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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 17, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun Aug 17	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
		Myrovanije; Blessing of Flowers immediately following Liturgy	
		<i>Father is attending the Mariapoch Pilgrimage in Burton</i>	
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Fri Aug 22	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat Aug 23	6:00p	Vespers	
Sun Aug 24	9:00am	3 rd Hour	
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
	2:30pm	Ukrainian Liturgy	<i>Ukrainian Independence Day</i>

Readings

Sun Aug 17
Mon Aug 18
Tue Aug 19
Wed Aug 20
Thu Aug 21
Fri Aug 22
Sat Aug 23
Sun Aug 24

Epistle

1 Cor 4:9-16
2 Cor 2:4-15
2 Cor 2:14-3:3
2 Cor 3:4-11
2 Cor 4:1-6
2 Cor 4:13-18
1 Cor 1:3-9
1 Cor 9:2-12

Gospel

Matt 17:14-23
Matt 23:13-22
Matt 23:23-28
Matt 23:29-39
Matt 24:13-28
Matt 24:27-33 & 42-51
Matt 19:3-12
Matt 18:23-35

Parish Activities

Sun	Aug 17	10:45am 2:00pm	Parish Social Ge'ez social
Sat	Aug 23	4:00pm 7:00pm	Ge'ez Women's Club meeting Fireside Fellowship
Sun	Aug 24	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Potluck & Ice Cream Social & ECF Kick-Off Ge'ez social

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AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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. The Knights of Columbus are supplying the Ice Cream for the social.

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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August 24th, 2:30pm – Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. Join us in celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day. Let's stand united in faith and love for Ukraine! Whether you have Ukrainian roots or simply stand with Ukraine, you are welcome.

Together in prayer. Together for Ukraine.

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SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS BENEFIT K OF C PROGRAMS

Beginning on August 24th, the Knights will have a table to sell the K of C's fundraiser NFL CRAZR tickets. This Football Sweepstakes involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season – games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket.

At least \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded each week or at least \$25,000 over the contest period.

The 23 winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games.

The scores from the previous week's games are used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week. A winners' list will be posted on **www.fundcrazr.com** and **www.kofcoho.org** – Password is going to your ticket number.

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FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

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**



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.**

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THE NEED FOR MYSTAGOGY

Dear brothers and sisters, we know that it is not enough to change the liturgical books to improve the quality of the liturgy. To do this alone would be a deception. For life to be truly a praise pleasing to God, it is indeed necessary to change the heart. Christian conversion is oriented to this conversion, which is an encounter of life with the "God of the living" (Mt 22: 32).



Here we find also the challenge of formation, the specific object of your reflection. Speaking of formation, we cannot forget, first of all, that the liturgy is life that forms, not an idea to be learned. It is useful in this regard to remember that reality is more important than the idea (see Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, 231-233).

The starting point is to recognize the reality of the sacred liturgy, a living treasure that cannot be reduced to tastes, recipes and currents, but which should be welcomed with docility and promoted with love, as irreplaceable nourishment for the organic growth of the People of God. The liturgy is not "the field of do-it-yourself", but the epiphany of ecclesial communion. Therefore, "we", and not "I", resounds in prayers and gestures; the real community, not the ideal subject. When we look back to nostalgic past tendencies or wish to impose them again, there is the risk of placing the part before the whole, the "I" before the People of God, the abstract before the concrete, ideology before communion and, fundamentally, the worldly before the spiritual.

In this sense, the title of your assembly is valuable: *The liturgical formation of the People of God*. The task that awaits us is indeed essentially that of spreading among the *People of God* the splendor of the *living mystery* of the Lord, Who makes Himself manifest in the liturgy. Speaking of liturgical formation in the People of God means first and foremost being aware of the indispensable role the liturgy holds in the Church and for the Church. And then, concretely helping the People of God to interiorize better the prayer of the Church, to love it as an experience of encounter with the Lord and with brothers and sisters who, in the light of this, rediscover its content and observe its rites.

Since the liturgy is an experience extended to the conversion of life through the assimilation of the Lord's way of thinking and behaving, liturgical formation cannot be limited to simply offering knowledge – this is a mistake – though necessary, on liturgical books, nor even to protect the dutiful fulfilment of the ritual disciplines. In order for the liturgy to fulfil its formative and transforming function, it is necessary that the pastors and the laity be introduced to their meaning and symbolic language, including art, song and music in the service of the mystery celebrated, even silence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church itself adopts the mystagogical way to illustrate the liturgy, valuing its prayers and signs. Mystagogy: this is a suitable way to enter the mystery of the liturgy, in the living encounter with the crucified and risen Lord. Mystagogy means discovering the new life we have received in the People of God through the Sacraments and continually rediscovering the beauty of renewing it.

Regarding the stages of formation, we know from experience that, in addition to the initial phase, it is necessary to cultivate the ongoing formation of the clergy and laity, especially those who are involved in the ministries serving the liturgy. Formation not once, but continuing.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are all called to deepen and revive our liturgical formation. The liturgy is in fact the main road through which Christian life passes through every phase of its growth. You therefore have before you a great and beautiful task: to work so that the People of God may rediscover the beauty of meeting the Lord in the celebration of His mysteries and, by meeting Him, have life in His name.

From the speech of Pope Francis to the participants of the *Plenary Assembly of the Congregation for the Divine Worship*, Vatican City, 02/14/2019.

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.



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

