



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Robert Jager

Deacon: Fr. Deacon Jeffrey Martin

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.

November 9, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Nov 9	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy w/Myrovanjie and Veteran's Day blessing	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Nov 12	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>+Ruth Turanchick by Czynnik family</i>
Thu	Nov 13	<i>Feast of St. John Chrysostom</i>		<i>Health of Gabriel McCallister by the McCallister Family</i>
		6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Nov 14	<i>Feast of St. Philip</i>		<i>for Anna on her birthday by A. Kocsis</i>
		6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Nov 15	<i>Philip's Fast begins</i>		
		6:00pm	Vespers w/Bishop Robert	
Sun	Nov 16	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>For the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Robert	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

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Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Nov 9	Gal 6:11-18	Luke 8:41-58
Mon	Nov 10	1 Thes 1:1-5	Luke 12:13-15 & 22-31
Tue	Nov 11	1 Thes 1:6-10	Luke 12:42-48
Wed	Nov 12	Heb 4:14-5:10	John 10:9-16
Thu	Nov 13	Heb 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Fri	Nov 14	1 Cor 4:9-16	John 1:43-51
Sat	Nov 15	2 Cor 8:1-5	Luke 9:37-43
Sun	Nov 16	Eph 2:4-10	Luke 10:25-37

Parish Activities

Sun	Nov 9	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social; ECF; set up hall for Bishop's visit Ge'ez social
Mon	Nov 10	9:00am	Hall kitchen in use
Tue	Nov 11	9:00am	Hall kitchen in use
Fri	Nov 14	9:00am 6:45pm	Hall kitchen in use Adult Education in church
Sat	Nov 15	10:00am 4:00pm 7-8:30pm	Roll Baking Bishop meets with members all parish boards Bishop-Open Forum with parishioners in church
Sun	Nov 16	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social with Bishop Ge'ez social

AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ADULT EDUCATION – CHANGE IN DAY & TIME Adult Education will now be held on Fridays in the church at 6:45pm, following the 6:00pm Divine Liturgy. This will remain in effect from November 7th through December 19th.

BISHOP ROBERT VISIT – NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH – Bishop Robert Pipta is visiting St. John Chrysostom this coming Saturday, November 15th and next Sunday, November 16th. Saturday at 4:00pm, he meets with the members of the Parish Advisory and Finance Boards. At 6:00pm he will celebrate Vespers and then hold an Open Forum to answer parishioner questions. Sunday, he will celebrate a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

We will have an informal luncheon following the liturgy. St. John will provide the main dish, bread and beverages. **We ask parishioners with last names beginning with A-L to bring desserts and those with last names beginning with M-Z to bring side dishes/salads.**

COATS FOR KIDS –The Knights of Columbus Councils are collecting new or gently used coats for children, sizes toddler through teen, through the end of November. Please drop off the coats in front of the St. Tabitha Icon in the church vestibule at any time. One of the Knights will collect them every Sunday. We are very grateful for any donations. Thank you!

VOCATIONS ICON - Jesus encourages us to ask the Father to send workers for *the harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few*. (Lk 10:2) Our prayers are essential! Each parish received the Vocation Icon that will be visiting our families. In our homes we gather for prayer for vocation guided by the accompanying booklet. Through simple but fervent prayers we ask for new vocations and at the same time we plant seeds of God's grace in our hearts. Fasting and prayer enable us to make room for the Lord in our lives by cultivating softened and fertile hearts ready to receive

the Master. Praying with our sisters and brothers in Christ enable us to hear the Lord's call more clearly and to respond eagerly, courageously, sacrificially, authentically, and humbly.

Each family is encouraged to sign up for a weeklong prayer chain, using the booklets. Every Sunday there will be a beautiful little ritual of handing over the icon to the next family. Sign up online using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-59910986-weekly>

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

2025 EVENING OF HOPE COVENANT CARD – We send Covenant Cards to you so the spirit of the Evening of Hope may reach everyone throughout the Eparchy. Additionally, we will send the evening's program book electronically to all, along with photos and a brief recap of the event. While it is not the same as being present, these materials help include everyone in the joy and hope of the evening at their cathedral.

Those who wish may complete a card their name and address. The Eparchy will mail their personalized Covenant Card to them during the Easter season.

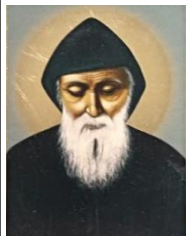
We have cards available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Please complete both sides of the card and return to the church. Put them in the collections boxes and we will send all that are collected to Parma in one envelope.

Catechesis on Prayer

In our itinerary of catechesis on prayer, after travelling through the Old Testament, we now arrive at Jesus. And Jesus prayed. The beginning of his public ministry takes place with his baptism in the River Jordan. The Evangelists are in agreement in attributing fundamental importance to this episode. They narrate how all the people came together in prayer, and specify that this gathering had a clearly penitential nature (cf. Mk 1:5; Mt 3:8). The people went to John to be baptized, for the forgiveness of sins: it is of a penitential character, of conversion. Jesus' first public act is therefore participation in a choral prayer of the people, a prayer of the people who went to be baptized, a penitential prayer, in which everyone recognizes him or herself as a sinner. This is why the Baptist wishes to oppose it, and says: "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" (Mt 3:14). The Baptist understands who Jesus is. But Jesus insists: His is an act of obedience to the will of the Father (v. 15), an act of solidarity with our human condition. He prays with the sinners of the People of God. Let us keep this clearly in mind: Jesus is the Righteous One; he is not a sinner. But he wished to come down to us, sinners, and he prays with us, and when we pray he is with us, praying; he is with us because he is in heaven, praying for us. Jesus always prays with his people, he always prays with us: always. We never pray alone; we always pray with Jesus. He does not stay on the opposite side of the river — "I am righteous, you are sinners" — to mark his difference and distance from the disobedient people, but rather he immerses his feet in the same purifying waters. He acts as if he were a sinner. And this is the greatness of God, who sent his Son and annihilated himself, and appeared as a sinner. Jesus is not a distant God, and he cannot be so. Incarnation revealed him in a complete and humanly unthinkable way. Thus, inaugurating his mission, Jesus places himself at the forefront of a people of penitents, as if charging himself with opening a breach through which all of us, after him, must have the courage to pass. However, the road, the journey, is difficult; but he goes ahead, opening the way. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that this is the newness of the fullness of time. It says: "his filial prayer, which the Father awaits from his children, is finally going to be lived out by the only Son in his humanity, with and for men" (no. 2599). Jesus prays with us. Let us keep this clear in our mind and in our heart: Jesus prays with us. On that day, on the bank of the River Jordan, there is therefore all of humanity, with its unexpressed yearning for prayer. There is, above all, the population of sinners: those who thought they could not be loved by God, those who did not dare cross the threshold of the temple, those who did not pray because they did not consider themselves worthy. Jesus came for everyone, even for them, and he begins precisely by joining them. At the forefront. The Gospel of Luke, in particular, highlights the climate of prayer in which the baptism of Jesus took place: "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened" (3:21). By praying, Jesus opens the door to the heavens, and the Holy Spirit descends from that breach. And from on high a voice proclaims the wonderful truth: "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased" (v. 22). This simple phrase encloses an immense treasure; it enables us to intuit something of Jesus' ministry and of his

heart, always turned to the Father. In the whirlwind of life and the world that will come to condemn him, even in the hardest and most sorrowful experiences he will have to endure, even when he experiences that he has no place to lay his head (cf. Mt 8:20), even when hatred and persecution are unleashed around him, Jesus is never without the refuge of a dwelling place: he dwells eternally in the Father. This is the unique greatness of Jesus' prayer: the Holy Spirit takes possession of his person and the voice of the Father attests that he is the beloved, the Son in whom he fully reflects himself. This prayer of Jesus, which on the banks of the River Jordan is totally personal — and will be thus for all his earthly life — in Pentecost becomes the grace of prayer for all those baptized in Christ. He himself obtained this gift for us, and he invites us to pray as he prayed. Therefore, if during an evening of prayer we feel sluggish and empty, if it seems to us that life has been completely useless, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In that moment, it is necessary to entrust ourselves to him so that he may pray for us, In this moment he is before the Father, praying for us; he is the intercessor; he shows the wounds to the Father, for us. Let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, louder than the voice rising from the depths of ourselves, and we will hear this voice whispering words of tenderness: "You are God's beloved, you are a son, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". Precisely for us, for each one of us, echoes the word of the Father: even if we were rejected by all, sinners of the worst kind. Jesus did not descend into the waters of the Jordan for himself, but for all of us. It was the entire People of God who went to the Jordan to pray, to ask for forgiveness, to receive that baptism of penance. And as that theologian said, they approached the Jordan with a "bare soul and bare feet". This is humility. It takes humility to pray. He opened the heavens, as Moses had opened the waters of the Red Sea, so that we could all pass behind Him. Jesus gave us his own prayer, which is his loving dialogue with the Father. He gave it to us like a seed of the Trinity, which he wants to take root in our hearts. Let us welcome him! Let us welcome this gift, the gift of prayer. Always with him. And we will not err.

Pope Francis, 10/28/2020



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	Mech	Intention	Joe	Martin	Justin	Rogers
Carol	Ron	Doctor	Charyton	Intentions	Mary Ann	McCallister	Lillian	Rogers
Hagos	Laura	Eckenrode	DeClue	Intentions	Angela	Merva	Mary Beth	Rogers
Kathy	Jackson	Family	Dora	Johnson	Ed	Nyahay	Trey	Shearon
Mara	Lippert	Family	Gordon	Kaercher	Anne	O'Halloran	Kathy	Slonka
Melissa	Mazon	Family	Susan	Kaiser	Mic	O'Halloran	Kim	Snow
Steve	Jack	Figel	James	Kester	John	Oshinski	Helen	Stephens
Hussein	Sarah	Frye	Kathy	Krofcheck	Paula	Oshinski	Dennis	Stinich
William	Christopher	Gehman	Regina	Lee	Maksym	Popadyn	Josh	Taylor
Charles	Deborah	Gordon	Christine	Leon	Maria	Rakowsky	L.T.	Tekle
Anna	Charlene	Grabner	Jeanne	Lombardi	Kristi	Ralston	John	Wagner
John	Nataly	Grace	Christine	Long	Terry	Rasor	Owen	Ward
Vernal	John	Griffen	Jessie	Madzia	Nadia	Ritchey	Curtis	Weber
Mary	Evelyn	Hoechstetter	Ilya	Mandebur	Charles	Roddy	Nicholas	Zvansky
Will	Esther	Imhoff	Bill	Martin	Sandra	Roddy	Sandra	Zvansky

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.



48 Days to Cookie Sale!

December 13th is our 21st Christmas Cookie Sale.

This is our big fundraiser!

EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED

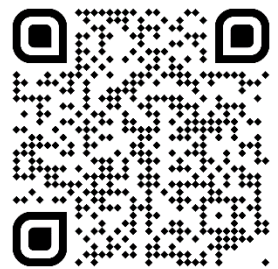
We need bakers of cookies and other goodies to sell; help to make the baklava; help to set-up and break down the hall and to work the sale. There are volunteer sign-up sheets on the table in the vestibule.

Contact Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, directly if you have any questions. **You may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com.** You may also contact the church office; phone - (614-882-7578) or email - (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Online ordering is now available

Quantities are Limited, so order early

To place an order for trays, rolls, pirohi or baklava go to the Cookie Sale page on our website, www.byzantinecolumbus.com or scan the QR code to the right. You can prepay through that page or you can pay at the time you pick up your order. If you are picking up orders for multiple people, please order ALL through your name as one order. Flyers are available in the back of the church. Paper order forms (*for your use only*) are available through the office. Please contact Teresa in the office.



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

