



# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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## May 17, 2026

**Confessions:** one hour before liturgy or by appointment

### Liturgical Schedule

### Intention

Sun	May 17	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council</b>	
	9:30am	Akathistos to Holy Spirit; Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
	2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	
Wed	May 20	8:45am Akathistos to Holy Spirit; Divine Liturgy	<i>+Mark Beech by Wallace Family</i>
Thu	May 21	6:00pm Akathistos to Holy Spirit <i>(NO Liturgy)</i>	
Fri	May 22	5:45pm Akathistos to Holy Spirit; All Souls Panachida; Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful Departed</i>
Sat	May 23	<b>5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday</b>	
	5:00pm	Multicultural Holy Mass; Vigil Liturgy of Pentecost <b>AT</b> St. Catherine Roman Catholic Church <i>(NO SERVICES AT ST. JOHN)</i>	
Sun	May 24	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
	9:30am	Akathistos to Holy Spirit; Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Mon	May 25	<b>Pentecost Monday; Memorial Day</b>	
	6:00pm	Pentecost Monday Liturgy with procession; Memorial Day Panachida	<i>In memory of those who have died in service to their country</i>

### Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	May 17	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38	John 17:1-13
Mon	May 18	Acts 21:8-14	John 14:27-15:7
Tue	May 19	Acts 21:26-32	John 16:2-13
Wed	May 20	Acts 23:1-11	John 16:15-23
Thu	May 21	Acts 26:1-5 & 12-20	John 10:1-9
Fri	May 22	Acts 27:1-44	John 17:18-26
Sat	May 23	Acts 28:1-31	John 21:15-25
Sun	May 24	Acts 2:1-11	John 7:37-52 & 8:12

## **Parish Activities**

Sun	May 17	11:15am	Ascension Catechesis; Egg Hunt for the children; <b>NO ECF</b> ; Parish social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
		3:30pm	Ukrainian Social
Fri	May 22	7:00pm	Decorate church for Pentecost following Liturgy
Sat	May 23	1:00pm	Women's Ministry @ Schimmoeller's
		6:00pm	Ge'ez choir practice
Sun	May 24	11:15am	ECF classes; Parish picnic
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

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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.*

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We ask you to keep longtime parishioner Esther Imhoff and her family in your prayers. Esther now lives with family out of state. They have informed us that she is under hospice care.

**TODAY**, Father is presenting a catechesis on the Ascension following Divine Liturgy. This is to be followed by the Pascha Egg Hunt that was postponed from Palm Sunday due to inclement weather. There will be no ECF classes.



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24** is our annual Parish Picnic. Families whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring side dishes or salads to share; those whose last names begin with M-Z are asked to bring desserts to share. The parish is supplying the burgers, hotdogs, buns, beverages, etc. There will be ECF classes as the food is being prepared.

## **VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE MOWING CREW**

We invite gentlemen to join the mowing crew. Currently, the property is mowed 2 times a week. You can mow any time during the week (except Sundays). Notify the Office via email, including your mobile phone number for scheduling.



I wish to thank everyone who came Saturday to help clean-up and beautify our parish grounds. I am most appreciative for the willingness of all who volunteer. ~Fr. Robert

**This Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we ask for volunteers following the 6:00pm liturgy to help decorate the church for Pentecost with branches and greenery from the backyard.

**Saturday, May 23 - 5:00pm** - All are invited to a Multicultural Holy Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost at St. Catharine Church, 500 S Gould Rd, Columbus, OH 43209. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will preside.

*"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." Acts 2:4*

**NOTE: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy at Holy Resurrection Parish** for the Sunday of All Saints. The Ge'ez Liturgy will still be celebrated here at 12:00pm.

Here at St. John Chrysostom, we are part Pregnancy Decision Health Care's **Bottles for Life 2026 campaign** through June 21<sup>st</sup>. You can take part by picking up a bottle before or after service. You may also donate online directly at <https://PDHC.org> and click the Donate button at the bottom of their homepage.



Every gift helps save lives and support families. Let's be the hands and feet of Christ in this mission for LIFE!

**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.

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. 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. 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.



**EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S  
2025-2026 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
TIME – TALENT – TREASURE**

***This Year's appeal runs from November 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026***

A Little Makes a Lot, as do the generous gifts of those blessed to give more.

Every gift matters. Some can give a little, some can give more—but when each of us offers what we are able, God weaves our generosity together into something far greater than any one of us could accomplish alone. This is how the Church has always been sustained: through the faithful giving of God's people, each according to their blessings.

"For if the willingness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has..." — 2 Corinthians 8:12

If you'd like help planning your giving, consider spending some time with the budgeting tool and reflection summary online at [parma.org/stewardship-appeal](http://parma.org/stewardship-appeal). A topic as common and real as budgeting deserves the time.

If you're seeking encouragement and understanding, definitely consider listening to the replay of Laura Ieracci's Faith and Finances for a faith centered, heartfelt perspective on stewardship.

Thank you to all who have given—and to those who have given multiple times! Your generosity provides for the beautiful Byzantine Catholic faith we cherish and the many people we are blessed to serve.

*Dear sisters and brothers,*

The Creator Spirit, whom we invoked in the hymn – *Veni Creator Spiritus* – is the Spirit who descended upon Jesus as the quiet driving force of his mission: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (*Lk 4:18*). When we ask the Spirit to enlighten our minds, to multiply our languages, to awaken our senses, to instill love, to strengthen our bodies and to grant us peace, we become open to God's Kingdom. This is, according to the Gospel, the meaning of conversion. It is a "turning toward" the Kingdom already close at hand.

In Jesus we see, and from Jesus we hear, how everything changes because God is king, God is close to us. On this vigil of Pentecost, we are deeply aware of this closeness of God, of his Spirit who joins our lives to that of Jesus.

We are caught up in the new things that God brings about, so that his desire for the fullness of life will prevail over the power of death.

“He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord” (*Lk* 4:18-19). Here tonight, we sense the fragrance of the chrism with which our foreheads have been anointed. Dear brothers and sisters, Baptism and Confirmation united us to Jesus’ mission of making all things new, to the Kingdom of God. Just as love enables us to sense the presence of a loved one, so tonight we sense in one another the fragrance of Christ. This is a mystery; it amazes us and it leads us to reflect.

At Pentecost, Mary, the Apostles, and the disciples with them received a Spirit of unity, which forever grounded in the one Lord Jesus Christ all their diversity. Theirs were not multiple missions, but a single mission. They were no longer introverted and quarrelling with one another, but outgoing and radiant with joy. Saint Peter’s Square, with its wide-open and welcoming embrace, magnificently expresses the communion of the Church that each of you has experienced in your various associations and communities, many of which are the fruit of the Second Vatican Council.

On the evening of my election, moved as I looked out at the people of God gathered here, I spoke of “synodality,” a word that aptly expresses how the Spirit shapes the Church. That word begins with the Greek word *syn* – meaning “with” – which speaks of the secret of God’s life. God is not solitary. God, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is a “with” in himself, and God with us. At the same time, the word “synodality” speaks to us of a road ahead – *hodós* – for where there is the Spirit, there is movement, a journey to be made. We are a people on the move. This does not set us apart but unites us to humanity like the yeast in a mass of dough, which causes it to rise. The year of the Lord’s grace, reflected in the current Jubilee, has this fermentation within it. In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it, as the Encyclical *Laudato Si’* has taught us.

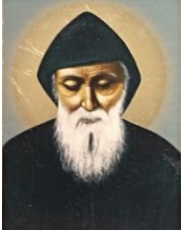
Dear friends, God created the world so that we might all live as one. “Synodality” is the ecclesial name for this. It demands that we each recognize our own poverty and our riches, that we feel part of a greater whole, apart from which everything withers, even the most original and unique of charisms. Think about it. All creation exists solely in the form of coexistence, sometimes dangerous, yet always interconnected (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 16; 117). And what we call “history” only takes place as coexistence, living together, however contentiously, but always together. The opposite is lethal, but sadly, we are witnessing this daily. May your meetings and your communities, then, be training grounds of fraternity and sharing, not merely meeting places, but centres of spirituality. The Spirit of Jesus changes the world because he changes hearts. The Spirit inspires the contemplative dimension of life that rejects self-assertion, complaining, rivalry and the temptation to control consciences and resources. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (cf. *2 Cor* 3:17). An authentic spirituality thus commits us to integral human development, to making Jesus’ words a reality in our lives. When this happens, there is always joy: joy and hope.

Evangelization, dear brothers and sisters, is not our attempt to conquer the world, but the infinite grace that radiates from lives transformed by the Kingdom of God. It is the way of the Beatitudes, a path that we tread together, between the “already” and the “not yet,” hungering and thirsting for justice, poor in spirit, merciful, meek, pure of heart, men and women of peace. Jesus himself chose this path: to follow it, we have no need of powerful patrons, worldly compromises, or emotional strategies. Evangelization is always God’s work. If at times it takes place through us, it is thanks to the bonds that it makes possible. So be deeply attached to each of the particular Churches and parish communities in which you cultivate and exercise your charisms. Together with the bishops and in cooperation with all the other members of the Body of Christ, all of us will then work together harmoniously as one. The challenges facing humanity will be less frightening, the future will be less dark and discernment will be less complicated... if together we obey the Holy Spirit!

May Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Mother of the Church, intercede for us.

Pope Leo XIV., Vigil of Pentecost, 6/7/2025

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

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**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**

