



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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April 19, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Apr 19	Sunday of Myrhh-Bearing Women	
	9:30am	Paschal Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>For the Faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	<i>For the Faithful</i>
	2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	<i>For the Faithful</i>
Wed	Apr 22	9:00am Divine Liturgy	<i>In Memoriam by Tom Marco & Myroslava Mudrak</i>
Thu	Apr 23	6:00pm Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Apr 24	6:00pm Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Apr 25	6:00pm Vespers	
Sun	Apr 26	Sunday of the Paralytic Man	
	9:30am	Paschal Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun Apr 19	Acts 6:1-7	Mark 15:43-16:8
Mon Apr 20	Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60	John 4:46-54
Tue Apr 21	Acts 8:5-17	John 6:27-33
Wed Apr 22	Acts 8:18-25	John 6:35-39
Thu Apr 23	Acts 12:1-11	John 15:17-16:2
Fri Apr 24	Acts 8:40-9:19	John 6:48-54
Sat Apr 25	1 Pet 5:6-14	Mark 6:7-13
Sun Apr 26	Acts 9:32-42	John 5:1-15

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.

Parish Activities

Sun	Apr 19	11:15am	Parish social, ECF
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
		3:30pm	Ukrainian Social
Sat	Apr 25	1:00pm	Women's Ministry @ Schimmoeller's
		4:00pm	Ge'ez Women's Club meeting in hall
		6:00pm	Ge'ez choir practice
Sun	Apr 26	11:15am	Parish social, ECF; Byzantine Brotherhood meeting; Holy Land Family sale of Olive wood Products;
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

UKRAINIAN DIVINE LITURGY – Today at 2:30pm; followed by a social in the hall.

TOMORROW, APRIL 20, Advisory Board meeting at 6:00pm

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - All women ARE welcome for some time of prayer and community. **We meet this Saturday, April 25**, from 1:00p-2:30p at 288 Cliffview Drive. Contact Carol with questions carol.schimmoeller@gmail.com

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD - **We are meeting next Sunday, April 26th, in the hall following Divine Liturgy.** All men in our Parish are invited to participate in our fellowship development within our Parish, to help address issues relevant to Christian men in an increasingly secular world. Open to men 21 years of age and older. Please contact Jerry Stasek (jstasek01@gmail.com) or Andrew Wisniewski (andrew.wisniewski@live.com) if you are interested.

NEXT SUNDAY, a representative of Holy Land Family will be in the hall selling beautiful hand carved religious artwork made from olive wood and mosaics to help the Christian families in the Holy Land who rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. These families' livelihoods have been largely affected due to the political conflict in the region. The Christian population in Bethlehem is decreasing and with the support to help these families continue their work, will help maintain their employment so that they stay in their homeland. We invite you to come and browse after each mass, and we greatly thank you for your support! God Bless You. For more information on Holy Land Family, go to holylandfamily.com.

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>

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.



Ninth Miracle of Mariapoch Gala
Saturday, May 16, 2026 6–9:30 p.m.

Venue 81 Eleven

St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church

8111 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio

\$50 per person for full dinner, two alcoholic beverages

Entertainment, raffle baskets

For tickets, visit <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

Questions? Email: shrine@parma.org or call 216-272-6790.

Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio

HOMILY OF POPE LEO XIV

St Peter's Square

Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today all of creation is resplendent with new light, a song of praise rises from the earth, and our hearts rejoice: Christ is risen from the dead, and with him, we too rise to new life!

This Easter proclamation embraces the mystery of our lives and the destiny of history, reaching us even in the depths of death, where we feel threatened and sometimes overwhelmed. It opens us up to a hope that never fails, to a light that never fades, to a fullness of joy that nothing can take away: death has been conquered forever; death no longer has power over us!

This is a message that is not always easy to accept, a promise that we struggle to embrace, because the power of death constantly threatens us, both from within and without.

From within, this power threatens us when the weight of our sins prevents us from “spreading our wings” and taking flight, or when the disappointments or loneliness we experience drain our hope. It likewise looms over us when our worries or our resentments suffocate the joy of living, when we are sad or tired, or when we feel betrayed or rejected. When we have to come to terms with our weakness, with the sufferings and the daily grind of life, we can feel as if we have ended up in a tunnel with no end in sight.

From without, death is always lurking. We see it present in injustices, in partisan selfishness, in the oppression of the poor, in the lack of attention given to the most vulnerable. We see it in violence, in the wounds of the world, in the cry of pain that rises from every corner because of the abuses that crush the weakest among us, because of the idolatry of profit that plunders the earth’s resources, because of the violence of war that kills and destroys.

In this reality, the Passover of the Lord invites us to lift our gaze and open our hearts. It continues to nourish the seed of the promised victory within our spirit and throughout the course of history. It sets us in motion, like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, so that we may discover that Jesus’ tomb is empty, and therefore in every death we experience there is also room for new life to arise. The Lord is alive and remains with us. Through the cracks of resurrection that open up in the darkness, he entrusts our hearts to the hope that sustains us: the power of death is not the final destiny of our lives. We are all directed, once and for all, on the path to fulfilment, because in Christ we also have risen.

With heartfelt words, [Pope Francis](#) reminded us of this in his first Apostolic Exhortation, *[Evangelii Gaudium](#)*, affirming that the resurrection of Christ “is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit” ([n. 276](#)).

Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what today’s Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on “the first day of the week” (*Jn 20:1*). The day of Christ’s resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when

God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity.

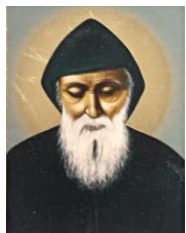
Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God's victory over the ancient enemy.

We need this song of hope today. It is ourselves, risen with Christ, who must bring him into the streets of the world. Let us then run like Mary Madgalene, announcing him to everyone, living out the joy of the resurrection, so that wherever the specter of death still lingers, the light of life may shine.

May Christ, our Passover, bless us and give his peace to the whole world!



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	MaryBeth	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		

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