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July 12, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	July 12	9:30am	Intro to Byzantine Spirituality	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	July 15	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Thu	July 16	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	July 17	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	July 18	10:00am	Ge'ez baptism	
		6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	July 19	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
			<i>Blessing of cars following Liturgy</i>	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
		2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

			<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	July	12	Rom 15:1-7	Matt 9:27-35
Mon	July	13	1 Cor 9:13-18	Matt 16:1-6
Tue	July	14	1 Cor 10:5-12	Matt 16:6-12
Wed	July	15	Gal 1:11-19	John 10:1-9
Thu	July	16	1 Cor 10:28-11:7	Matt 16:24-28
Fri	July	17	1 Cor 11:8-22	Matt 17:10-18
Sat	July	18	Rom 13:1-10	Matt 12:30-37
Sun	July	19	1 Cor 1:10-18	Matt 14:14-22 or
			Heb 13:7-16	John 17:1-13

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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.

Parish Activities this week

Sun	July	12	11:15am	Social
			2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Sat	July	18	12:00pm	Hall in use
Sun	July	19	11:15am	SJC Social
			2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
			3:30pm	Ukrainian Social

INTRO TO BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY – SUNDAY JULY 12TH

Today, before the liturgy at 9.30am, we invite all of you to join us for a short Intro to Byzantine Spirituality based on the celebration of the Liturgy. There will be no 3rd Hour! No prep required!

THE NATIONAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION was June 28th. This is a global and voluntary offering made to the Holy See. Donations are used by the Pope to fund worldwide philanthropic works, provide humanitarian disaster relief and support the apostolic and administrative ministries of the Catholic Church. Money collected using either the envelopes on the table in the vestibule, the envelopes in your box of offering envelopes or a plain envelope with "Peter's Pence" on the outside will be forwarded to Parma who then sends all offerings from throughout the Eparchy on to Rome. Please get your offering to us as soon as possible.

HELP FOR UKRAINE: Last year's summer collection allowed our Parish to send tourniquets and other medical aids to Ukraine. We invite you to share again some spare cents for the same purpose. You can use our PayPal option on the Parish website, checks (written to St. John Chrysostom Church) or cash put in the collection boxes in church. Your prayers and generous help are highly appreciated! Mark your donation with "**HELP FOR UKRAINE**".

PARISH PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 16TH – We are continuing our visitation of various churches and shrines with a Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Mariapoch. We will meet at Mariapoch during the Annual pilgrimage on Sunday, August 16th. The schedule is as follows:

- 12 Noon Sixth Hour, followed by lunch at the Café (individual payment)
- 1:30 PM Children Activity – Tent area
- 1:30 PM Guest Speaker Talk, Nicholas Boros, History of Mariapoch
- 3:00 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Robert Pipta
- 5:00 PM Café opens for dinner

MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE PILGRIMAGE

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.

HELP WITH HOSPITALITY! - 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.

FAMILY LITURGY & LIFE CAMP held August 9–14, 2026, - Experience a week filled with joy, prayer, and unforgettable memories at our Eparchy's Annual Family Liturgy & Life Camp. This year's camp promises the same spirit of connection and renewal that so many have come to love.

Come be part of a community where faith comes alive, friendships flourish, and families encounter Christ in a joyful and meaningful way!

If you are still interested in participating in this year's camp, please contact familycamp@parma.org to see if there is any last-minute availability.



Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage
The Shrine's annual Cleanup Day/Pilgrimage Preparation
will take place August 8, 2026.

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2026 – Shrine of Mariapoch
“Theotokos: Our Advocate for Peace”

Saturday, August 15th through Sunday, August 16th

The opportunity for Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.

Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya, Administrator: gregloya@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790 Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>



PERSEVERANCE IN LOVE

In this penultimate catechesis on prayer we are going to speak about perseverance in praying. It is an invitation, indeed, a command that comes to us from Sacred Scripture. The spiritual journey of the Russian Pilgrim begins when he comes across a phrase of Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Thessalonians: “Pray constantly, always and for everything give thanks” (cf. 5:17-18). The Apostle’s words strike the man and he wonders how it is possible to pray without interruption, given that our lives are fragmented into so many different moments, which do not always make concentration possible. From this question he begins his search, which will lead him to discover what is called the prayer of the heart. It consists in repeating with faith: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!”. “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!”. A simple prayer, but very beautiful. A prayer that, little by little, adapts itself to the rhythm of breath and extends throughout the day. Indeed, breath never stops, not even while we sleep; and prayer is the breath of life.

How, then, is it possible to always preserve a state of prayer? The Catechism offers us beautiful quotations from the history of spirituality, which insist on the need for continuous prayer, that it may be the fulcrum of Christian existence. I will look at some of them.

The monk Evagrius Ponticus states: “We have not been commanded to work, to keep watch and to fast continually” — no, this is not demanded — “but it has been laid down that we are to pray without ceasing” (CCC 2742). The heart in prayer. There is therefore an ardour in the Christian life, which must never fail. It is a little like that sacred fire that was kept in the ancient temples, that burned without interruption and that the priests had the task of keeping alive. So too must there be a sacred fire in us, which burns continuously and which nothing can extinguish. And it is not easy, but it must be so.

Saint John Chrysostom, another pastor who was attentive to real life, preached: “Even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop, while buying or selling, or even while cooking” (CCC 2743). Little prayers: “Lord, have mercy on us”, “Lord, help me”. So, prayer is a kind of musical staff, where we arrange the melody of our lives. It is not in contrast with daily work; it does not contradict the many small obligations and appointments; if anything, it is the place where every action finds its meaning, its reason and its peace.

Certainly, putting these principles into practice is not easy. A father and a mother, caught up in a thousand tasks, may feel nostalgia for a time in their life in which it was easy to find regular times and spaces for prayer. Then come children, work, family life, ageing parents.... One has the impression that it will never be possible to get through it all. It is good then for us to think that God, our Father, who must take care of the entire universe, always remembers each one of us. Therefore, we too must always remember Him!

We can also remember that in Christian monasticism, work has always been held in great esteem, not only because of the moral duty to provide for oneself and others, but also for a sort of balance, an inner balance: it is risky for man to cultivate an interest so abstract that he loses contact with reality. Work helps us to stay in touch with reality. The monk’s folded hands bear the calluses of one who holds shovels and hoes. When, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 10:38-42), Jesus tells

Saint Martha that the only thing that is truly necessary is to listen to God, in no way does he mean to disparage the many services that she was performing with such dedication.

Everything in the human being is “binary”: our body is symmetrical, we have two arms, two eyes, two hands... And so, work and prayer are also complementary. Prayer — which is the “breath” of everything — remains as the vital backdrop of work, even in moments in which this is not explicit. It is inhuman to be so absorbed by work that you can no longer find the time for prayer.

At the same time, a prayer that alienates itself from life is not healthy. A prayer that alienates us from the concreteness of life becomes spiritualism, or worse, ritualism. Let us remember that Jesus, after revealing his glory to the disciples on Mount Tabor, did not want to prolong that moment of ecstasy, but instead came down from the mountain with them and resumed the daily journey. Because that experience had to remain in their hearts as the light and strength of their faith; also a light and strength for the days that were soon to come: those of the Passion. In this way, the time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living, and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian love that God expects of us. And let us repeat the simple prayer that it is so good to repeat during the day. All together: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!”

Pope Francis, 6/9/2021



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