



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 16, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

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	
Wed	Nov 19	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	+Ruth Turanchik by M/M J. Czyrnik
Thu	Nov 20	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	Health of Joseph
Fri	Nov 21	<i>Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</i>		
		5:45pm	Panachida	+Ruth Turanchik by Tom Marco & Myroslava Mudrak
		6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Nov 22	6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Nov 23	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>for the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy <i>with Blessing of Children</i>	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
		6:00pm	Holodomor Panachida @ Franklin Park Conservatory	

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Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Nov 16	Eph 2:4-10	Luke 10:25-37
Mon	Nov 17	1 Thes 2:20-3:8	Luke 14:1 & 12-15
Tue	Nov 18	1 Thes 3:9-13	Luke 14:25-35
Wed	Nov 19	1 Thes 4:1-12	Luke 15:1-10
Thu	Nov 20	1 Thes 5:1-8	Luke 16:1-9
Fri	Nov 21	Heb 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Sat	Nov 22	2 Cor 11:1-6	Luke 9:57-62
Sun	Nov 23	Eph 2:14-22	Luke 12:16-21

Parish Activities

Sun	Nov 16	11:15am 2:00pm	Parish Social with Bishop; NO ECF Ge'ez social
Thu	Nov 20	9:00am	Hall kitchen in use
Fri	Nov 21	9:00am 6:45pm	Hall kitchen in use Adult Education in church
Sat	Nov 22	10:00am 4:00pm	Roll Baking Ge'ez Women's Club meeting
Sun	Nov 23	11:15am 2:00pm 6:00pm	Parish Social; ECF Ge'ez social Holodomor Panachida @ Franklin Park Conservatory

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.

Nov. 23rd AT 6:00PM – Holodomor Panachida

Please join us at the Ukraine Tree, planted in the Nationalities Arbor of Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. We will gather at 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 23rd, for Panachida (candlelight vigil).

COOKIE SALE – Our 21st Annual Christmas Cookie Sale is fast approaching. This is our major fundraiser, and **everyone's** help is needed. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for the details.

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

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Are you receiving our weekly eparchial newsletter? If not, you're missing out on important updates, announcements, resources, and events happening across the Eparchy of Parma!

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- Just above the "Upcoming Eparchial Events" section, enter your email to subscribe

It's the easiest way to stay informed and engaged with the life of our Church. Don't miss out—sign up today!

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.

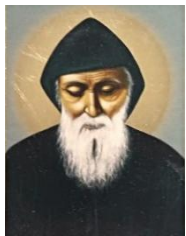
We have cards available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Please complete both sides of the card and return to the church. Put them in the collections boxes and we will send all that are collected to Parma in one envelope.

Jesus, Teacher of prayer

During his public life, Jesus constantly availed himself of the power of prayer. The Gospels show this to us when he retired to secluded places to pray. These are sober and discreet observations that allow us only to imagine those prayerful dialogues. They clearly demonstrate, however, that even at times of greater dedication to the poor and the sick, Jesus never neglected his intimate dialogue with the Father. The more he was immersed in the needs of the people, the more he felt the need to repose in the Trinitarian Communion, to return to the Father and the Spirit. In Jesus' life there is therefore a secret, hidden from human eyes, which is the fulcrum of everything. Jesus' prayer is a mysterious reality, of which we grasp only something, but which allows us to interpret his entire mission from the right perspective. In those solitary hours — before dawn or at night — Jesus immerses himself in his intimacy with the Father, that is, in the Love that every soul thirsts for. This is what emerges from the very first days of his public ministry. One Sabbath, for example, the town of Capernaum was transformed into a "field hospital": after sunset they brought all the sick to Jesus, and he healed them. Before dawn, however, Jesus disappeared: he withdrew to a solitary place and prayed. Simon and the others looked for him and when they found him they said: "Everyone is searching for you!" How does Jesus reply? "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out" (cf. Mk 1:35-38). Jesus always goes a bit further, further in prayer with the Father, and beyond, to other villages, other horizons, to go and preach, other peoples. Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus' course. The stages of his mission were not dictated by success, nor by consensus, or the seductive phrase "everyone is searching for you". Jesus' path was charted by the least comfortable one, which obeyed the Father's inspiration, which Jesus heard and welcomed in his solitary prayer. The Catechism states that "when Jesus prays he is already teaching us how to pray" (no. 2607). Therefore, from Jesus' example we can derive some characteristics of Christian prayer. First and foremost, it possesses primacy: it is the first desire of the day, something that is practised at dawn, before the world awakens. It restores a soul to what otherwise would be without breath. A day lived without prayer risks being transformed into a bothersome or tedious experience: everything that happens to us could turn into a badly endured and blind fate for us. Jesus instead teaches an obedience to reality and, therefore, to listening. Prayer is primarily listening and encountering God. The problems of everyday life, then, do not become obstacles, but appeals from

God himself to listen to and encounter those who are in front of us. The trials of life thus change into opportunities to grow in faith and charity. The daily journey, including hardships, acquires the perspective of a "vocation". Prayer has the power to transform into good what in life would otherwise be a sentence; prayer has the power to open the mind to a great horizon and to broaden the heart. Secondly, prayer is an art to be practised insistently. Jesus himself says to us: knock, knock, knock. We are all capable of sporadic prayers, which arise from a momentary emotion; but Jesus educates us in another type of prayer: the one that knows a discipline, an exercise, and is assumed within a rule of life. Consistent prayer produces progressive transformation, makes us strong in times of tribulation, gives us the grace to be supported by the One who loves us and always protects us. Another characteristic of Jesus' prayer is solitude. Those who pray do not escape from the world, but prefer deserted places. There, in silence, many voices can emerge that we hide in our innermost selves: the most repressed desires, the truths that we insist on suffocating, and so on. And, above all, in silence God speaks. Every person needs a space for him or herself, somewhere to cultivate their interior life, where actions find meaning again. Without an interior life we become superficial, agitated, and anxious — how anxiety harms us! This is why we must turn to prayer; without an interior life we flee from reality, and we also flee from ourselves, we are men and women always on the run. Lastly, Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to him. Sometimes we human beings believe that we are the masters of everything, or on the contrary, we lose all selfesteem, we go from one side to the other. Prayer helps us to find the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation. And Jesus' prayer, in the end, means delivering oneself into the hands of the Father, like Jesus in the olive grove, in that anguish: "Father, if it is possible ... but may your will be done". Delivering oneself into the hands of the Father. It is beautiful, when we are agitated, a bit worried, and the Holy Spirit transforms us from within and leads us to this surrendering into the hands of the Father: "Father, let your will be done". Dear brothers and sisters, let us rediscover Jesus Christ as a teacher of prayer in the Gospel and place ourselves in his school. I assure you that we will find joy and peace.

Pope Francis, 11/4/2020



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	Abdi	Christopher	Regina	Lee	Maksym	Popadyn	Josh	Taylor
Charles	Brake	Deborah	Christine	Leon	Maria	Rakowsky	L.T.	Tekle
Anna	Brown	Charlene	Jeanne	Lombardi	Kristi	Ralston	John	Wagner
John	Brown	Nataly	Christine	Long	Terry	Rasor	Owen	Ward
Vernal	Brown	John	Jessie	Madzia	Nadia	Ritchey	Curtis	Weber
Mary	Carroll	Evelyn	Ilya	Mandebur	Charles	Roddy	Nicholas	Zvansky
Will	Culver	Esther	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.



27 Days to Cookie Sale!

December 13th is our 21st Christmas Cookie Sale.

This is our big fundraiser!

EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED!

- We need volunteers to bake cookies and other goodies to sell.
- We need help **especially on Friday evening** to finalize the set-up of the cookies sold in the "pit" and finishing hall set-up.
- We need people to work the sale and break down the hall after.

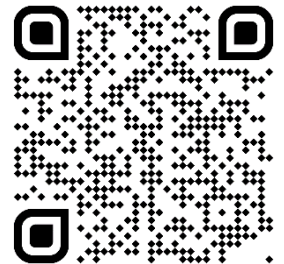
There are volunteer sign-up sheets on the table in the church vestibule.

To volunteer to bake, or with questions, please contact Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator 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 (*preferred ordering method*)

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 may prepay through that page, or you may 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. Any questions, 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

