



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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October 11, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Oct 11	9:30am	Rosary led by Knights of Columbus	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed	Oct 14	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>+William Hospodar by Wallace family</i>
Thu	Oct 15	6:00pm	Akathistos	
Fri	Oct 16	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	<i>+William Hospodar by Johnson family</i>
Sat	Oct 17	5:00pm	Great Vespers	
Sun	Oct 18	9:00am	Festal Matins Bishop Robert w/Bishop Fernandez concelebrating	
		10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	<i>for the Faithful</i>
			<i>Bishop Robert w/Bishop Fernandez concelebrating</i>	
			NO GE'EZ LITURGY TODAY	NO PARISH SOCIAL

Readings for the week of October 11, 2026

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Oct 11	Gal 1:11-19	Luke 7:11-16 or
		Heb 13:7-16	John 17:1-13
Mon	Oct 12	Phil4:10-23	Luke 7:36-50
Tue	Oct 13	Col 1:1-2 & 7-11	Luke 8:1-3
Wed	Oct 14	Col 1:18-23	Luke 8:22-25
Thu	Oct 15	Col 1:24-29	Luke 9:7-11
Fri	Oct 16	Col 2:1-7	Luke 9:12-18
Sat	Oct 17	2 Cor 3:12-18	Luke 6:1-10
Sun	Oct 18	Gal 2:16-20	Luke 8:5-15

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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	Oct 11	11:15am	Parish social
		11:15am	ECF classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Mon	Oct 12	10:00am	Parishioner baking
Wed	Oct 14	10:00am	Parishioner baking
Thu	Oct 15	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 16	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 17	Eparchial Assembly; services, presentations	
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Sun	Oct 18	NO PARISH SOCIAL THIS DATE	
		Eparchial Assembly presentations	



2026 HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS. In keeping with a key point of the GCU Mission Statement—"Strengthening Communities", GCU will once again be sponsoring our Holiday Food Bank Donation Program. In an effort to increase the amount donated to your local Food Bank and to get your parish more involved, we are once again asking participating parishes to have a collection in their church during the month of October. Money collected by your parish will be matched up to \$500. The GCU check, made payable to the Food Bank, will be sent to you to make an in-person presentation to your local food bank along with the parish's collection, in time for the upcoming holiday season.

Beginning today through November 1st, we ask parishioners to prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to W.A.R.M. through us. Make your check out to W.A.R.M. and drop it in the collection boxes. We will total these and let the GCU know the total, which they will then match as stated above.

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME. During the month of October, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a national campaign to collect for those churches that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. These services include Liturgy/Mass, the sacraments, religious education and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its current and former territories are considered home mission dioceses. If you wish to donate to this appeal, there are envelopes on the table in the vestibule or to donate online use the QR code on the right.



December 12th is our 22nd Christmas Cookie Sale. This is our big fundraiser! EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED.

We need bakers of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale.

Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, will be contacting everyone regarding the sale and how you can help with baking or volunteering. If you have any questions, or Lisa has not yet contacted you, please contact her directly; **you may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com**. You may also call (614-882-7578) or email the church office (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Using Hall Kitchen to bake for Cookie Sale

We offer the use of the parish hall kitchen for those who may need to use the bigger space to bake items for this year's Cookie Sale. **Please email the office directly to check date availability and to schedule the date(s) and times that you need.** Dates are already being reserved so contact the office as soon as possible.

"The Spirit, gift of God". The Holy Spirit and the sacrament of marriage

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last time we explained what we proclaim about the Holy Spirit in the Creed. The reflection of the Church, however, did not stop at that brief profession of faith. It continued, both in the East and in the West, by the work of the great Fathers and Doctors. Today, in particular, we would like to gather a few crumbs of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit developed in the Latin tradition, to see how it enlightens all of Christian life and the sacrament of marriage in particular.

The main architect of this doctrine is Saint Augustine, who developed the doctrine on the Holy Spirit. He sets out from the revelation that "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). Now love presupposes one who loves, one who is beloved and love itself that unites them. In the Trinity, the Father is the one who loves, the source and origin of everything; the Son is the one who is beloved, and the Holy Spirit is the love that unites them. [1] The God of Christians is therefore a "sole" God, but not solitary. His is a unity of communion and love. Along these lines, some have suggested calling the Holy Spirit not the "third-person singular" of the Trinity, but rather the "first-person plural". In other words, he is the we, the divine we of the Father and the Son, the bond of unity among different persons, [2] the very principle of the unity of the Church, which is indeed a "sole body" resulting from several persons.

As I said, today I would like to reflect with you in particular on what the Holy Spirit has to say about the family. What can the Holy Spirit have to do with marriage, for example? A great deal, perhaps the essential, and I will try to explain why! Christian marriage is the sacrament of self-giving, one for the other, of man and woman. This is how the Creator intended it when he "created man in his own image [...] male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). The human couple is therefore the first and most elementary realization of the communion of love that is the Trinity.

Married couples, too, should form a first-person plural, a "we". Stand before each other as an "I" and a "you", and stand before the rest of the world, including the children, as a "we". How beautiful it is to hear a mother say to her children: "Your father and I...", as Mary said to Jesus when they found him teaching the Doctors in the temple at the age of 12, (cf. Lk 2:48), and to hear a father say: 'Your mother and I', as if they were one. How much children need this unity — mother and father together — unity of parents, and how much they suffer when it is lacking! Children of separated parents suffer so much, so much.

However, to correspond to this vocation, marriage needs the support of he who is the Gift, indeed the quintessential giver. Where the Holy Spirit enters, the capacity for self-giving is reborn. Some Fathers of the Church affirmed that, as the reciprocal gift of the Father and the Son in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is also the reason for the joy that reigns between them, and they were not afraid, when speaking about it, to use the image of gestures proper to married life, such as the kiss and the embrace. [3]

No one says that such unity is an easy task, least of all in today's world; but this is the truth of things as the Creator designed them, and it is therefore in their nature. Certainly, it may seem easier and quicker to build on sand than on rock; but Jesus tells us what the result is (cf. Mt 7:24-27). In this case, then, we do not even need the parable, because the consequences of marriages built on sand are, unfortunately, there for all to see, and it is mainly the children who pay the price. Children suffer from the separation or the lack of love of the parents! With regard to so many couples, one must repeat what Mary said to Jesus, at Cana in Galilee: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). The Holy Spirit is the one who continues to perform, on a spiritual level, the miracle that Jesus worked on that occasion; namely, to change the water of habit into a new joy of being together. It is not a pious illusion: it is what the Holy Spirit has done in so many marriages, when the spouses decided to invoke him.

It would not be a bad thing, therefore, if alongside the information of a legal, psychological and moral nature that is given to couples during the preparation for marriage, we were to deepen this "spiritual" preparation, the Holy Spirit who makes unity. An Italian proverb says, "Never place a finger between husband and wife" [never

interfere between husband and wife]. There is in fact a "finger" to be placed between husband and wife, the "finger of God": that is, the Holy Spirit!

Pope Francis, 10/23/2024

Pre Cana Weekend Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

Saturday, Nov. 7 - 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday, Nov. 8 - 10:00am - 3:30pm

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church 14610 S Will Cook Rd - Homer Glen, IL 60491

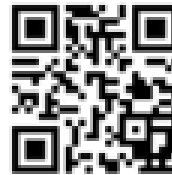
Ways to register: On-line at taborlife.org

Scan the QR with your mobile device Call Catherine at 708-653-8344

Email us at taborlife@earthlink.net

Registration Fee: \$200/couple

Sponsored by the Marriage and Family Ministry of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma in cooperation with the Tabor Life Institute



Discover God's game plan at "Come and See!"

Men 18-35 invited to a weekend retreat at The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from Friday, November 6 until Sunday, November 8, 2026



The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" Weekend Retreat of Discovery for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. This weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary Formation Program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion. The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal.

Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" Weekend Retreat of Discovery is encouraged to contact his Vocations Director and use the **online registration form at www.bcs.edu**. In addition to a completed application, a letter from their pastor attesting to their maturity, participation in their parish, and their active discernment of the priesthood will also be required. **Deadline for registrations is October 16, 2026.**

Eparchial Assembly 2026



AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSIONS

Saturday, October 17

- 5PM Great Vespers
- 6PM Dinner (*Advanced 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 (*Advanced Meal ticket purchase required*)
- 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 (*Advanced 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 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
Brian	Wade	Shannon	Williams				DeClue	Intentions

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



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.

