafted, beautiful ending, a pious illusion or a false consolation. No, it is pure reality, living and true as Our Lady assumed into Heaven. Let us celebrate her today with the love of children, let us celebrate her joyfully but humbly, enlivened by the hope of one day being with her in Heaven!

And let us pray to her now that she may accompany us on our journey that leads from Earth to Heaven. May she remind us that the secret to the journey is contained in the word humility. Let us not forget this word, and that lowliness and service are the secrets for obtaining the goal, of reaching heaven.

Pope Francis, Feast of the Dormition, August 15, 2021