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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 21, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

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| Sun | Sept 21 | 9:30am | 3 rd Hour | |
| | | 10:00am | Divine Liturgy | For the faithful |
| | | 12:00pm | Ge'ez Divine Liturgy | |

No weekday liturgies September 22-26th

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| Sat | Sept 26 | 6:00pm | Vespers | |
| Sun | Sept 28 | 9:30am | 3 rd Hour | |
| | | 10:00am | Divine Liturgy | For the faithful |
| | | 12:00pm | Ge'ez Divine Liturgy | |

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Epistle

Gospel

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| Sun | Sep 21 | Gal | 2:16-20 | Mark | 8:34-9:1 |
| Mon | Sep 22 | Gal | 4:28-5:10 | Luke | 3:19-21 |
| Tue | Sep 23 | Gal | 4:22-31 | Luke | 1:5-25 |
| Wed | Sep 24 | Gal | 6:2-10 | Luke | 4:1-15 |
| Thu | Sep 25 | Eph | 1:1-9 | Luke | 4:16-22 |
| Fri | Sep 26 | 1 Jn | 4:12-19 | John | 19:25-27 & 21:24-25 |
| Sat | Sep 27 | 1 Cor | 10:23-28 | Luke | 4:31-36 |
| Sun | Sep 28 | 2 Cor | 6:1-10 | Luke | 5:1-11 |

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| Sun | Sep 21 | 11:15am | Parish Social; ECF classes |
| | | 11:20am | Adult Education in the Church |
| | | 2:00pm | Ge'ez social |
| Thu | Sep 25 | 10:00am | Pirohi making |
| Fri | Sep 26 | 10:00am | Pirohi making |
| Sat | Sep 27 | 4:00pm | Ge'ez Women's Club mtg |
| Sun | Sep 28 | 11:15am | Parish Social; ECF classes |
| | | 11:20am | Adult Education in the Church |
| | | 2:00pm | Ge'ez social |

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-

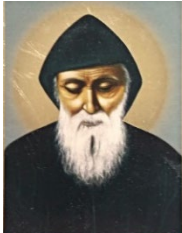
day event featuring inspiring Catholic speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitors, Adoration, and a vigil Mass. Join us at our seventh conference on **Saturday, October 18th** for a day and evening of faith, fellowship, fun, and food at Saint Paul the Apostle parish in Westerville, OH. Register for the conference at ccyac.org.

PRAYER OF ABRAHAM

There is a voice that suddenly resonates in Abraham's life. A voice that invites him to undertake a journey that he knows is absurd: a voice that spurs him to uproot himself from his homeland, from his family roots, in order to move toward a new, different future. And it is all based on a promise, in which he needs only to have trust. And to have trust in a promise is not easy. It takes courage. And Abraham had trust. The Bible is silent on the steps of the first patriarch. The logic of things leaves us to presume that he had worshipped other divinities; perhaps he was a wise man, accustomed to observing the heavens and the stars. The Lord, in fact, promised him that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars that speckle the sky. And Abraham sets out. He listens to the voice of God and trusts in His word. This is important: he trusts the Word of God. And with this departure of his, a new way of understanding the relationship with God arose. It is for this reason that the patriarch Abraham is present in the great Jewish, Christian and Islamic spiritual traditions as the perfect man of God, capable of being submissive to Him, even when His will proves arduous, if not completely incomprehensible. Abraham is thus the man of the Word. When God speaks, man becomes the receptor of that Word and his life the place in which it seeks to become flesh. This is a great novelty in man's religious journey: the life of a believer begins to be understood as a vocation, thus as a calling, as the place where a promise is fulfilled; and he moves in the world not so much under the weight of an enigma, but with the power of that promise, which one day will be fulfilled. And Abraham believed God's promise. He believed and he set out without knowing where he was going — thus says the Letter to the Hebrews (cf. 11:8). But he had trust. In reading the Book of Genesis, we discover that Abraham experienced prayer in constant faithfulness to that Word, which periodically appeared along his path. In short, we could say that in Abraham's life faith becomes history. Faith becomes history. Indeed Abraham, with his life, with his example teaches us this path, this path in which faith becomes history. God is no longer seen only in cosmic phenomena, as a distant God, who can instill fear. The God of Abraham becomes "my God", the God of my personal history, who guides my steps, who does not abandon me; the God of my days, companion in my adventures; the God Providence. I ask myself and I ask you: do we have this experience with God? "My God", the God who accompanies me, the God of my personal history, the God who guides my steps, who does not abandon me, the God of my days? Do we have this experience? Let us think about this a bit. Abraham's experience is also attested to in one of the most original texts of the history of spirituality: the Memorial of Blaise Pascal. It begins like this: "God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and savants. Certitude, certitude; feeling, joy, peace. God of Jesus Christ". This memorial, written on a small parchment and found after his death, sewn inside the philosopher's clothing, expresses not an intellectual reflection that a wise man like him can conceive of God, but the living, experienced sense of His presence. Pascal even noted the precise instant in which he felt that reality, having finally encountered it: the evening of 23 November 1654. It is not the abstract God or the cosmic God, no. He is the God of a person, of a calling, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, the God who is certainty, who is feeling, who is joy. "Abraham's prayer is expressed first by deeds: a man of silence, he constructs an altar to the Lord at each stage of his journey" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2570). Abraham does not build a temple, but scatters the path of stones that recall God's passage. A surprising God, as when He pays a visit in the form of three guests, whom Abraham and Sarah welcomed with care, and the three announce the birth of their son Isaac (cf. Gen 18:1-15). Abraham was 100 years old and his wife was more or less 90. And they believed, they trusted God. And Sarah, his wife, conceived. At that age! This is the God of Abraham, our God who accompanies us. Pope Francis 8 Thus, Abraham becomes familiar with God, even able to argue with Him, but ever faithful. He speaks with God and argues. Up to the supreme test, when God asks him to sacrifice his very son Isaac, the son of his elder years, his sole heir. Here Abraham lives faith as a tragedy, as a groping walk in the night, under a sky that, this time, is starless. And many times this also happens to us, to walk in the dark but with faith. God himself will halt Abraham's hand, already prepared to strike, because He saw his willingness truly complete (cf. Gen 22:1-19). Brothers and sisters, let us learn from Abraham; let us learn how to pray with faith: to listen to the Lord, to walk, to dialogue, up to arguing. Let us not be afraid to argue with God! I will even say something that may

seem like heresy. Many times I have heard people say to me: "You know, this happened to me and I became very angry with God" — "You had the courage to be angry at God?" — "Yes, I got angry" — "But this is a form of prayer". Because only a son or daughter is capable of being angry at their dad and then encounter him again. Let us learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue and to argue, but always willing to accept the Word of God and to put it into practice. With God, let us learn to speak like a child with his dad: to listen to him, to reply, to argue. But transparent like a child with his dad. This is how Abraham teaches us to pray

Pope Francis, 06/03/2020



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:

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| 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 | 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

