



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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October 4, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

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	
Wed	Oct 7	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	+Karen Rogers by Wallace family
Thu	Oct 8	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	+Ron Chorey by Jirles family
Fri	Oct 9	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	+William Hospodar by Converse family
Sat	Oct 10	4:00pm	Vespers	
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	

Readings for the week of October 4, 2026

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	Oct 4	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Luke 8:5-15
Mon	Oct 5	Phil2:12-16	Luke 6:24-30
Tue	Oct 6	1 Cor 4:9-16	John 20:19-31
Wed	Oct 7	Phil2:24-30	Luke 6:46-7:1
Thu	Oct 8	Phil3:1-8	Luke 7:17-30
Fri	Oct 9	1 Cor 4:9-16	Luke 10:16-21
Sat	Oct 10	2 Cor 1:8-11	Luke 5:27-32
Sun	Oct 11	Gal 1:11-19	Luke 7:11-16 or
		Heb 13:7-16	John 17:1-13

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 4	11:15am	Parish social
		11:45am	Men & Women's Clubs meeting in rectory basement classrooms
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Wed	Oct 7	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
		6:00pm	Adult ECF
Thu	Oct 8	10:00am	Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 9	10:00am	Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 10	10:00am	Roll baking
		10:00am	Property Clean-up
		4:00pm	Vespers
		6:00pm	Ge'ez Choir practice
Sun	Oct 11	11:15am	Parish social
		11:15am	ECF classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



TODAY at 11:45am –The Women's club (formerly women's ministry) and Men's club will meet in the rectory basement classrooms. All women and men are invited to attend these meetings.

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

Property Clean-Up for the Assembly Saturday, October 10TH 10:00am

We need many volunteers to help clean up the grounds, trim branches, etc. to prepare for the Eparchial Assembly on October 17th.

Please bring your gardening gloves, hand tools, and any other tools that you think may be useful. We will supply bags for trash.



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.

"I believe in the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit in the faith of the Church

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

With today's catechesis, we will move on from what the Holy Spirit revealed to us in the Holy Scripture to how He is present and active in the life of the Church, in our Christian life.

In the first three centuries, the Church did not feel the need to give an explicit formulation of her faith in the Holy Spirit. For example, in the Church's most ancient Creed, the so-called Symbol of the Apostles, after proclaiming: "I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born, died, descended into hell, rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven", adds: "I believe in the Holy Spirit" and nothing more, without any specification.

But it was heresy that drove the Church to define this faith. When this process began – with Saint Athanasius in the fourth century – it was precisely the experience she had of the sanctifying and divinizing action of the Holy Spirit that led the Church to the certainty of the full divinity of the Holy Spirit. This occurred during the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381, which defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit with the well-known words we still repeat today in the Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets".

To say that the Holy Spirit "is the Lord" was like saying that He shares the "Lordship" of God, that He belongs to the world of the Creator, not to that of creatures. The strongest affirmation is that He is due the same glory and adoration as the Father and the Son. It is the argument of equality in honour, dear to Saint Basil the Great, who was the main architect of that formula: the Holy Spirit is the Lord, He is God.

The Council definition was not a point of arrival, but of departure. And indeed, once the historical reasons that had obstructed a more explicit affirmation of the divinity of the Holy Spirit had been overcome, this was confidently proclaimed in the worship of the Church and in her theology. Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, in the aftermath of the Council, went on to state without hesitation: "Is the Holy Spirit then God? Certainly! Is He consubstantial? Yes, if He is true God" (*Oratio* 31, 5.10).

What does the article of faith we proclaim every Sunday at Mass say to us, believers of today: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"? In the past, it was mainly concerned with the statement that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father". The Latin Church soon supplemented this statement by adding, in the Creed of the Mass, that the Holy Spirit proceeds "also from the Son". Since in Latin the expression "and from the Son" is called '*Filioque*', this gave rise to the dispute known by this name, which has been the reason (or pretext) for so many disputes and divisions between the Church of the East and the Church of the West. It is certainly not the case to address the issue here, which, moreover, in the climate of dialogue established between the two Churches, has lost the acrimony of the past and today allows us to hope for full mutual acceptance, as one of the main "reconciled differences". I like to say this: "reconciled differences". Among Christians there are many differences: he belongs to this school, that other one; this person is a Protestant, that person... The important thing is that these differences are reconciled, in the love of walking together.

Having overcome this obstacle, today we can value the most important prerogative for us that is proclaimed in the article of the Creed, namely that the Holy Spirit is "life-giving", the "giver of life". Let us ask ourselves: what life does the Holy Spirit give? At the beginning, in creation, the breath of God gives Adam natural life; the statue of mud is made "a living being" (cf. *Gen* 2:7). Now, in the new creation, the Holy Spirit is He who gives believers new life, the life of Christ, supernatural life, as children of God. Paul can exclaim: "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death" (*Rom* 8:2).

In all of this, where is the great and consoling news for us? It is that the life given to us by the Holy Spirit is eternal life! Faith frees us from the horror of having to admit that everything ends here, that there is no redemption for the suffering and injustice that reign sovereign on earth. Another of the Apostle's words assures us of this: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you" (*Rom* 8:11). The Spirit dwells in us, He is within us.

Let us cultivate this faith also for those who, often through no fault of their own, are deprived of it and are unable to give meaning to life. And let us not forget to thank Him, who with His death, obtained this inestimable gift for us!

Pope Francis, 10/16/2024

Pre Cana Weekend

Sat & Sun, Nov 7 & 8, 2026
Saturday - 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am - 3:30pm



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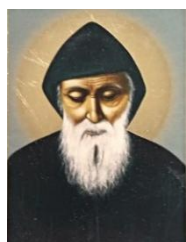
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Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

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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					DeClue	Intentions

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