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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 12, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Oct 12	9:30am	Rosary	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Oct 15	8:50am	Akathist	<i>+Paul Jadwisiak by Pitt family</i>
		9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Thu	Oct 16	8:50am	Akathist	
		9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Oct 17	8:50am	Akathist	
		9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Oct 18	5:50pm	Akathist	
		6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Oct 19	9:30am	Rosary	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Oct 12	2 Cor 9:6-11	Luke 7:11-16 or
		Heb 13:7-16	John 17:1-13
Mon	Oct 13	Phil 1:1-7	Luke 7:36-50
Tue	Oct 14	Phil 1:8-14	Luke 8:1-3
Wed	Oct 15	Phil 1:12-20	Luke 8:22-25
Thu	Oct 16	Phil 1:20-27	Luke 9:7-11
Fri	Oct 17	Phil 1:27-2:4	Luke 9:12-18
Sat	Oct 18	Col 4:5-9, 14 & 18	Luke 10:16-21
Sun	Oct 19	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Luke 8:5-15

Parish Activities

Sun	Oct 12	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF
		11:20am	Adult Education in hall
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Thu	Oct 16	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 17	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 18	4:00pm	Families Gathering
Sun	Oct 19	11:15am	Parish Social; ECF
		11:20am	Adult Education in hall
		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.

Thursday and Friday of this week, Divine Liturgy begins at 9am. Father has obligations in the afternoon and evening of those days.

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.

The GCU has a program where they will match monetary contributions to a Food Pantry. To that end we are asking those who are willing to contribute, make checks out to St. John Chrysostom and put W.A.R.M. on the memo line through the end of October. We will make one check to W.A.R.M. and let the GCU know the total amount raised which they will then match up to \$500.

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 will take place at The Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, OH, from **November 14-16, 2025**. 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 DAVID

On our itinerary of catechesis on prayer, today we meet King David. Favored by God even from his youth, he is chosen for a unique mission that plays a central role in the history of the People of God and of our own faith. In the Gospels, Jesus is called "son of David" a number of times; in fact, like him, He was born in Bethlehem. According to the promises, the Messiah would come from the descendants of David: a King completely after God's heart, in perfect obedience to the Father, whose action faithfully realizes His plan of salvation (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2579). David's story begins on the hills surrounding Bethlehem, where he grazes the flock of his father, Jesse. He is still a boy, the last of many brothers. So much so that when the prophet Samuel, by God's order, goes in search of the new king, it seems almost as if his father has forgotten about his youngest son (cf. 1 Sam 16:1-13). He worked in the open air: we can think of him as a friend of the wind, of the sounds of nature, of the rays of the sun. He has only one companion to comfort his soul: his harp; and during those long days spent in solitude, he loves to play and to sing to his God. He also played with the slingshot. Therefore, David is, first and foremost, a shepherd: a man who takes care of animals, who defends them from oncoming danger, who provides for their sustenance. When, by God's will, David will have to care for his people, the actions he will take will not be very different from these. This is why the image of the shepherd frequently occurs in the Bible. Even Jesus defines himself as "the good shepherd", whose behavior is different than that of the mercenary; he offers his life on behalf of the sheep; he guides them; he knows each of them by name (cf. Jn 10:11-18).

David learned a lot from his previous job. So, when the prophet Nathan reproaches him for his very serious sin (cf. 2 Sam 12:1-15), David understands right away that he has been a bad shepherd, that he has despoiled another man of his only sheep which he loved, that he is no longer a humble servant, but a man crazy for power, a poacher who loots and preys on others. A second characteristic trait present in David's vocation is his poet's soul. From this small observation, we can deduce that David was not a vulgar man, as is often the case with individuals who are forced to live for long periods isolated from society. He is, instead, a sensitive person who loves music and song. His harp would accompany him always: sometimes to raise a hymn of joy to God (cf. 2 Sam 6:16), other times to express a lament, or to confess his own sin (cf. Ps 51:3). The world that presents itself before his eyes is not a silent scene: as things unraveled before his gaze he observed a greater mystery. That is exactly where prayer arises: from the conviction that life is not something that takes us by surprise, but an astonishing mystery that inspires poetry, music, gratitude, praise, even lament and supplication in us. When a person lacks that poetic dimension, let's say, when he lacks poetry, his or her soul limps. Thus, tradition casts David as the great artist behind the composition of the Psalms. Many of them, at the beginning, often bear an explicit reference to the king of Israel, and to some of the more or less noble events of his life. David, therefore, has a dream: that of being a good shepherd. Sometimes he will live up to this task, other times less so; what is important, however, in the context of the history of salvation, is

that he is a prophecy of another King, whom he merely announces and prefigures. Let us look at David; let us think about David. Holy and sinful, persecuted and persecutor, victim and manslayer, which is a contradiction. David was all of this, together. And we too have recorded events in our lives that are often opposed to each other; in the drama of life, all people often sin by inconsistency. There is a single golden thread running through David's life, that gives unity to everything that happens: his prayer. That is the voice that is never extinguished. David the saint prays; David the sinner prays; David the persecuted prays; David the persecutor prays. Even David the manslayer prays. This is the golden thread that runs through his life. A man of prayer. That is the voice that is never silenced: whether it assumes tones of jubilation or those of lament, it is always the same prayer; only the melody changes. In so doing, David teaches us to let everything enter into dialogue with God: joy as well as guilt, love as well as suffering, friendship as much as sickness. Everything can become a word spoken to the "You" who always listens to us. David, who knew solitude, was in reality never alone! In the end, this is the power of prayer in all those who make room for it in their lives. Prayer gives you nobility, and David is noble because he prays. But he is a manslayer who prays; he repents and his nobility returns thanks to prayer. Prayer gives us nobility. It is capable of securing our relationship with God who is the true Companion on the journey of every man and woman, amid life's thousand adversities, good or bad: but always prayer. Thank you, Lord. I am afraid, Lord. Help me, Lord. Forgive me, Lord. David's trust is so great that, when he was persecuted and had to flee, he did not let anyone defend him: "If my God humiliates me thus, he knows what he is doing", because the nobility of prayer leaves us in God's hands. Those hands wounded by love: the only sure hands we have.

Pope Francis, 06/27/2020



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

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