



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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September 27, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Sep 27	9:30am	Third Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
		2:30pm	Ukrainian Liturgy	
Wed	Sep 30	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	<i>+Estalita Fontanila by Mnich family</i>
			<i>Feast of The Protection of the Theotokos</i>	
Sat	Oct 3	4:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Oct 4	9:30am	Rosary led by Knights of Columbus	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Sep 27	2 Cor 9:6-11	Luke 5:1-11
Mon	Sep 28	2 Cor 4:6-15	Luke 6:17-23
Tue	Sep 29	Phil 1:8-14	Luke 5:12-16
Wed	Sep 30	Phil 1:12-20	Luke 5:33-39
Thu	Oct 1	Heb 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Fri	Oct 2	Phil 1:27-2:4	Luke 6:17-23
Sat	Oct 3	1 Cor 15:58-16:3	Luke 5:17-26
Sun	Oct 4	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Luke 8:5-15

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.

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Parish Activities this week

Sun	Sep 27	11:15am	Parish social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
		3:30pm	Ukrainian Social
Wed	Sep 30	1:30pm	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 2	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 3	10:00am	Roll baking
		3:00pm	Children's ECF in rectory basement classrooms
		3:00pm	Adult ECF in hall
		4:00pm	Vespers
		4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mothers Prayer group
		6:00pm	Ge'ez Choir practice
Sun	Oct 4	11:15am	Parish social
		11:45am	Men & Women's Clubs meeting in rectory basement classrooms
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



Congratulations to Daniel Garland who was ordained to the Holy Deaconate on October 1, 2026 by His Excellency Most Reverend Bohdan J. Danylo, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat. May God grant him many years; may the Holy Spirit guide him in his ministry and may he serve with joy and faithfulness.



OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Sept. 30, 6:00pm – Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Protection of the Theotokos

NO LITURGIES SCHEDULED for October 1st & 2nd

Sat. Oct 3, 3:00pm – Children's ECF in rectory basement classrooms; Adult ECF in hall

Sat. Oct 3, 4:00pm – Vespers

Sun. Oct 4, 11:45am – The Women's club (formerly women's ministry) and Men's club meetings will be held once a month on the first Sunday of the month. The clubs will meet at the same time in the rectory basement classrooms at 11:45am. If you are interested, please reach out to Dana Stasek or send an email to the Parish Office.

Wed. Oct 7, 10am – Breakfast with the Pastor in the hall following 9:00am liturgy



They were all filled with the Holy Spirit» The Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In our itinerary of catechesis on the Holy Spirit and the Church, today we will refer to the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The account of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost begins with a description of some preparatory signs – the rush of wind and the tongues of fire – but finds its conclusion in the affirmation that “*they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:4). Saint Luke – who wrote the Acts of the Apostles – emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is He who ensures the *universality* and *unity* of the Church. The immediate effect of being “filled with the Holy Spirit” is that the Apostles “began to speak in other tongues”, and came out of the Upper Room to proclaim Jesus Christ to the crowd (cf. Acts 2:4 et seq.).

In so doing, Luke wished to highlight the universal mission of the Church, as a sign of a new unity between all peoples. We see the Spirit work for unity in two ways. On the one hand, He drives the Church outwards, so that she can welcome an ever-greater number of people and peoples; on the other hand, she gathers them within to

consolidate the unity achieved. He teaches her to expand in universality, and consolidate in unity. Universal and one: this is the mystery of the Church.

We see the first of the two movements – universality – in process in Chapter 10 of the Acts, in the episode of the conversion of Cornelius. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles had proclaimed Christ to all the Jews and observers of the Mosaic law, whatever people they belonged to. It takes another “Pentecost”, very similar to the first, in the house of the centurion Cornelius, to induce the Apostles to expand their horizon and break down the last barrier, the one between Jews and pagans (cf. Acts 10-11).

This ethnical expansion is accompanied by a geographical one. Paul – we read again in the *Acts of the Apostles* (cf. 16:6-10) – wanted to proclaim the Gospel in a new region of Asia Minor; but it is written that they had been “forbidden by the Holy Spirit”; he attempted to enter Bithyn’ia, “but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them”. We immediately discover the reason for these surprising prohibitions of the Spirit: the following night the Apostle received in a dream the order to pass into Macedonia. The Gospel thus left its native Asia and entered into Europe.

The second movement of the Holy Spirit – that which creates unity – is seen in action in Chapter 15 of the Acts, in the proceedings of the so-called Council of Jerusalem. The problem is how to ensure that the universality achieved does not compromise the unity of the Church. The Holy Spirit does not always create unity suddenly, with miraculous and decisive actions, as at Pentecost. He also does so – and in the majority of cases – with discreet work, respecting human time and differences, passing through people and institutions, prayer and confrontation. In, we would say today, a synodal manner. Indeed, this is what happens at the Council of Jerusalem, regarding the matter of the obligations of the Mosaic Law to be imposed on those who converted from paganism. The solution was announced to the entire Church, with the well-known words: “For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...” (Acts 15:28).

Saint Augustine explains the unity achieved by the Holy Spirit with an image, which has become classic: “How the soul is of the body of man is the holy Spirit of the body of Christ, which is the Church” [1]. The image helps us to understand something important. The Holy Spirit does not create the unity of the Church from the outside; He does not limit Himself to commanding us to be united. He Himself is the “bond of unity”. It is He who creates the unity of the Church.

As always, we will conclude with a thought that helps us to pass from the Church as a whole to each one of us. The unity of the Church is the unity between people and is not achieved on the drawing board, but in life. It is implemented in life. We all want unity, we all desire it from the depths of our heart; and yet it is so difficult to attain that, even within marriage and the family, union and concord are among the most difficult things to achieve and even harder to maintain.

The reason why unity among us is difficult is that, yes, everyone wants unity, but based on one’s own point of view, without considering that the other person in front of him thinks exactly the same thing about his “own” point of view. In this way, unity becomes even more elusive. The unity life, the unity of Pentecost, according to the Spirit, is achieved when one makes the effort to put God, not oneself, at the centre. Christian unity is built in this way too: not waiting for others to reach us where we are, but moving together towards Christ.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us be instruments of unity and peace.

Pope Francis, 10/9/2024



Midwest Marian Pilgrimage Oct. 2-4, 2026

For those who are burdened, come take rest under the veil of the Protection of the Mother of God.

A three-day pilgrimage for the whole family to grow in faith and fellowship with Bishop Robert Pipta of Parma, Ohio, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church. Come pray at the main shrines of the Protection of the Mother of God and Mother of God Searcher for the Lost, as well as many smaller shrines dedicated to Mary.

Admission is free. Meals are \$10 per person. Children under age 5 eat free. Please register.



[More Info & Registration Here](#)





Eparchial Assembly 2026

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



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
Abdi	Nataly	Grace	Dcn Jeff	Mierzejewski	Trey	Shearon	Jackson	Family
William	John	Griffen	Ed	Nyahay	Kathy	Slonka	Lippert	Family
Charles	Dora	Johnson	Anne	O'Halloran	Monica	Smith	Mazon	Family
Anna	Susan	Kaiser	Mic	O'Halloran	Scott	Smith	Mech	Intention
John	James	Kester	John	Oshinski	Kim	Snow	Charyton	Intentions
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