

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 31, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun Aug 31 9:30am 3rd Hour
 10:00am Divine Liturgy
 12:00pm Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

For the faithful

Wed Sept 3 9:00am Divine Liturgy

+James & +Catherine Kocak by K. Karasneh

Thu Sept 4 6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Fri Sept 5 6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Sun Sept 7 9:30am 3rd Hour
 10:00am Divine Liturgy
 12:00pm Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

For the faithful

Readings

Sun Aug 31
Mon Sep 1
Tue Sep 2
Wed Sep 3
Thu Sep 4
Fri Sep 5
Sat Sep 6
Sun Sep 7

Epistle

1 Cor 15:1-11
1 Tim 2:1-7
2 Cor 8:16-9:5
2 Cor 9:12-10:7
2 Cor 10:7-18
2 Cor 11:5-21
1 Cor 2:5-9
Gal 6:11-18

Gospel

Matt 19:16-26
Luke 4:16-22
Mark 3:13-19
Mark 3:20-27
Mark 3:28-35
Mark 4:1-9
Matt 22:15-22
John 3:13-17

Parish Activities

Sun	Aug 31	11:15am	Parish Social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Mon	Sep 1	LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED Office hours resume Wed. 09/03 9am. Regular Office Hours M-W-F 9a-1p	
Wed	Sep 3	10 am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Sun	Sep 7	11:15am	Parish Social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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

Make sure you fill them out with all the required details and return by September 1st.

The first day of classes is September 14th.

Parents: We need more teachers and aides. The teachers are given all the materials - what to teach, how to teach, what interaction to use. They are never alone, because we have 2 teachers. Father will meet with all the teachers before we start to explain everything.

If you are not able or willing to teach every week, 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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This Wednesday, September 3rd, following Liturgy is Breakfast with the Pastor.

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Saturday, September 13th, 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.

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SEPTEMBER 13TH, NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY

What: Chance for women of the parish to come together for prayer and fellowship

When: Second Saturday of the month @ 1pm-2:30 **(9/13, 10/11)**

Where: Schimmoeller Residence 288 Cliffview Drive

Contact Carol Schimmoeller with questions. 614-404-4117

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SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

The Knights 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. Details of the raffle and a winners' list are posted on www.fundcrazr.com and www.kofcoho.org

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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.**

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*Fresco of Praying woman,
Catacombs of Priscilla, Rome*

ON PRAYER: THE PRAYER OF A CHRISTIAN

Prayer belongs to everyone: to men and women of every religion, and probably also to those who profess none. Prayer arises in our innermost self, in that interior place that spiritual authors call "heart" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2562-2563). Therefore, it is not something peripheral that prays within us, it is not some secondary and marginal ability that we have, but rather it is our most intimate mystery. It is this mystery that prays. Feelings pray, but one cannot say that prayer is only feeling. Intelligence prays, but praying is not simply an intellectual act. The body prays, but one can speak with God even having the most serious disability. Thus, the entire man prays if he prays with his "heart".

Prayer is an impulse; it is an invocation that goes beyond ourselves: something that is born in the intimacy of our person and extends, because it senses the nostalgia of an encounter. That nostalgia which is more than a need, more than a necessity: it is a path. Prayer is the voice of an "I" that fumbles, that proceeds unsteadily in search of a "You". The encounter between the "I" and the "You" cannot occur via calculators: it is a human encounter and we often proceed unsteadily in order to find the "You" that my "I" is

seeking. Instead, the prayer of a Christian arises from a revelation: the "You" did not remain shrouded in mystery, but rather entered into a relationship with us. Christianity is the religion that continually celebrates God's "manifestation", that is, his epiphany. The first feasts of the liturgical year are the celebration of this God who does not remain hidden, but rather offers his friendship to mankind. God reveals his glory in the poverty of Bethlehem, in the contemplation of the Magi, in the baptism in the River Jordan, in the miracle of the wedding at Cana. The Gospel of John concludes the great hymn of the Prologue with a concise affirmation: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known" (1:18). It was Jesus who revealed God to us. The prayer of a Christian enters into a relationship with the God of the most tender face, who does not wish to instill any fear in men and women. This is the first characteristic of Christian prayer.

While men and women had always been accustomed to drawing near to God somewhat intimidated, somewhat fearful of this fascinating and tremendous mystery, while they had been accustomed to worshiping him with a servile attitude, similar to that of a vassal who does not wish to disrespect his lord, Christians instead address him by daring to call him intimately with the name, "Father". Indeed, Jesus uses the other word: "Dad". Christianity has banned all "feudal" relationships from the bond with God. In the heritage of our faith there are no expressions such as "subjection", "slavery" or "servitude"; but rather, words like "covenant", "friendship", "promise", "communion", "closeness". In his long farewell discourse to his disciples, Jesus says this: "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you" (Jn 15:15-16). But this is a blank cheque: "whatever you ask the Father in my name, I will give to you"!

God is a friend, an ally, a spouse. In prayer one can establish an intimate relationship with him, so much so that in the "Our Father" Jesus taught us to address to him a series of questions. We can ask God everything, everything; explain everything, recount everything. It does not matter if we feel flawed in our relationship with God: we are not good friends, we are not grateful children, we are not faithful spouses. He continues to love us. It is what Jesus shows definitively at the Last Supper when he says: "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (Lk 22:20). With that gesture in the Upper Room, Jesus foreshadows the mystery of the Cross. God is a faithful ally: if men and women cease to love him, he nevertheless continues to love, even if love leads him to Calvary. God is

always close to our heart's door and he waits for us to open it to him. And sometimes he knocks on the heart, but he is not intrusive: he waits. God's patience with us is the patience of a father, of one who loves us dearly. I would say it is the combined patience of a father and a mother. Always close to our heart, and when he knocks he does so with tenderness and with much love. Let us all try to pray this way, by entering the mystery of the Covenant. To place ourselves through prayer into the merciful arms of God, to feel enveloped by that mystery of happiness which is Trinitarian life, to feel like guests who were not worthy of so much honor. And to repeat to God in the wonder of prayer: how can you know only love? He does not know hatred. He is hated but he does not know hatred. He knows only love. This is the God to whom we pray. This is the incandescent core of all Christian prayer. The God of love, our Father who waits for us and accompanies us.

Pope Francis (05/13/2020)

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:

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

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



St. John Chrysostom Calendar for September 2025

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3 9a Office Hours 9a Divine Liturgy 10a Breakfast w/Pastor	4 6p Divine Lit	5 9a Office Hrs 6p Divine Lit	6 4p Young Mother's mtg w/Fr. Weldit 6p Vespers 7p Fireside Fellowship
7 9:30a 3 rd Hr 10a Div Lit 11:15a Social 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	8 Birth/Theotokos 9a Office Hours 6p Divine Liturgy	9	10 9a Office Hours 9a Divine Liturgy	11 6p Divine Lit	12 9a Office Hrs 6p Divine Lit	13 8:45a K of C Rosary @ Planned parenthood 1p Women's Ministry mtg @ Schimmoeller's 6p Vespers
14 Exalt/Cross 9:30a 3 rd Hr 10a Div Lit 11:15a Social; ECF 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	15 9a Office Hours	16	17 9a Office Hours 9a Divine Liturgy	18 6p Divine Lit	19 9a Office Hrs 6p Divine Litu	20 4p Families Gathering 6p Vespers
21 9:30a 3 rd Hr 10a Div Lit 11:15a Social; ECF 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	22 9a Office Hours	23	24 9a Office Hours	25	26 9a Office Hours	27 4p Ge'ez Women's Club mtg 6p Vespers w/Dcn Jeff
		<div>← Father leading Passaic clergy retreat →</div>				
28 9:30a 3 rd Hr 10a Div Lit 11:15a Social; ECF 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social	29 9a Office Hours	30 6p Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Protection of the Theotokos				