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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.

October 5, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Oct 5	9:30am	Rosary	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
		2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	
		Social to follow in the hall		

No weekday liturgies October 6th-11th

Sat	Oct 11	5:50pm	Akathist	<i>For the faithful</i>
		6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Oct 12	9:30am	Rosary	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Oct 5	2 Cor 6:16-7:1	Luke 6:31-36
Mon	Oct 6	1 Cor 4:9-16	John 20:19-31
Tue	Oct 7	Eph 5:20-26	Luke 6:37-45
Wed	Oct 8	Eph 5:25-31	Luke 6:46-7:1
Thu	Oct 9	1 Cor 4:9-12	Luke 10:16-21
Fri	Oct 10	Eph 6:18-24	Luke 7:31-35
Sat	Oct 11	1 Cor 15:39-45	Luke 5:27-32
Sun	Oct 12	2 Cor 9:6-11	Luke 7:11-16 or
		Heb 13:7-16	John 17:1-13

Parish Activities

Sun	Oct 5	11:15am	Parish Social
		11:20am	Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
		3:45pm	Ukrainian Social
Thur	Oct 9	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 1	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 11	8:45am	Knight of Columbus Rosary @ Planned Parenthood
		1:00pm	Women's Ministry @ Schimmoeller's
Sun	Oct 12	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF
		11:20am	Adult Education
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Akathist & Rosary – During the month of October on weekdays we pray the Akathist to the Theotokos 10 minutes before any service. On Sundays, the Rosary at 9.30am is led by the Knights of Columbus.

Adult Education - Dr. Dan Garland leads lessons on *Christ Our Pascha Catechism* right after the Sunday liturgy in the hall. We ask that those participating gather at the stage.

No weekday liturgies this week, October 6th-10th - Father is attending the Parma Clergy Retreat. There will be Vespers with Deacon Jeff on Saturday October 11th.

ECF Schedule for October – 10/12 10/19 10/26

Eternal Memory – Ruth Turanchik, a long-time parishioner, died last Sunday. Visitation at Newcomer Funeral Home Northwest (10051 Brewster Lane, Powell, OH 43065) is today, October 5th, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. It will be followed by a memorial service at 4:00pm.

May grant His handmaid Ruth, eternal memory and blessed repose.

Saturday, October 11th, 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.

Saturday, Oct 18, at 4PM - we have our next Families Gathering; all couples (more than just families with children) are invited. If you don't have a book yet, we will get you one at the upcoming meeting. But come anyway even if you don't have a book yet! We will have a light meal available.

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

December 13th is our 21st Christmas Cookie Sale. This is our big fundraiser! EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED.

We need bakers of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale.

Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, will be contacting everyone regarding the sale and how you can help with baking or volunteering. If you have any questions, or Lisa has not yet contacted you, please contact her directly; **you may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com**. You may also call (614-882-7578) or email the church office (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Using Hall Kitchen to bake for Cookie Sale

We offer the use of the parish hall kitchen for those who may need to use the bigger space to bake items for this year's Cookie Sale. Please use the following reservation procedure: send an email to **eventstjohn@outlook.com** to

schedule the date(s) and times that you need. Allow 24-48 hours for a response. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RESERVE TIME IN THE HALL.**

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

The 5th Annual Eparchial Women's Renewal, November 14-16, 2025 will take place at The Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, OH. Spiritual leadership will be provided by Fr. Andrew Summerson, pastor of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, IN, and his wife, Laura Ieraci, editor of ONE magazine and founder of AVIVA Ministries & Coaching. The event will focus on Eucharistic Revival and the healing power of Christ, inspired by 1 Corinthians 11:24, *"This is my body, which is broken for you."*

Registration:

Reserve your space by October 17, 2025 for discounted rate.

Early fee by Oct 17 = **\$220** After Oct 17 fee = \$250

If you require financial assistance, please reach out and we can send you the scholarship application.

Online registration is available <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God, Byzantine Catholic Church

Please complete the form (preferably online) and send a check to the address below:

Attn: Fall Women's Renewal: 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109

Contact Kim at kimkocuba@ameritech.net or 216-337-2673 with questions.

PRAYER OF MOSES

In our itinerary on the theme of prayer, we are realizing that God never liked to deal with those who prayed the 'easy' way'. And Moses was not a 'weak' conversationalist either, from the very first day of his vocation. When God called him, Moses was, in human terms, 'a failure'. The Book of Exodus portrays him in the land of Midian as a fugitive. As a young man he had felt compassion for his people, and had aligned himself in defense of the oppressed. But he soon discovered that, despite his good intentions, it was not justice, but violence that flowed from his hands. Thus his dreams of glory were shattered: Moses was no longer a promising official, destined to rise rapidly in his career, but rather one who gambled away opportunities, and now grazed a flock that was not even his own. And it was precisely in the silence of the Midian desert that God summoned Moses to the revelation of the burning bush: "'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God" (Ex 3:6). Moses resists God who speaks, who invites him to take care of the people of Israel once more, with his fears and his objections: he is not worthy of that mission, he does not know God's name, he will not be believed by the Israelites, he has a stammering tongue ... so many objections. The word that issues most frequently from Moses' lips, in every prayer he addresses to God, is the question: 'Why?' Why have you sent me? Why do you want to free this people? Why? In the Pentateuch, there is even a dramatic passage where God reproaches Moses for his lack of trust, a lack that will prevent him from entering the promised land (cf. Num 20:12). With these fears, with this often wavering heart, how can Moses pray? Indeed, Moses appears human like us. And this happens to us too: when we have doubts, how can we pray? We do not feel like praying. And it is because of this, his weakness, as well as his strength, that we are impressed. Entrusted by God to transmit the Law to his people, founder of divine worship, mediator of the loftiest mysteries, he will not for this reason cease to maintain close bonds of solidarity with his people, especially in the hour of temptation and sin. He is always attached to his people. Moses never forgets his people. And this is a great characteristic of pastors: not forgetting the people, not forgetting one's roots. It is what Paul says to his beloved young Bishop Timothy: "Remember your mother and your grandmother, your roots, your people". Moses is so friendly with God that he can speak with Him face to face (cf. Ex 33:11); and he will remain so friendly with the people that he feels mercy for their sins, for their temptations, for the sudden nostalgia that the exiles feel for the past, recalling when they were in Egypt. Moses does not reject God, but nor does he reject his people. He is faithful to his flesh and blood, he is faithful to God's voice. Moses is not therefore an authoritarian and despotic leader; the Book of Numbers defines him rather as "very meek, more than all men

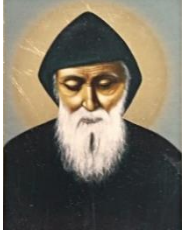
that were on the face of the earth" (Num 12:3). Despite his privileged status, Moses never ceases to belong to the ranks of the poor in spirit who live by trusting in God as the viaticum of their journey. He is a man of his people. Thus, the manner of prayer most proper to Moses is through intercession (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2574). His faith in God is completely at one with the sense of fatherhood he feels toward his people. Scripture habitually portrays him with his hands outstretched toward God, as if to form with his own person a bridge between heaven and earth. Even in the most difficult moments, even on the day when the people repudiate God and Moses himself as leader and make themselves a golden calf, Moses does not feel inclined to set his people aside. They are my people. They are your people. They are my people. He does not reject God nor his people. And he says to God: "this people have sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin — and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Ex 32:31-32). Moses does not barter his people. He is the bridge; he is the intercessor. Both of them, the people and God, and he is in the middle. He does not sell out his people to advance his career. He does not climb the ladder; he is an intercessor: for his people, for his flesh and blood, for his history, for his people and for the God who called him. He is the bridge. What a beautiful example for all pastors who must be 'bridges'. This is why they are called pontifex, bridges. Pastors are the bridges between the people they belong to, and God, to whom they belong by vocation. This is what Moses is: "Lord, forgive their sin, and if you do not forgive, blot me from the book you have written. I do not want to advance at the expense of my people". And this is the prayer that true believers cultivate in their spiritual life. Even if they experience people's shortcomings and their distance from God, these prayerful people do not condemn them, they do not reject them. The intercessory attitude is proper to the saints who, in imitation of Jesus, are 'bridges' between God and his people. Moses, in this sense, was the first great prophet of Jesus, our advocate and intercessor (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2577). And today, too, Jesus is the pontifex; he is the bridge between us and the Father. And Jesus intercedes for us; he shows the Father the wounds that are the price of our salvation, and he intercedes. And Moses is the figure of Jesus who today prays for us, intercedes for us. Moses urges us to pray with the same ardour of Jesus, to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all its frailties, it still belongs to God. Everyone belongs to God. The worst sinners, the most wicked people, the most corrupt leaders, are children of God, and Jesus feels this and intercedes for everyone. And the world lives and flourishes to the blessing of the righteous, to the prayer for mercy, this prayer for mercy that the holy, the righteous, the intercessor, the priest, the bishop, the Pope, the layperson, any baptized person unceasingly raises up for humanity, in every place and time in history. Let us think of Moses, the intercessor. And when we want to condemn someone and we become angry inside — getting angry can do good, but condemning does no good — let us intercede for him or her; this will help us a lot. Today is the "Day of Conscience", inspired by the witness of the Portuguese diplomat Aristides de Sousa Mendes, who some 80 years ago decided to follow the voice of his conscience and saved the lives of thousands of Jews and other persecuted people. May freedom of conscience be respected always and everywhere; and may every Christian give the example of consistency with an upright conscience enlightened by the Word of God.

Pope Francis, 06/17/2020

St. John Chrysostom Calendar for October 2025

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prot./Theotokos 9a Office Hours 8:50a Akathist 9a Divine Liturgy 10a Breakfast w/Pastor	2 10a Pirohi making 5:50p Akathist 6p Divine Lit	3 9a Office Hours 10a Pirohi making 5:50p Akathist 6p Divine Lit	4 4p Young Mother's mtg w/Fr. Weldit 5:50p Akathist 6p Vespers 7p Fireside Fellowship
5 9:30a Rosary 10a Divine Lit 11:15a Social 11:20a Adult Ed in hall 12p Ge'ez Lit 2p Social 2:30p Ukrain. Lit. Social to follow	6 9a Office Hours	7	8 9a Office Hours	9 10a Pirohi making	10 9a Office Hours 10a Pirohi making	11 8:45a K/C Rosary @ PP 1p Women's Ministry @ Schimmoeller's 5:50p Akathist 6p Vespers
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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	John	Wagner
Hussein	Abdi	Sarah	Frye	Regina	Lee	Maria	Rakowsky	Owen	Ward
William	Brake	Christopher	Gehman	Christine	Leon	Terry	Rasor	Curtis	Weber
Charles	Branham	Deborah	Gordon	Jeanne	Lombardi	Nadia	Ritchey	Nicholas	Zvansky
Anna	Brown	Charlene	Grabner	Christine	Long	Charles	Roddy	Sandra	Zvansky
John	Brown	Nataly	Grace	Jessie	Madzia	Sandra	Roddy	PeiHsiu	McKenzie
Vernal	Brown	John	Griffen	Ilya	Mandebur	Justin	Rogers		
Mary	Carroll	Evelyn	Hoechstetter	Bill	Martin	Lillian	Rogers		
Cindy	Cox	Esther	Imhoff	Joe	Martin	Mary Beth	Rogers		
Will	Culver	Mech	Intention	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

