



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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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 30, 2025

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Nov 30	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>for the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
		2:30pm	Ukrainian Liturgy	
Wed	Dec 3	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Thur	Dec 4	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Dec 5	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy for Feast	
Sat	Dec 6	<i>Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra</i>		
		6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Dec 7	9:30am	3 rd Hour	<i>for the faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy w/myrovanjie	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

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Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Nov 30	Eph 4:1-6	Luke 13:10-17
Mon	Dec 1	1 Tim 1:1-7	Luke 19:37-44
Tue	Dec 2	1 Tim 1:8-14	Luke 19:45-48
Wed	Dec 3	1 Tim 1:18-20 & 2:8-15	Luke 20:1-8
Thu	Dec 4	1 Tim 3:1-13	Luke 20:9-18
Fri	Dec 5	Gal 5:22-6:2	Matt 11:27-30
Sat	Dec 6	Heb 13:17-21	Luke 6:17-23
Sun	Dec 7	Eph 5:9-19	Luke 17:12-19

Parish Activities

Sun	Nov 30	11:15am	Parish Social; NO ECF
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
		3:30	Ukrainian Social following Divine Liturgy
Mon	Dec 1	9:00am	Hall kitchen in use
Tue	Dec 2	9:00am	Hall kitchen in use
Wed	Dec 3		Breakfast with the Pastor
Thur	Dec 4	9:00am	Hall kitchen in use
Sun	Dec 7	11:15am	Children's Christmas Play with Visit from St. Nicholas;
			Social; arrange hall for cookie sale
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

NEXT SUNDAY (Dec.7) AFTER LITURGY – The children are putting on a St. Nicholas Play for the parish. During the play we also have the visit from St. Nicholas. **We ask everyone to bring snacks to share.**

PHILIP'S FAST

The Byzantine Catholic Church prepares for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord by a fast, which is also known as Philip's Fast or Pre-Christmas Fast (Byzantine Advent). The purpose of this forty-day period is the spiritual preparation for Nativity of the Lord and the Theophany. In the Byzantine Church, this fast was definitively established sometime between the 6th and 8th centuries, although there are references to it in the 4th century. It is called Philip's because it begins the day after the feast of St. Philip the Apostle (November 14) on November 15 and lasts until December 24. It is one of the four fasting periods in the Byzantine tradition (Great Lent, Apostolic or Peter and Paul Fast in June, and Dormition Fast in August). The fasting regulations for Filipovka were somewhat milder than the rules for the Great Lent before Easter.

Abstain from meat on Fridays. Participate in Charity works. Increase your participation in liturgical services besides Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation. Read daily the Scripture. Receive the Mystery of Reconciliation more frequently.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS - The new cycle of Adult Education - Christ Our Pascha - will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. All the sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 6pm-7pm in the hall.

GUIDED TOUR AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - PHILIP'S FAST

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 11:15 a.m. and Sunday, December 21, 2025, there will be a guided tour Spirituality of the Philip's Fast (Byzantine Advent). Come to explore how to deepen your preparation for Christmas with the treasures of the Byzantine tradition. Participation in the 10:00 a.m. liturgy is highly recommended. The tour is located at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church (5858 Cleveland Ave Columbus United States 43231). For further details, contact stjohnbyz@hotmail.com.

COOKIE SALE – Our 21st Annual Christmas Cookie Sale is fast approaching. This is our major fundraiser, and **everyone's** help is needed. **Please sign up to volunteer for that Friday and Saturday, December 12th & 13th.**

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the church vestibule.

Important dates and times are on a flyer in this bulletin.

Vocations Icon - 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:

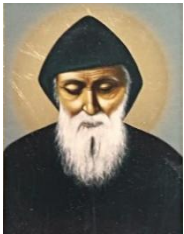
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-59910986-weekly>

MARY, PRAYERFUL WOMAN

In our course of catecheses on prayer, today we meet the Virgin Mary as the prayerful woman. Our Lady prayed. When the world still knew nothing of her, when she was a simple girl engaged to a man of the house of David, Mary prayed. We can imagine the young girl of Nazareth wrapped in silence, in continuous dialogue with God who would soon entrust her with a mission. She is already full of grace and immaculate from the moment she was conceived; but she knows nothing yet of her surprising and extraordinary vocation and the stormy sea she will have to cross. One thing is certain: Mary belongs to a great host of the humble of heart whom the official historians never include in their books, but with whom God prepared the coming of his son. Mary did not autonomously conduct her life: she waited for God to take the reins of her path and guide her where he wanted. She was docile, and with her availability she prepared the grand events in which God takes part in the world. The Catechism recalls her constant and caring presence in the benevolent design of the Father throughout the course of Jesus' life (cf. CCC, 2617-2618). Mary was praying when the Archangel Gabriel came to bring his message to her in Nazareth. Her small yet immense "Here I am", which made all of creation jump for joy in that moment, had been preceded throughout salvation history by many other "Here I am's", by many trusting obediences, by many who were open to God's will. There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds. How many believers live their prayer like this! Those who are more humble of heart pray like this: with essential humility, let's put it that way; with simple humility: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". And they pray like this and do not get upset when problems fill their days, but rather they face reality, knowing that in humble love, in love offered in each situation, we become instruments of God's grace. "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". A simple prayer, but one in which we place ourselves in the Lord's hands so that he may guide us. We can all pray like this, almost without words. Prayer knows how to calm restlessness. But we are restless, we always want things before asking for them, and we want them right away. This restlessness harms us. And prayer knows how to calm restlessness, knows how to transform it into availability. When we are restless, I pray and prayer opens my heart and makes me open to God's will. In those few moments of the Annunciation, the Virgin Mary knew how to reject fear, even while sensing that her "yes" would bring her tremendously difficult trials. If in prayer we understand that each day given by God is a call, our hearts will then widen and we will accept everything. We will learn how to say: "What you want, Lord. Promise me only that you will be present every step of my way". This is what's important: to ask the Lord to be present in every step of our way: that he not leave us alone, that he not abandon us in temptation, that he not abandon us in the bad moments. The end of the Our Father is like this: the grace that Jesus himself taught us to ask of the Lord. Mary accompanied Jesus' entire life in prayer, right up to his death and resurrection; and in the end, she continued and she accompanied the first steps of the nascent Church (cf. Acts 1:14). Mary prayed with the disciples who had witnessed the scandal of the cross. She prayed with Peter who had succumbed to fear and cried in remorse. Mary was there, with the disciples, in the midst of the men and women whom her son had called to form his Community. Mary did not act like a priest among them, no! She is Jesus' Mother who prayed with them, in the community, as a member of the community. She prayed with them and prayed for them. And, once again, her prayer preceded the future that was about to be fulfilled: by the work of the Holy Spirit she became the Mother of God, and by the work of the Holy Spirit she became the Mother of the Church.

Praying with the nascent Church, she became the Mother of the Church, accompanying the disciples in the first steps of the Church in prayer, awaiting the Holy Spirit. In silence, always silently. Mary's prayer was silent. The Gospels recount only one of Mary's prayers at Cana, when she asked her son for those poor people who were about to make a terrible impression during the banquet. So, let us imagine: having a wedding banquet and ending it up with milk because there is no wine! What a bad impression! And she prayed and asked her son to resolve that problem. In and of itself, Mary's presence was prayer, and her presence among the disciples in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit, was prayer. Thus Mary gave birth to the Church, she is the Mother of the Church. The Catechism explains: "In the faith of his humble handmaid, the Gift of God", that is, the Holy Spirit, "found the acceptance he had awaited from the beginning of time" (CCC, 2617). In the Virgin Mary, natural feminine intuition is exalted by her most singular union with God in prayer. This is why, reading the Gospel, we note that she seems to disappear at times, only to reappear in crucial moments: Mary was open to God's voice that guided her heart, that guided her steps where her presence was needed. Her silent presence as mother and as disciple. Mary was present because she was Mother, but she was also present because she was the first disciple, the one who best learned Jesus' ways. Mary never said: "Come, I will take care of things". Instead she said: "Do whatever he will tell you", always pointing her finger at Jesus. This behaviour was typical of the disciples, and she was the first disciple: she prayed as Mother and she prayed as a disciple. "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19). This is how the evangelist Luke depicts the Mother of the Lord in the infancy Gospel. Everything that happened around her ended up being reflected on in the depths of her heart: the days filled with joy, as well as the darkest moments when she too struggled to understand by which roads Redemption must pass. Everything ended up in her heart so that it might pass through the sieve of prayer and be transfigured by it: whether it be the gifts of the Magi, or the flight into Egypt, until that terrible passion Friday. The Mother kept everything and brought it to her dialogue with God. Someone has compared Mary's heart to a pearl of incomparable splendour, formed and smoothed by patient acceptance of God's will through the mysteries of Jesus meditated in prayer. How beautiful it would be if we too could be a bit like our Mother! With a heart open to God's Word, with a silent heart, with an obedient heart, with a heart that knows how to receive God's Word and allows it to grow with the seed of good for the Church.

Pope Francis, 11/18/2020



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



13 Days to Cookie Sale!

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

Important Cookie Sale Dates & Times

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are in the church vestibule

- **Thu, Dec 11th** Cookie Drop-Off
Beginning at 10am Drop your cookies off in the hall
- **Fri, Dec 12th** Cookie Tray Assembly
9am until complete
Bag cookies and finish setting up the hall
12pm until complete **We need people who can stay after or arrive at 5pm, that's when we have the fewest people.**
- **Fri, Dec 12th** Parishioner Order Pick-up
6-8pm *We ask that all parishioners please pick up their orders on Friday. If you need a different time, please contact Lisa or the office **BEFORE** December 7.*
- **Sat, December 13th**
8:30am Divine Liturgy
Volunteers need to be here by 9:15am. If you are planning on volunteering later then 9:15am, please contact Lisa.
9:15am - Volunteer assignments and preparation for sale
10:00am - **DOORS OPEN**



Shop Unique Ukrainian Souvenirs for your Christmas Gifts this Year!

From handcrafted jewelry, traditional pysankas and tree decorations to handmade toys and original artwork — a beautiful selection of Ukrainian souvenirs will be available at the UCAO table during the Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 13th!

✦ Every purchase supports a cause that matters — proceeds go directly to humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

✦ Ukrainian Cultural Association of Ohio (UCAO) is a registered 501(c)3. non-profit.