



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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August 30, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Aug 30	9:30am	Third Hour	<i>for the Faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Sep 2	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>+Estalita Fontanila by the Mnich Family</i>
Thu	Sep 3	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Fri	Sep 4	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	
Sun	Sep 6	9:30am	Third Hour	<i>for the Faithful</i>
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Aug 30	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Matt 22:1-14
Mon	Aug 31	Heb 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Tue	Sep 1	1 Tim 2:1-7	Luke 4:16-22
Wed	Sep 2	Gal 3:15-22	Mark 6:7-13
Thu	Sep 3	Gal 3:23-4:5	Mark 6:30-45
Fri	Sep 4	Gal 4:8-21	Mark 6:45-53
Sat	Sep 5	1 Cor 4:17-5:5	Matt 24:1-13
Sun	Sep 6	2 Cor 4:6-15	Matt 22:35-46

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

Administrator: Bishop Robert Pipta

Chancellor: Rev. Gary Yanus

Chief Finance Officer: Matthew McDonald

Vocations Director: Rev. John Russell

Safe Environment Coordinator: Fr. Andrew Nagrant

Safe Environment Victim Assistance Coordinator: Kathleen McComb

Parish Activities this week

Sun	Aug 30	11:15am	Parish social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Mon	Aug 31	6:00pm	Finance, Advisory & Building Boards meeting
Wed	Sep 2	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
		6:00pm	Apostolic Fathers Study Group
Sat	Sep 5	4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mothers' Prayer Group
		6:00pm	Ge'ez Choir practice
Sun	Sep 6	11:15am	Parish social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

AUG 31st **6:00pm** – Finance, Advisory & Building Boards meeting in hall.

SEPT 2nd **10:00am** – Breakfast with the Pastor in the hall following Liturgy.
 6:00pm – Apostolic Fathers Study Group in hall

SEPT 4th **BY NOON** - Final registration date for parishioners to email office if attending the Eparchial Assembly meals and have parish handle the cost

SEPT 13th **ECF KICKOFF** in hall following Liturgy

SEPT 20th **First ECF classes** following Liturgy

APOSTOLIC FATHERS STUDY GROUP through September 16th

Wednesday evenings from 6pm -7pm, in the Hall. 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

2026-27 ECF YEAR

ECF - As the new school year approaches, we are thrilled to launch the new ECF cycle with prayer and much fun! **ECF Kickoff is September 13th and the first day of classes is September 20th.**

ECF enrollment forms are being sent out via email, if you have not received a digital copy there will be hard copies available in the church vestibule every Sunday. If you wish a digital copy, please email the office at stjohnbyz@hotmail.com.

Make sure you fill them out with all the required details.

PARENTS: we ask you to volunteer as an aide during the ECF lessons. Each group requires one aide; therefore, we ask the parents to sign up. Aides help the children with the in-class activities, oversee behavior, help the teacher, and help with cleaning up after the class. The aide is not teaching!!!

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4. The Spirit teaches the Bride to pray. The Psalms, symphony of prayer in the Bible

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In preparation for the next Jubilee, I invited the [faithful] to devote 2024 “to a great ‘symphony’ of prayer”. [1] With today’s catechesis, I would like to recall that the Church already possesses a symphony of prayer, whose composer is the Holy Spirit, and it is the Book of Psalms.

Like all symphonies, it has various “movements”, that is, various genres of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, supplication, lamentation, narration, sapiential reflection, and others, both in the personal form and in the choral

form of the whole people. These are songs that the Spirit himself placed on the lips of the Bride, his Church. As I mentioned last time, all the Books of the Bible are inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Book of Psalms is also so in the sense that it is full of poetic inspiration.

The Psalms have had a special place in the New Testament. Indeed, there were and still are editions that combine the New Testament and the Psalms together. On my desk, I have a Ukrainian copy of the New Testament with the Psalms that was sent to me. It belonged to a soldier who died in the war. He prayed with this book at the front. Not all Psalms — and not every part of every Psalm — can be repeated and assimilated by Christians, and even less by modern man. At times, they reflect a historical context and a religious mentality that are no longer ours. This does not mean that they were not inspired, but in some ways, they are linked to a [particular] time and a temporary stage of revelation, as is also the case with a large part of ancient legislation.

What makes the Psalms worthy of our attention is that they were the prayer of Jesus, of Mary, of the Apostles and of all the Christian generations that came before us. When we recite them, God listens to them with that grandiose “orchestration” that is the communion of Saints. According to the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus, enters the world with a verse from a Psalm in his heart: “Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God” (cf. *Heb* 10:7; *Ps* 40:9). And according to the Gospel of Luke, he leaves the world with another verse on his lips: “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit” (*Lk* 23:46; cf. *Ps* 31:6).

The use of Psalms in the New Testament is followed by that of the Fathers and the entire Church, which makes them a fixed element in the celebration of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. “All the Sacred Scripture breathes the goodness of God”, says Saint Ambrose, “but in particular the sweet book of the Psalms” [2] — the sweet book of the Psalms. I wonder, do you pray with the Psalms from time to time? Do you pick up the Bible and pray a Psalm? When you are a bit sad for having sinned, for example, do you pray Psalm 50? There are many Psalms that help us keep going. Form the habit of praying with the Psalms. I assure you that you will be happy in the end.

But we cannot only live on the legacy of the past: it is necessary to make the Psalms *our* prayer. It was written that, in a certain sense, we must ourselves become the “scribes” of the Psalms, making them ours and praying with them. [3] If there are Psalms, or just verses, that speak to our heart, it is good to repeat them and pray them throughout the day. Psalms are prayers “for all seasons”: there is no state of mind or need that does not find in them the best words to be transformed into prayer. Unlike other prayers, Psalms do not lose their effectiveness by being repeated; on the contrary, they increase it. Why? Because they are inspired by God and “breathe” God, every time they are read with faith.

If we feel oppressed by remorse or guilt, because we are sinners, we can repeat with David: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love” (*Ps* 51:1). If we want to express a strong personal bond with love, let us say: “O God, thou art my God / I seek thee, / my soul thirsts for thee; / my flesh faints for thee, / as in a dry and weary land where no water is” (*Ps* 63:1). It is not for nothing that the Liturgy has inserted this Psalm in the Lauds of Sunday and the solemnities. And if fear and anguish assail us, those wonderful words of Psalm 23 come to our rescue: “The Lord is my shepherd ... Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, / I fear no evil” (*Ps* 23:4).

Psalms allow us not to impoverish our prayer by reducing it merely to requests, to a continuous “give me, give us...”. Let us learn from the Lord’s Prayer, which, before asking for our “daily bread”, says, “Hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come, thy will be done”. The Psalms help us to open ourselves to a prayer that is less focused on ourselves: a prayer of praise, of blessing, of thanksgiving; and they also help us give voice to all creation, involving it in our praise.

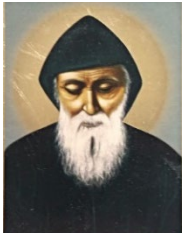
Brothers and sisters may the Holy Spirit, who gave the Church Bride the words to pray to her divine Bridegroom, help us to make them resound in the Church today, and to make this year of preparation for the Jubilee a true symphony of prayer.

Pope Francis, 6/19/2024



JOIN OUR PARISH’S “BAND” GROUP! This is a group page for parishioners and regular attendees to grow in faith, build meaningful connections and deepen our Byzantine Catholic faith. Stay up-to-date on liturgies, feast days and parish events while sharing prayer intentions and encouragement with fellow parishioners. You can go online to <https://www.band.us/en> or scan the QR code to download and join.





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	Charlene	Grabner	Angela	Merva	Mary Beth	Rogers	Conley	Family
William	Nataly	Grace	Dcn Jeff	Mierzejewski	Trey	Shearon	Jackson	Family
Charles	John	Griffen	Ed	Nyahay	Kathy	Slonka	Lippert	Family
Anna	Dora	Johnson	Anne	O'Halloran	Monica	Smith	Mazon	Family
John	Susan	Kaiser	Mic	O'Halloran	Scott	Smith	Mech	Intention
Vernal	James	Kester	John	Oshinski	Kim	Snow	Charyton	Intentions
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Eparchial Assembly 2026

The Eparchy of Parma has set sail on an exciting journey of mission, vision, and strategic planning—revisiting the same creative, daring, visionary, charismatic, and evangelical spirit that shaped our founding in 1969 and the early 1970s. This journey calls all clergy and faithful to courageously and selflessly board the **“Holy Flotilla” of Missionary DiscipleSHIP, Authentic WorSHIP, Godly FellowSHIP, and Sacrificial StewardSHIP.**

In this spirit, the Eparchy calls its faithful to the **2026 Eparchial Assembly**, where clergy, monastics, and lay members will gather to pray, listen, and discern the pastoral needs of our Church. Rooted in synodality and hope, the Assembly strengthens our unity and helps guide the future of our Eparchy as we renew Christ’s mission in our communities. Intentionally designed to foster genuine, prayerful interaction among all who participate, offering a blessed

opportunity for praying, listening, and learning together as the convoked Assembly prepares for its canonical gathering immediately afterward.

Don’t miss this opportunity to gather as one Eparchy—listening to the Holy Spirit, strengthening our bonds, and renewing our shared mission in Christ.



Charting the Course – Renewing Byzantine Catholic Life in the Heartland

October 17-19, 2026 – St. John Chrysostom – Columbus, Ohio

The Eparchy of Parma invites all clergy and faithful to take part in the open **Preparatory Gathering of the 2026 Eparchial Assembly** – a shared moment of praying, listening and learning as we set sail on a renewed journey of mission and vision. All are welcome to board the “**Holy Flotilla**” of **DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP, and StewardSHIP** as we chart the course forward for our church.

This public first phase offers the whole Eparchy a blessed opportunity to gather as one, strengthening our unity and deepening our synodal spirit. It also provides essential formation and context for those who have been formally convoked and will continue into the invitation-only canonical gathering that follows.

Registration is required. Participation in the liturgical services, presentations, and discussions is offered free of charge to all attendees. Meal tickets may be purchased for those who wish to join the community meals; otherwise, participants are welcome to make their own dining arrangements off-site.

www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly

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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSIONS

Saturday, October 17

- 5PM Great Vespers
- 6PM Dinner (*Meal ticket purchase required*)
- 7PM **Presentation: Eparchial Synodality with Benjamin Auton**
- 7:45PM **Presentation: Fellowship and the Lay-Apostolate with Jonathan Shellnut**
- 8:30PM **Discussion: Walking Together as Missionary Disciples**
- 9PM Social (Interactive Dance & Music)

Sunday, October 18

- 9AM Festal Matins (Bishop Robert with Bishop Fernandez of Columbus concelebrating)
- 10AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bishop Robert preaches; Bishop Fernandez of Columbus concelebrates)
- 12PM Lunch
- 1:30PM **Presentation: Sharing the Gospel of God's Wonder with Kieran McNulty, Ph.D.**
- 3PM **Presentation: Return to Authentic Worship and a Rule of Personal Prayer with Bishop Robert**
- 4:30PM **Presentation: Stewardship and Tithing with Laura Ieraci-Summerson**
- 6PM Dinner (*Meal ticket purchase required*)
- 7PM Chat on Liturgical Chant with Bishop Robert

Monday, October 19 – Thursday, October 22 – By invitation - clergy, monastics, and designated delegates

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.