



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.

February 8, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun Feb 8	Sunday of Meat Fare	
	9:30am	Third Hour
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy <i>for the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
Wed Feb 11	9:00am	Divine Liturgy Students from St. Mary Delaware attending
Thu Feb 12	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy +Michael & +Mary Gildy by Hofmann family
Fri Feb 13	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy +Mary Ann McCallister by Ladies Guild
Sat Feb 14	6:00pm	Vespers
Sun Feb 15	Sunday of Cheesefare; Forgiveness Sunday	
	9:30am	Third Hour
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy <i>for the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
	1:00pm	Forgiveness Vespers in hall

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun Feb 8	1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Matt 25:31-46
Mon Feb 9	3 John 1-15	Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39
Tue Feb 10	Jude 1-10	Luke 22:39-42,45-23:1
Wed Feb 11	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 4:12-21
Thu Feb 12	Jude 11-25	Luke 23:1-34, 44-56
Fri Feb 13	Zech 8:7-17	Zech 8:19-23
Sat Feb 14	Rom 14:19-26	Matt 6:1-13
Sun Feb 15	Rom 13:11-14:4	Matt 6:14-21

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Parish Activities

Sun	Feb 8	11:15am	Social; ECF
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
Wed	Feb 11	6:00pm	Lenten Preparation Session
Sat	Feb 14	8:45am	K/C meet to carpool for rosary at PP
		4:00pm	Family Gathering décor & dinner
		6:00pm	Ge'ez Choir practice in hall
Sun	Feb 15	11:15am	Social-World Marriage Day; NO ECF
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: After the Sunday 10am liturgy we will celebrate and honor married couples of our parish with a special blessing. It is an outstanding occasion to be thankful for the example of steadfast love, commitment, and compassion spouses show each other. In their never-ending mutual love, there is a reflection of the heavenly kingdom. There will be a special social in the Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ALSO CHEESEFARE SUNDAY. FORGIVENESS VESPERS will be held in the hall at 1:00pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND – The Divine Liturgy will be offered in Ukrainian at 2:30pm. A social will follow in the parish hall.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS - From the beginning of Christianity, local churches kept registers of their living members as well as those who departed. These registers were folding tablets made of wood, ivory, or precious metals artistically decorated with carvings and bound together by rings. They are known as diptychs, taken from the Greek word *diptychon*, which means anything folded in two. These were used in Church to commemorate the living and the dead at the Divine Liturgy since the fourth century.

In the Byzantine Church, these diptychs played an important role since the names of the heretics and the excommunicated were removed from them and, by the same token, these were excluded from the liturgical prayers. They came into disuse sometime during the fourteenth century and, eventually, they were replaced by official lists of the deceased members of individual families issued by the pastor. These were called *Hramoty*, from the Greek: *grammata*, meaning a written letter or document. The list of the deceased members of a family made in booklet form was called a *Pomjanik*, taken from the Old Slavonic: *pomjanuti*, meaning to remember, and was used at the services for the deceased. The custom of announcing the names of the deceased during the liturgical services, as stated above, can be traced back to the first centuries of Christianity. Already in the fourth century, the practice was strongly defended by St. Epiphanius (d. 403) as a "firmly established tradition" in the Church. In his *Panarias*, he writes: ". . . Concerning the ritual of reading the names of the deceased, what can be more useful or suitable; what can be more worthy of admiration?" (PANARIOS 75, 8)

This venerable custom was transmitted to us by our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage. Every year, just before Meat-Fare Saturday, the families give the lists of their departed loved ones (*Hramoty*) to the pastor with the request that they be mentioned at the services held for the deceased on the All Souls Saturday. And St. John Chrysostom assures us that: " It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on." (Homily on the Acts 21, 4) Members of the family are encouraged to attend these services on the All Souls Saturdays for by their presence and by their personal prayers and receiving Holy Communion they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting!

ALL SOULS SATURDAY DYPTICS – The next All Souls Liturgy is February 28th. Please get the lists of people you wish to be mentioned at the All Souls Liturgies and your liturgy stipends into the office by next Sunday. (Name lists and stipends may put in collection boxes.)

HELP WITH HOSPITALITY! With the increase in parishioners and visitors at St. Johns, it's important to make sure there are enough refreshments at the Sunday Socials.

The Ladies' Guild provides the beverages, and we all need to donate something to make sure there's food for the social. Please see the sign-up sheet on the food table with suggestions for items to share. If 3 or 4 people would sign up each week, there would be enough to go around. (There's also the option to donate money.) If you like to bake or have a favorite snack to share, please do so. We are asking every family to check this list and sign up for a Sunday to bring some snacks and/or treats to share. More than one family may sign up for a week.

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>

SAINT CARLO ACCUTIS RELICS: St. Paul in Westerville will be hosting a first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis on **Monday, February 16**, as part of a diocesan initiative of Bishop Earl Fernandes.

The relic will be making five stops throughout the Diocese. It will be brought to St. Paul by Monsignor Figueiredo from the Diocese of Assisi. The relic is a portion of St. Carlo's pericardium, the membrane surrounding the heart, which carries deep spiritual and symbolic significance, particularly in light of his love for the Eucharist and his witness of faith.

Monsignor Figueiredo will celebrate the 8:15 AM Mass, then confessions will be offered throughout the day, until 7pm.

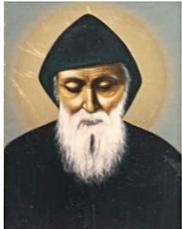
PRAYER IN DAILY LIFE

In the preceding catechesis we saw how Christian prayer is "anchored" in the Liturgy. Today, we will shed light on how it always returns into daily life from the Liturgy: on the streets, in offices, on public transportation... And there it continues the dialogue with God: one who prays is like someone in love who always carries the beloved person in his or her heart wherever they go. Essentially, everything becomes a part of this dialogue with God: every joy becomes a reason for praise, every trial is an opportunity to ask for help. Prayer is always alive in our lives, like embers, even when the mouth does not speak, but the heart speaks. Every thought, even apparently "profane" ones, can be permeated by prayer. There is even a prayerful aspect in human intelligence; it is, in fact, a window peering into the mystery: it illuminates the few steps in front of us and then opens up to the entire reality, this reality that precedes it and surpasses it. This mystery does not have a disquieting or anxious face, no. Knowledge of Christ makes us confident that whatever our eyes and our minds' eyes cannot see, rather than nothing being there, there is someone who is waiting for us; there is infinite grace. And thus, Christian prayer instils an invincible hope in the human heart: whatever experience may touch us on our journey, God's love can turn it into good. In this regard, the Catechism reads: "We learn to pray at certain moments by hearing the Word of the Lord and sharing in his Paschal Mystery, but his Spirit is offered us at all times, in the events of each day, to make prayer spring up from us... time is in the Father's hands; it is in the present that we encounter him, not yesterday nor tomorrow, but today" (n. 2659). Today I meet God, today is always the day of the encounter. There is no day more wonderful day than the one we are living. Those who live always thinking about the future: "But the future will be better...", but do not take each day as it comes are people who live in their fantasy, they do not know how to deal with concrete reality. And today is real, today is concrete. And prayer takes place today. Jesus comes to meet us today, the day we are living. And it is prayer that transforms this day into grace, or better, that transforms us: it quells anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, instils the strength to forgive. Sometimes it will seem that it is no longer we who are living, but that grace lives and works in us through prayer. And when an angry, an unhappy thought comes to us, that moves us toward bitterness, let us stop ourselves and say to the Lord: "Where are you? And where am I going?" And the Lord is there, the Lord will give us the right word, the advice to go ahead without that bitter taste of negativity. For prayer is always — to use a profane word — positive. Always. It will carry you forward. Each day that begins, if welcomed in prayer, is accompanied by courage, so that the problems we have to face no longer seem to be obstacles to our happiness, but rather appeals from God, opportunities for our encounter with him. And when one is accompanied by the Lord, he or she feels more courageous, freer, and even happier. Thus, let us always pray for everything and for everyone,

even for our enemies. Jesus counselled us to do this: "Pray for your enemies". Let us pray for our dear ones, but also for those we do not know. Let us pray even for our enemies, as I said, as the Scriptures often invite us to do. Prayer inclines us toward a superabundant love. Let us pray above all for unhappy people, for those who weep in solitude and give up hope that there might still be someone who loves them. Prayer works miracles; and so the poor understand, by God's grace that, even in their precarious situation, the prayer of a Christian makes Christ's compassion present. Indeed, he looked with great tenderness on the weary and lost crowd who were like sheep without a shepherd (cf Mk 6:34). The Lord is — let us not forget — the Lord of compassion, of nearness, of tenderness: three words never to be forgotten. Because this is the Lord's style: compassion, nearness, tenderness. Prayer helps us love others, despite their mistakes and their sins. The person is always more important than his or her actions, and Jesus did not judge the world, but saved it. The life of people who always judge others, who are always condemning, judging, is a horrible one... It is a horrible, unhappy life. Jesus came to save us. Open your heart, forgive, give others the benefit of the doubt, understand, you, too, be close to others, be compassionate, be tender, like Jesus. We have to love each and every one, remembering in prayer that we are all sinners and at the same time loved individually by God. Loving the world in this way, loving it with tenderness, we will discover that each day and everything bears within it a fragment of God's mystery. Again, the Catechism reads: "Prayer in the events of each day and each moment is one of the secrets of the Kingdom revealed to 'little children,' to the servants of Christ, to the poor of the beatitudes. It is right and good to pray so that the coming of the kingdom of justice and peace may influence the march of history, but it is just as important to bring the help of prayer into humble, everyday situations; all forms of prayer can be the leaven to which the Lord compares the kingdom" (n. 2660). Mankind — the human person, men and women, all of us — is like a breath, like a blade of grass (cf Ps 144:4; 103:15). The philosopher Pascal once wrote: "There is no need for the whole universe to take up arms to crush him: a vapour, a drop of water is enough to kill him". [Thoughts, 186] We are fragile beings, but we know how to pray: this is our greatest dignity and it is also our strength. Have courage. Pray in every moment, in every situation because the Lord is near us. And when a prayer is said according to Jesus' heart, it obtains miracles.

Pope Francis, 2/10/2021

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof



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