



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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July 26, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	July 26	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	for the Faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	July 29	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	+Clement & +Katherine Blissenbach by S. Blissenbach
Thu	July 30	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	July 31	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sat	Aug 1	10:00am	Ge'ez Liturgy	
		6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Aug 2	9:30am	3 rd Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	for the Faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

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.

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma: 216-741-8773

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Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	July 26	1 Cor 3:9-17	Matt 14:22-34
Mon	July 27	1 Cor 15:12-19	Matt 21:18-22
Tue	July 28	1 Cor 15:29-38	Matt 21:23-27
Wed	July 29	1 Cor 16:4-12	Matt 21:43-46
Thu	July 30	1 Cor 14:6-19	Matt 20:17-28
Fri	July 31	2 Cor 1:12-30	Matt 22:23-33
Sat	Aug 1	1 Cor 1:18-24	John 19:6-11; 13-21, 25-27, 30-35
Sun	Aug 2	1 Cor 4:9-16	Matt 17:14-23

Parish Activities this week

Sun	July 26	11:15am	SJC Social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Fri	July 31	5:00pm	Hall in use
Sat	Aug 1	12:00pm	Hall in use
Sun	Aug 2	11:15am	SJC Social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

COMING UP IN AUGUST:

Wed Aug 5th 6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Fri Aug 14th 6:00pm Vigil Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sat Aug 15th 4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sun Aug 16th 9:00am Divine Liturgy. NO 3rd Hour, NO social. Parish Pilgrimage to Mariapoch following Liturgy.

Sun Aug 23rd 2:30pm Ukrainian Divine Liturgy followed by social

Mon Aug 24-Fri Aug 28 OFFICE CLOSED

SAT. AUGUST 15TH - Please join the members of our local Knights of Columbus Council (Assumption Council #3727) and their families for a parish picnic after the **4:00pm Divine Liturgy** as we celebrate our patron feast, the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, on Saturday August 15th.

All parish families and guests are invited. This will be a potluck with the Knights providing the meats for grilling, buns, drinks and some desserts.

Please bring a side dish to share. If you have a special Dormition dessert to share, please feel free to bring that as well. Hope to see you there!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH – We are continuing our visitation of various churches and shrines with a Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Mariapoch.

Divine Liturgy on August 16th will begin at 9:00am. There will be no 3rd Hour and no social following Liturgy so that we can 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

APOSTOLIC FATHERS STUDY GROUP

Have you ever wondered how the earliest Christians understood the teachings of the Apostles? Have you wanted to deepen your knowledge of the faith by reading the writings of those who personally knew—or were taught by—the Apostles themselves?

You are warmly invited to join our **Apostolic Fathers Study Group**, where we will read and discuss the writings of the earliest generations of the Church. Together, we will explore the lives, teachings, and spiritual wisdom of figures such as **St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Polycarp of Smyrna, the author of the Didache, the Epistle of Barnabas, the Shepherd of Hermas**, and others.

This study group is open to anyone who desires to grow in faith, whether you are new to the writings of the early Church or have studied them before. No prior knowledge is required—only a willingness to read, learn, ask questions, and participate in thoughtful discussion.

Starting from August 12 through September 16, on Wednesday evenings from 6pm -7pm, in the Hall.

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"**.

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.

FROM PARMA

"Pilgrimage Preparation: The Shrine of Mariapoch needs your help to prepare for the 71st annual pilgrimage, which is Aug 15/16. The preparation cleanup day is Saturday, Aug 8 starting at noon. Your helping to get the Shrine ready is greatly appreciated. Contact Deacon Greg Loya for any questions: gregloya@yahoo.com"



PASCHAL PRAYER OF JESUS

We have recalled several times in this series of catecheses that prayer is one of the most evident characteristics of Jesus' life: Jesus prayed, and he prayed a lot. In the course of his mission, Jesus immersed himself in it because dialogue with the Father was the incandescent core of his entire existence.

The Gospels testify how Jesus' prayer became even more intense and deep at the hour of his passion and death. These culminating events of his life constitute the central core of Christian preaching: those last hours lived by Jesus in Jerusalem are the heart of the Gospel, not only because the Evangelists reserve proportionally greater space to this narrative, but also because the event of his death and resurrection — like a flash of lightning — sheds light on the rest of Jesus' life. He was not a philanthropist who took care of human suffering and illness: he was and is much more. In him there is not only goodness: there is something more, there is salvation, and not an episodic salvation — the type that might save me from an illness or a moment of despair — but total salvation, messianic salvation, which gives hope in the definitive victory of life over death.

In the days of his last Passover, we thus find Jesus fully immersed in prayer. He prays dramatically in the garden of Gethsemane, as we heard, assailed by mortal anguish. And yet, precisely in that moment, Jesus addresses God as "Abba", Father (cf. Mk 14: 36). This word, in Aramaic, which was Jesus' language, expresses intimacy, it expresses trust. Just as he feels the darkness gather around him, Jesus breaks through it with that little word: Abba, Father. Jesus also prays on the cross, obscurely shrouded in God's silence. And yet once again the word "Father" emerges from his lips. It is the most ardent prayer, because on the cross, Jesus is the absolute intercessor. He prays for others. He prays for everyone, even for those who have condemned him, with no one, apart from a poor delinquent, taking his side. Everyone was against him or indifferent; only that criminal recognized the power. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). In the midst of the tragedy, in the excruciating pain of soul and body, Jesus prays with the words of the psalms; with the poor of the world, especially those forgotten by all. He pronounces the tragic words of Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (v. 1). He felt abandonment, and he prayed.

On the cross is the fulfilment of the gift of the Father who offers love, that is, our salvation is fulfilled. And also, once, he calls Him “My God”, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”: that is, everything, everything is prayer in the three hours of the Cross. Jesus therefore prays in the decisive hours of his passion and death. And with the resurrection, the Father will grant the prayer. Jesus’ prayer is intense, Jesus’ prayer is unique, and it also becomes the model for our prayer. Jesus prayed for everyone: He even prayed for me, for each one of you. Every one of you can say: “Jesus, on the cross, prayed for me”. He prayed. Jesus can say to every one of us: “I prayed for you at the Last Supper, and on the wood of the Cross”. Even in the most painful of our suffering, we are never alone. Jesus’ prayer is with us. “And now, Father, here, we who are listening to this, does Jesus pray for us?”. Yes, he continues to pray so that his word may help us keep going forward. But pray, and remember that he prays for us.

And this seems to me the most beautiful thing to remember. This is the final catechesis of this series on prayer: to remember the grace that not only do we pray, but that, so to speak, we have been “prayed for”. We have already been welcomed into Jesus’ dialogue with the Father, in communion with the Holy Spirit. Jesus prays for me: each one of us can carry this in their heart. We must not forget this. Even in the worst moments. We are already welcomed into Jesus’ dialogue with the Father, in communion of the Holy Spirit. We were willed by Christ Jesus, and even in the hour of his passion, death and resurrection, everything was offered for us. And so, with prayer and with life, all that remains is only to have courage and hope, and, with this courage and hope, to deeply feel Jesus’ prayer and to keep on going: so that our life may be one of giving glory to God in the knowledge that he prays for me to the Father, that Jesus prays for me.

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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