

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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November 8, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule			**Intention**
Sun Nov 8	9:30am	Third Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy w/myrovanije	*for the Faithful*
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
Wed Nov 11	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	*+Wasyl & +Maria Mudrak by the Wallace Family*
Thu Nov 12	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	*+William Hospodar by Turcotte Family*
Fri Nov 13	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	*+Joyce Nissen by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Nissen*
Sat Nov 14	4:00pm	Vespers	
	5:30pm	Holodomor Remembrance - Franklin County Conservatory	
Sun Nov 15	9:30am	Third Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	*for the Faithful*
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

		Epistle	**Gospel**
Sun	Nov 8	Eph 2:14-22 & Heb 2:2-10	Luke 8:41-56 & 10:6-22
Mon	Nov 9	2 Thess 1:1-10	Luke 12:13-15 & 22-31
Tue	Nov 10	2 Thess 1:10-2:2	Luke 12:42-48
Wed	Nov 11	2 Thess 2:1-12	Luke 12:48-59
Thu	Nov 12	Heb 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Fri	Nov 13	Heb 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Sat	Nov 14	1 Cor 4:9-16	John 1:43-51
Sun	Nov 15	Eph 4:1-6	Luke 10:25-37

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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.

Upcoming Activites

Sun	**Nov 08**	11:15am	Parish social	**Sun**	**Nov 15**	11:15am	Parish Social
		11:30am	ECF classes			11:30am	ECF Classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social			2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Mon	**Nov 09**	9:00am	Office Hours	**Mon**	**Nov 16**	9:00am	Office Hours
		9:00am	Parishioner baking				
Wed	**Nov 11**	9:00am	Office Hours	**Wed**	**Nov 18**	9:00am	Office Hours
						6:00pm	Adult Education
Thu	**Nov 12**	10:00am	Parishioner baking	**Thu**	**Nov 19**	10:00am	Parishioner Baking
		7:00pm	K of C meeting				
Fri	**Nov 13**	9:00am	Office Hours	**Fri**	**Nov 20**	9:00am	Office Hours
Sat	**Nov 14**	3:00pm	Adult Education	**Sat**	**Nov 21**	3:00pm	Adult Education
	5:30pm	Holodomor Remembrance @ Franklin Park Conservatory				4:00pm	Ge'ez Women's Club mtg
		6:00pm	Ge'ez choir practice			6:00pm	Ge'ez choir practice
Sun	**Nov 15**	11:15am	Parish social	**Sun**	**Nov 22**	11:15am	Parish Social
		11:30am	ECF classes			2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social			3:30pm	Ukrainian Social

Our condolences to Keith and Diane Nissen on the passing of Keith's mother on October 24th of this year. May God grant His handmaid Joyce eternal memory and blessed repose.

Thursday, November 12th in the Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00pm, following Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, November 14th – Adult Education 3:00pm

COATS FOR KIDS –The Knights of Columbus Councils are collecting new or gently used coats for children, sizes toddler through teen, through the end of November. Please drop off the coats in the boxes in front of the St. Tabitha Icon in the church vestibule at any time. One of the Knights will collect them every Sunday. We are very grateful for any donations. Thank you!

Coats will be distributed to parishioners who may need them in December.

REMINDERS: The SJC Men's and SJC Women's Groups are scheduled to meet the first Sunday of every month (except Dec) after Divine Liturgy at 11:45.

A letter written with the Spirit of the living God: Mary and the Holy Spirit

Among the various means by which the Holy Spirit implements His work of sanctification in the Church – the Word of God, the Sacraments, prayer – there is one in entirely particular, and it is Marian piety. In the Catholic tradition there is this motto, this saying: " Ad Iesum per Mariam", that is, "to Jesus by means of Mary". Our Lady lets us see Jesus. She opens the doors to us, always! Our Lady is the mother who leads us by the hand towards Jesus. Our Lady never points to herself, Our Lady points to Jesus. And this is Marian piety: to Jesus by the hands of Our Lady. The true and only mediator between us and Christ, indicated as such by Jesus Himself, is the Holy Spirit. Mary is one of the means the Holy Spirit uses to bring us to Jesus [1].

Saint Paul defines the Christian community as "a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh" (2 Cor ;3:3). Mary, as the

first disciple and figure of the Church, is also a letter written with the Spirit of the living God. Precisely for this reason, she can be "known and read by all" (2 Cor 3:2), even those who do not know how to read theology books, those "little ones" to whom Jesus says that the mysteries of the Kingdom, hidden to the wise, are revealed (cf. Mt 11:25).

By saying her "Yes" – when Mary accepts and says to the Angel, "Yes, let the Lord's will be done" and accepts to be the mother of Jesus – it is as though Mary said to God: "Here I am, I am a tablet to be written on: let the Writer write what he wants, make of me what the Lord of all wishes" [2]. At that time, people wrote on waxed tablets; today we would say that Mary offers herself like a blank page on which the Lord can write whatever He wants. Mary's "Yes" to the Angel – as a renowned exegete wrote – represents "the apex of all religious behaviour before God, since she expresses, in the highest manner, passive availability combined with active readiness, the deepest emptiness that accompanies the greatest fullness" [3].

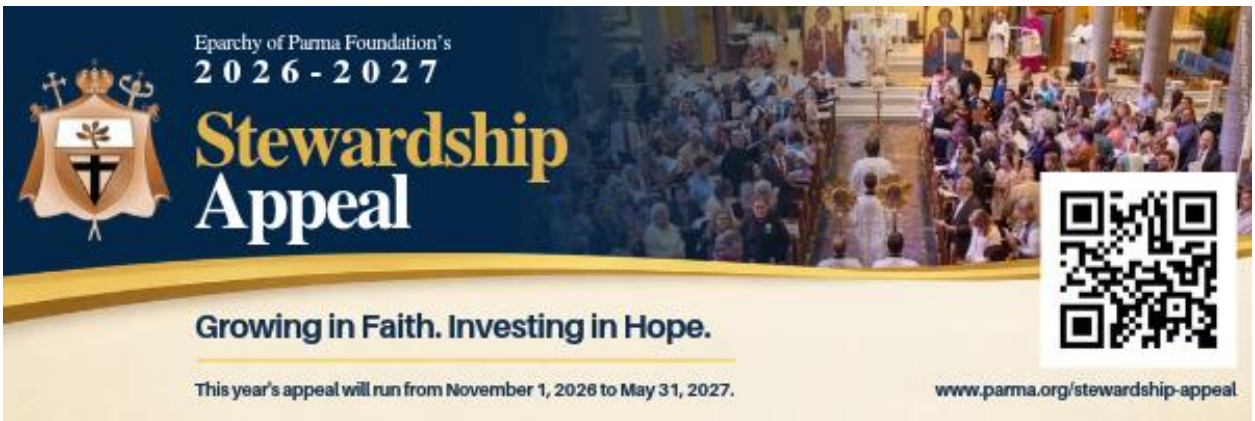
This, then, is how the Mother of God is an instrument of the Holy Spirit in His work of sanctification. In the midst of the endless profusion of words said and written about God, the Church and holiness (that very few, or no-one, is able to read and understand fully), she suggests a few words that everyone, even the simplest, can say on any occasion: "behold" and "let it be done". Mary is the one who said "Yes" to the Lord, and with her example and by her intercession urges us to say our "Yes" to Him too, whenever we are faced with an act of obedience to perform or a trial to overcome.

In every age of our history, but in particular at this time, the Church finds herself in the same situation as the Christian community in the aftermath of Jesus' Ascension to heaven. It had to preach the Gospel to all nations, but was awaiting the "power from on high" in order to be able to do it. And let us not forget that, at that time, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were gathered around "Mary the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). It is true that there were also other women together with her in the Upper Room, but her presence is different and unique among them all. Between her and the Holy Spirit there is a unique and eternally indestructible bond that is the very person of Christ Himself, "who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary", as we recite in the Creed. The evangelist Luke deliberately highlights the correlation between the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary in the Annunciation and His coming to the disciples at Pentecost, using some identical expressions in both cases.

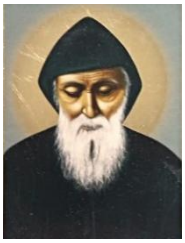
Saint Francis of Assisi, in one of his prayers, greets Our Lady as "daughter and handmaid of the heavenly Father, the almighty King, Mother of our most high Lord Jesus Christ, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit" [4]. Daughter of the Father, Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The unique relationship between Mary and the Trinity could not be illustrated in simpler words.

Like all images, this one of the "Spouse of the Holy Spirit" must not be rendered absolute, but taken for that amount of truth it contains, and it is a very beautiful truth. She is the bride, but before that, she is the disciple of the Holy Spirit. Bride and disciple. Let us learn from her to be docile to the inspirations of the Spirit, especially when He suggests to us to "arise in haste" and go to help someone who needs us, as she did straight after the angel left her (cf. Lk 1:39).

Pope Francis, 11/13/2024



Together, the early Church devoted themselves to prayer, fellowship, and caring for one another (Acts 2:42-47). As our Stewardship Appeal begins, we invite you to join in sustaining the ministries that strengthen our Eparchy. Give today: www.parma.org/stewardship-appeal



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



December 12th is our 22nd Christmas Cookie Sale.

This is our big fundraiser! **35 Days to Cookie Sale!**

EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED

We need volunteers to: Bake cookies and other goodies to sell; Help to make the baklava; Help to set-up and break down the hall and work the sale. There will be volunteer sign-up sheets on the table in the vestibule and on a table by the office in the hall.

Please contact Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, directly if you have any questions. **You may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com.** You may also contact the church office; phone - (614-882-7578) or email - (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Online ordering is now available

Quantities are Limited, so order early

To place an order for trays, rolls, pirohi or baklava go to the Cookie Sale page on our website, **www.byzantinecolumbus.com** or scan the QR code to the right. You are able to prepay through that page or you can pay at the time you pick up your order. If you are picking up orders for multiple people, please order ALL through your name as one order. Flyers and paper order forms *(for your use only)* are available in the back of the church and the table by the church office in the hall. Any questions, contact Teresa in the office.

ADULT EDU 2026-27

Catechumenate is not simply an introduction to Christian doctrine or a preparation course for receiving the Sacraments/Mysteries of Initiation. It is a process of *conversion* and *incorporation* into the life of Christ and His Church.

Its purpose is to lead the catechumen from an initial encounter with Christ toward a mature understanding of the Christian faith, living as witness of Christ and missionary discipleship. In our approach we will emphasize several interconnected dimensions:

- Biblical: Encountering God's revelation through Scripture.
- Mystagogical: Discovering the mystical experience in worship and sacramental life.
- Sacramental: Understanding the Mysteries as encounters with the living Christ.
- Ascetical: Developing a life of prayer, repentance, fasting, and virtue.
- Doctrinal: Understanding the faith of the Church as expressed in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.
- Liturgical: Learning to worship and live the daily life according to the Byzantine tradition.
- Ecclesial: Becoming a living member of the Body of Christ and missionary disciple

Each 60-minute session covers a presentation, Q/A session and readings from Scripture and Fathers of the Church.

Themes: Lost Paradise - Sin and Yearning for Happiness; Salvation - Incarnation & New Adam; New Life in Christ - Faith, Transformation of the Old Self; Theosis, Repentance and Mysteries; Life of the Church etc.

ADULT EDU 2026-27 SCHEDULE

11/14	Saturday	3pm
11/18	Wednesday	6pm
11/21	Saturday	3pm
12/2	Wednesday	6pm
12/5	Saturday	3pm
12/16	Wednesday	6pm
12/19	Saturday	3pm
1/9	Saturday	3pm
1/16	Saturday	3pm
1/20	Wednesday	3pm
1/23	Saturday	3pm
1/27	Wednesday	3pm
1/30	Saturday	3pm

ECF - Discover the Faith. Experience the Tradition. Encounter Christ!

Do you want to discover more about Jesus, grow in your faith, make new friends, and experience the richness and beauty of our Eastern Christian tradition? We invite all children and teens to join us for **Eastern Christian Formation as we continue our journey through this year!**

This is more than just learning about our faith—it is an opportunity to experience it, live it, and make it your own!

Together, we will:

- Discover the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Explore the beauty and meaning of our Byzantine traditions, prayers, and liturgy.
- Learn about the Bible, the saints, and the great stories of our Christian faith.
- Grow in prayer and develop a personal relationship with God.
- Discover what it means to live as followers of Christ every day.
- Make new friends, share experiences, and have fun along the way!

Our faith is a beautiful gift—come discover it, celebrate it, and make it part of your life! **SEE THE SCHEDULE!**

2026-2027 ECF Year

SUN	Nov 08	Classes	**SUN**	Jan 10	Classes
SUN	Nov 15	Classes	**SUN**	Jan 17	Classes
SUN	Nov 29	Christmas Play Rehearsal	**SUN**	Feb 14	Classes *(1st Sunday of the Great Fast)*
SUN	Dec 06	Christmas Play Rehearsal	**SUN**	Feb 21	Classes
SUN	Dec 13	Christmas Play Rehearsal	**SUN**	Mar 14	Classes *(5th Sunday of the Great Fast; St. Mary of Egypt)*
SUN	Dec 20	Christmas Play; Sunday social	**SUN**	Mar 21	Classes *(Palm Sunday)*
			SUN	Apr 11	Classes
			SUN	Apr 18	Classes
			SUN	Apr 25	Classes
			SUN	May 16	Classes *(Pentecost)*
			SUN	May 23	Classes *(Sunday of All Saints)*
			SUN	**Jun 13**	**ECF End of year/Parish picnic**