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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 28, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Sept 28	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Tue	Sept 30	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	
<i>Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos</i>				
Wed	Oct 1	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Thu	Oct 2	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Oct 3	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Oct 4	6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Sept 21	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Sep 28	2 Cor	6:1-10	Luke	5:1-11
Mon	Sep 29	Eph	1:22-2:3	Luke	4:37-44
Tue	Sep 30	Eph	2:19-3:7	Luke	5:12-16
Wed	Oct 1	Heb	9:1-7	Luke	10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Thu	Oct 2	Eph	4:14-19	Luke	6:12-19
Fri	Oct 3	Eph	4:17-25	Luke	6:17-23
Sat	Oct 4	1 Cor	14:20-25	Luke	5:17-26
Sun	Oct 5	2 Cor	6:16-7:1	Luke	6:31-36

Sun	Sep 28	11:15am	Parish Social
		11:20am	Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Wed	Oct 1	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Thur	Oct 2	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 3	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 4	4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mother's mtg w/Fr. Weldit
		7:00pm	Fireside Fellowship following Vespers
Sun	Oct 5	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF Social
		11:20am	Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

Wed.	October 1	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Thu.	October 2	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri.	October 3	9:00am	Divine Liturgy (NO 6pm Liturgy)
Fri.	October 3	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat.	October 4	7:00pm	Fireside Fellowship following Vespers
Sun.	October 5	2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy

Ohio March for Life - St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215 will host a Mass for Life on Friday, Oct 3rd at 9am. At 10:00 am Ohio March for Life will hold a pre-rally concert at 1 Capitol Sq, Columbus, OH 43215 followed by the rally and March for Life. Details of these events can be found at <https://marchforlife.org/ohio>

All are welcome to attend. Stand shoulder to shoulder with fellow believers and pro-life Ohioans who know that every life is precious.

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.

PRAYER OF JACOB

Through the occurrences of men and women from a far-off time, the Book of Genesis tells us stories in which we can reflect our lives. In the Patriarch cycle, we also find the story of a man who had turned shrewdness into his best talent: Jacob. The biblical account tells us about the difficult relationship Jacob had with his brother Esau. Ever since childhood, there was a rivalry between them, which was never overcome later on. Jacob is the second-born son — they were twins — but through deceit he manages to obtain the blessing and birthright of their father Isaac (cf. Gen 25:19-34). It is only the first in a long series of ploys of which this unscrupulous man is capable. Even the name “Jacob” means someone who is cunning in his movements. Forced to flee far from his brother, he seems to succeed in every undertaking in his life. He is adept at business: he greatly enriches himself, becoming the owner of an enormous flock. With tenacity and patience, he manages to marry Laban’s most beautiful daughter, with whom he is truly in love. Jacob — as we would say in modern terms — is a “self-made” man; with his ingenuity, his cunning, he manages to obtain everything he wants. But he lacks something. He lacks a living relationship with his own roots. And one day he hears the call of home, of his ancient homeland, where his brother Esau, with whom he has always had a terrible relationship, still lives. Jacob sets out, undertaking a long journey with a caravan of many people and animals, until he reaches the final leg, the Jabbok stream. Here the Book of Genesis offers us a memorable page (cf. 32:23-33). It recounts that after having all his people and all the livestock — which was numerous — cross the stream, the patriarch remains alone on the foreign river bank. And he ponders: What awaits him the following day? What attitude will his brother Esau, whose birthright he had stolen, assume? Jacob’s mind is a whirlwind of thoughts.... And, as it is growing dark, a stranger suddenly grabs him and begins to Catechesis on Prayer 9 wrestle with him. The Catechism explains: “From this account, the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance” (ccc, 2573). Jacob wrestles the entire night, never letting go of his adversary. In the end he is defeated, his sciatic nerve is struck by his opponent, and thereafter he will walk with a limp for the rest of his life. That mysterious wrestler asks the patriarch for his name and tells him: “Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed” (Gen 32:28). As if to say: you will never be the man who walks this way, but forthright. He changes his name, he changes his life, he changes his attitude. You will be called Israel. Then Jacob also asks the other: “Tell me, I pray, your name”. The other does not reveal it to him, but blesses him instead. Then Jacob understands he has encountered God “face to face” (vv. 29-30). Wrestling with God: a metaphor for prayer. At other times Jacob had revealed himself capable of dialoguing with God, of sensing him as a friendly and close presence. But that night, through a lengthy struggle that nearly makes him succumb, the patriarch emerges changed. A change of name, a change in his way of life and a change in personality: he emerges changed. For once he is no longer master of the situation — his cunning is of no use to him — he is no longer a strategic and calculating man. God returns him to his truth as a mortal man who trembles and fears, because in the struggle, Jacob was afraid. For once Jacob has nothing but his frailty and powerlessness, and also his sins, to present to God. And it is this Jacob who receives God’s blessing, with which he limps into the promised land: vulnerable and wounded, but with a new heart. Once I heard an elderly man — a good man, a good Christian, but a sinner who had great trust in God — who said: “God will help me; he will not leave me alone. I will enter Heaven; limping, but I will enter”. At first, Jacob was a self-assured man; he trusted in his own shrewdness. He was a man who was impervious to grace, resistant to mercy; he did not know what mercy was. “Here I am, I am in command!”. He did not think he needed mercy. But God saved what had been lost. He made him understand that he was limited, that he was a sinner who needed mercy, and He saved him. We

all have an appointment with God in the night, in the night of our life, in the many nights of our life: dark moments, moments of sin, moments of disorientation. There is an appointment there with God, always. He will surprise us at the moment we do not expect him, when we find ourselves truly alone. That same night, struggling against the unknown, we will realize that we are only poor men and women — “poor things”, I dare say — but right then, in that moment in which we feel we are “poor things”, we need not fear: because God will give us a new name, which contains the meaning of our entire life; he will change our heart and will offer us the blessing reserved to those who have allowed themselves to be changed by him. This is a beautiful invitation to allow ourselves to be changed by God. He knows how to do so, because he knows each one of us. Each of us can say, “Lord, you know me”. “Lord, you know me. Change me”.

Pope Francis, 06/10/2020



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	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

