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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.

September 14, 2025 *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Sept 14	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Sept 17	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>+Ed Hospodar by M/M Wm Hospodar</i>
Thu	Sept 18	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Sept 19	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Sept 20	6:00pm	Vespers	<i>For the faithful</i>
Sun	Sept 21	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
			<i>Blessing of Catechists and Children</i>	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Epistle

Sun	Sep 14	1 Cor	1:18-24
Mon	Sep 15	Gal	2:11-16
Tue	Sep 16	Gal	2:21-3:7
Wed	Sep 17	Gal	3:15-22
Thu	Sep 18	Gal	3:23-4:5
Fri	Sep 19	Gal	4:8-22:1
Sat	Sep 20	1 Cor	1:26-29
Sun	Sep 21	Gal	2:16-20

Gospel

John	19:6-11, 13-24, 25-27, 30-35
Mark	5:24-34
Mark	6:1-7
Mark	6:7-13
Mark	6:30-45
Mark	6:45-53
John	8:21-30
Mark	8:34-9:1

Parish Activities

Sun	Sep 14	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social; First day of ECF classes Ge'ez social
Fri	Sep 19	6:00pm	Hall in use
Sat	Sep 20	4:00pm	Families Gathering
Sun	Sep 21	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social; ECF classes Ge'ez social

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

September 20th - Families Gathering will be in the hall. We continue the *Little Way - Spirituality for Spouses*, an interactive program to foster our spirituality as spouses and families.

No weekday liturgies September 22-26th - Father is out of town leading the Clergy retreat for the Eparchy of Passaic. There will be Vespers with Deacon Jeff on Saturday the 27th.

HELP NEEDED – It's that time of year again! Cookie Sale! Pirohi making begins Thursday and Friday **September 25 & 26**; and every Thursday and Friday in October. Please contact Pat Papai to help make pirohi. 614-578-5698.

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

From PDHC - We are thrilled to invite you and your parish to Pregnancy Decision Health Centers' annual *Celebration for Life Galas*. These impactful evenings will be anchored in truth and hope as we celebrate the gift of life and the impact of our mission. Here are the details:

Lancaster Gala

- Wednesday, September 18, 2025 · 6:00 PM
- The Tree Church, Lancaster
- Featuring Guest Speaker: **Rebekah Hagan**, a leading national voice on unexpected pregnancies, chemical abortion, and abortion pill reversal.

Columbus Gala

- Thursday, September 25, 2025 · 6:00 PM
- Villa Milano, Columbus
- Featuring Guest Speaker: **Toni McFadden**, international pro-life speaker and author of *Redeemed: My Journey After Abortion*.

Register online now at: <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/gala>

Matt Palmer Speaks to Columbus Young Catholic Professionals

Join YCP Columbus for the 'Matt Palmer Executive Speaker Series Talk' on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00p.m. at Saint Mary's Catholic Church (684 S Third St Columbus, Ohio.) Matt Palmer, a successful financial advisor/wealth manager from the Diocese of Columbus will speak on 'Living an Integrated Life', and food, drinks, and social time will also be provided. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Matt Palmer and grow in faith, friendship, and professionalism.

From the Diocese of Columbus - Young Adult Conference

2025 Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference: Are you between the ages of 19-35? Are you searching for an opportunity to encounter Christ in a transformative way? The Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference is a one-day event featuring inspiring Catholic speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitors, Adoration, and a vigil Mass. Join us at

our seventh conference on Saturday, October 18th for a day and evening of faith, fellowship, fun, and food at Saint Paul the Apostle parish in Westerville, OH. Register for the conference at ccyac.org.

The Prayer of the Righteous

God's plan for humanity is good, but in our daily affairs we experience the presence of evil. It is a daily experience. The first chapters of the Book of Genesis describe the progressive expansion of sin in human affairs. Adam and Eve (cf. Gen 3:1-7) doubt God's good intentions; they think they are dealing with an envious God who impedes their happiness. This is where their rebellion comes from: they no longer believe in a generous Creator who desires their happiness. Yielding to the temptation of evil, their hearts are overcome by a delirium of omnipotence: 'if we eat the fruit from the tree we will become like God' (cf. v. 5). And this is temptation: this is ambition that enters hearts. But their experience goes in the opposite direction: their eyes are opened and they discover they are naked (cf. v. 7), with nothing. Do not forget this: the tempter is a bad payer; he does not pay well.

Evil becomes even more disruptive with the second human generation, it is stronger: it is the story of Cain and Abel (cf. Gen 4:1-16). Cain is envious of his brother; there is the seed of envy; even though he is the first born, he sees Abel as a rival, one who undermines his primacy. Evil appears in his heart and Cain is unable to control it. Evil begins to enter his heart: his thoughts are always turned to looking badly upon the other, with suspicion. And this occurs with his thoughts too: "This one is evil; he will hurt me". And this thought enters his heartAnd thus the story of the first brotherhood ends in murder. I think of human fraternity today... war everywhere.

In Cain's descendants, arts and crafts develop, but violence develops too, expressed by the sinister canticle of Lamech, which sounds like a hymn of revenge: "I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me, if Cain is avenged seven times, truly Lamech seventy-seven-fold" (4:23-24). Vengeance: "You did this, you will pay". But the judge does not say this, I do. And I make myself the judge of the situation. And in this way evil spreads like wildfire, until it occupies the entire picture: "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (6:5). The great frescos of the universal flood (ch. 6-7) and of the tower of Babel (ch. 11) reveal that there is need of a new beginning, like a new creation, which will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Yet, in these first pages of the Bible, another, less striking, much more humble and pious story is also written, which represents the release of hope. While almost everyone behaves in a wicked manner, making hatred and conquest the great engine of human affairs, there are people who are capable of praying to God with sincerity, capable of writing mankind's destiny in a different way. Abel offers God the firstling sacrifice.

After his death, Adam and Eve had a third son, Seth, to whom Enoch (which means 'mortal') was born, and it is stated: "At that time men began to call upon the name of the Lord". (4:26). Then Enoch appears, a person who "walked with God" and was taken to heaven (cf. 5:22, 24). And lastly there is the story of Noah, a righteous man who "walked with God" (6:9), before whom God withheld his intention to blot out mankind (cf. 6:7-8).

While reading these narratives, one has the impression that prayer is a bulwark; it is man's refuge before the flood wave of evil that grows in the world. On closer inspection, we also pray to be saved from ourselves. It is important to pray: "Lord, please, save me from myself, from my ambitions, from my passions". The prayerful of the first pages of the Bible are peace workers: indeed, when prayer is authentic, it frees one from the instincts of violence and it is a gaze directed to God, that he may return to take care of the heart of mankind. We read in the Catechism: "This kind of prayer is lived by many righteous people in all religions" (ccc, 2569). Prayer cultivates flowerbeds of rebirth in places where man's hatred has only been able to expand the desert. And prayer is powerful because it attracts the power of God and the power of God always gives life: always. He is the God of life and he causes rebirth.

This is why God's lordship passes through this chain of men and women, often misunderstood or marginalized in the world. But the world lives and grows thanks to the power of God whom these servants attract with their prayer. It is not at all a boisterous chain, and rarely makes headlines, yet it is so important to restoring trust to the world! I remember the story of one man: an important government leader not from these days, but from the past. An atheist who had no religious feeling in his heart, but as a child he heard his grandmother pray, and this remained in his heart. And at a very difficult time in his life, that memory returned to his heart and said: "But my grandmother used to pray...". He thus began to pray with his grandmother's formulas, and there he found Jesus. Prayer is always a chain of life: many men and women who pray sow life.

Prayer sows life, small prayers: this is why it is so important to teach children to pray. I suffer when I encounter children who do not know how to make the sign of the Cross. They have to be taught to make the sign of the Cross properly, because it is the first prayer. Then perhaps they may forget, take another path, but the first prayers learned as a child remain in the heart, because they are a seed of life, the seed of dialogue with God.

The journey of God in the history of God is conveyed through them: it has passed through a "remainder" of humanity that has not conformed to the law of the fittest, but has asked God to perform his miracles, and above all to transform our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh (cf. Ez 36:26). And this helps prayer: because prayer opens the door to God, turning our often stony hearts into a human heart. And this demands a lot of humanity, and with humanity one can pray well.

Pope Francis, 05/27/2020



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	Sarah	Frye	Regina	Lee	Maria	Rakowsky	John	Wagner
William	Abdi	Christopher	Christine	Leon	Terry	Rasor	Owen	Ward
Charles	Brake	Deborah	Jeanne	Lombardi	Nadia	Ritchey	Curtis	Weber
Anna	Branham	Charlene	Christine	Long	Charles	Roddy	Nicholas	Zvansky
John	Brown	Nataly	Jessie	Madzia	Sandra	Roddy	Sandra	Zvansky
Vernal	Brown	John	Ilya	Mandebur	Justin	Rogers	PeiHsiu	McKenzie
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

