Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th

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Liturgical Schedule:

Monday September 14:
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:00pm Divine Liturgy for +Emerald Shirilla

Wednesday September 16:
6:00pm Divine Liturgy for Chuck Fricke, Tim Moritz, Sarah Pilat, Henry Lanning, Marsha Fricke

Saturday September 19:
04:00pm Divine Liturgy for +Pat Latzko by Marsha Fricke

Sunday September 20:
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
9:30am Rosary
10:00am Divine Liturgy for St. Emilian Parishioners

No meat on Friday!

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Read the Bible

Monday September 14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Gal 4,28-5,10 Mk 6,54-7,8

Tuesday September 15. Birth of Theotokos: Phil 2,5-11 Lk 10,38-42;11,27-28

Wednesday September 16.: Gal 6,2-10 Mk 7,14-24

Thursday September 17.: Eph 1,1-9 Mk 7,24-30

Friday September 18.: Eph 1,7-17 Mk 8,1-10

Saturday September 19.: 1Cor 2,6-9 Mt 10,37-11,1

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross September 20.: Gal 6,11-18 Jn 3,13-17

Please Pray For our sick brothers and sisters: Lorrie Sirocky, Neil Papesh, Gert Kent, Richard Frank, Jennifer Soika, Tammy Lewanchick, Kathy Kobialka, Dorothy Remington, Linda Keeling, Pamela Oliver, Sharon Dragon, Pat Keblesh, Larry Crebs, Kit Marty, Michelle Deny, Mark Yacko, Marjorie Solar, Melanie, Eddie, Beverly Basalla, Jessica Rieder, Maria, Amanda, David, Martin, Lucy&Eric Rom, Tom Hein, Darryl Barricklow, Diane Saunders, Elizabeth Fecso, Dewey Smith, Jim Kobialka, Nancy & Don McKelvey, Evelyn Epifano, Mary Ann Washlock, Art Dumpas, Lynda Diligente, Dorothy, Ed Hein, Fr. Robert Kelly, Nic Soika, Donna Bodner, Rita Hein, Mike, Krysta Tulenko, Tim Chapin, Linda Krehel, Jimmy Snyder, Chris Drasny, Julie Sherepita, Dan Bobravsky, Michael Dudick, Darline Kundrat, George, Richard Heilman, Susette Ziats

September Birthdays
Sept 04 - Bruno Cunha & John Oleksik
Sept 07 - Gwen Walters
Sept 09 Chuck Fricke & Tim Moritz
Sept 13 - Sarah Pilat
Sept 17 - Henry Lanning
Sept 19 - Marsha Fricke
Sept 25 - Tabitha Haseley
Sept 29 - Bob Sharick


Ethnic Food Production:

- Rolls:
  - Fri 09/18 9:30am
  - Fri 10/16 9:30am
  - Wed 11/11 9:30am
- Pirohi:
  - Wed 09/23 9am; Thu 09/24 6pm
  - Wed 10/07 9am; Thu 10/08 6pm
  - Mon 10/26 9am; Tue 10/27 6pm

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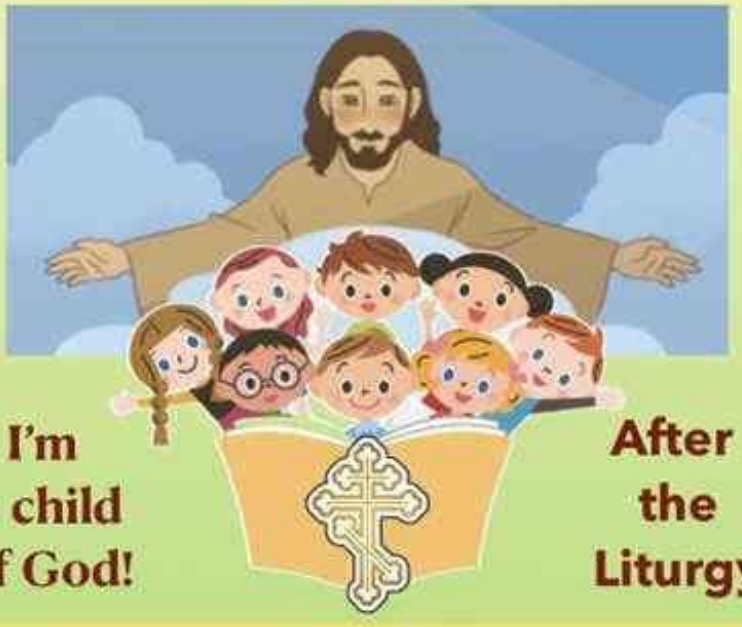
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Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and the many who donated raffle items. Without you the event could not happen. The raffle baskets were beautiful and plentiful! **Also, Thanks to the golfers!**

The weather was fantastic for a day on the links. **Congratulations to Larry Kundrat who was our guest of honor.** Larry's service and commitment to Saint Emilian is on display constantly. Thanks, Larry, for all you do for St. Emilian!

Social for Kids



I'm a child of God!

After the Liturgy

September 27th

- Songs,clapping
- Shakers
- Play time
- Story time
- Prayers

Please bring snacks, blanket, favorite toys .

"Let the Little Children Come to Me"

A Call to Serve as an Eastern Christian Formation Teacher

For many years throughout our parish's 50-year history, there were times when we had very few children. Today, God has blessed St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church with many young parishioners, and what a beautiful blessing they are.

Each Sunday, we see them serving as altar servers, junior ushers, and participants in our Divine Liturgy. They walk with quiet dignity—sometimes with an occasional smile or wave to their parents and grandparents. Their small steps reflect a great truth: **every child in our parish has a voice, a place, and a purpose in our liturgical life.**

These moments are more than heartwarming memories; they are living expressions of Scripture. Jesus said:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14

For nearly two decades, we have watched this verse come alive each time a child reverently carries a candle, processes with an icon, or faithfully serves at the altar. Through their participation, they remind us that **holiness has no age requirement** and that **the light of Christ shines just as brightly through small hands as it does through our own.**

These children are not merely the future of our Church—they are an important part of its present.

Scripture teaches that passing on the faith is both a privilege and a responsibility. After His Resurrection, Jesus commissioned His disciples:

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

—John 20:21

And before His Ascension, He gave them this command:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations… teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

—Matthew 28:19–20

That commission belongs to each of us. It is our responsibility as Christians to teach our children the Gospel and help them grow in the love of the Holy Trinity.

Our Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) program is in need of teachers for this fall.

Perhaps your first thought is, *"I'm not qualified."* But consider this:

- **If you received a Catholic school education or faithfully attended religious education… you are qualified.**
- **If you read Scripture and strive to live your faith… you are qualified.**
- **If you love God and believe that salvation comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ… you are qualified.**
- **If you faithfully participate in the Divine Liturgy… you are qualified.**

You do not need to be a theologian. We have **excellent teaching materials, videos, and experienced teachers who will gladly help you.** If you are new to teaching, we can arrange for you to team teach with an experienced catechist. If you cannot commit to teaching every week, please consider becoming a substitute teacher. And if you have taught ECF in the past, we warmly invite you to prayerfully consider returning.

Someone once taught you about God. Someone helped you learn to pray, understand the Scriptures, and grow in your faith.

Isn't it time to give that gift to the next generation?

Please **read this invitation with an open heart.** Then **take it home and pray about it**. **Ask the Lord to speak to you in the quiet of your heart.**

One day, each of us will stand before God and give an account of the life He entrusted to us. Imagine being able to answer His question, ***"What did you do with the life I gave you?"*** by saying:

"Lord, I taught children to know and love You."

If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please contact our **Eastern Christian Formation Coordinator,** Natalie Washlok, **Father Peter**, or **speak with any of our current ECF teachers.** We would be honored to welcome you to this important ministry as we prepare for the coming school year.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING BOX FUND RAISER CONTINUES INTO 2026

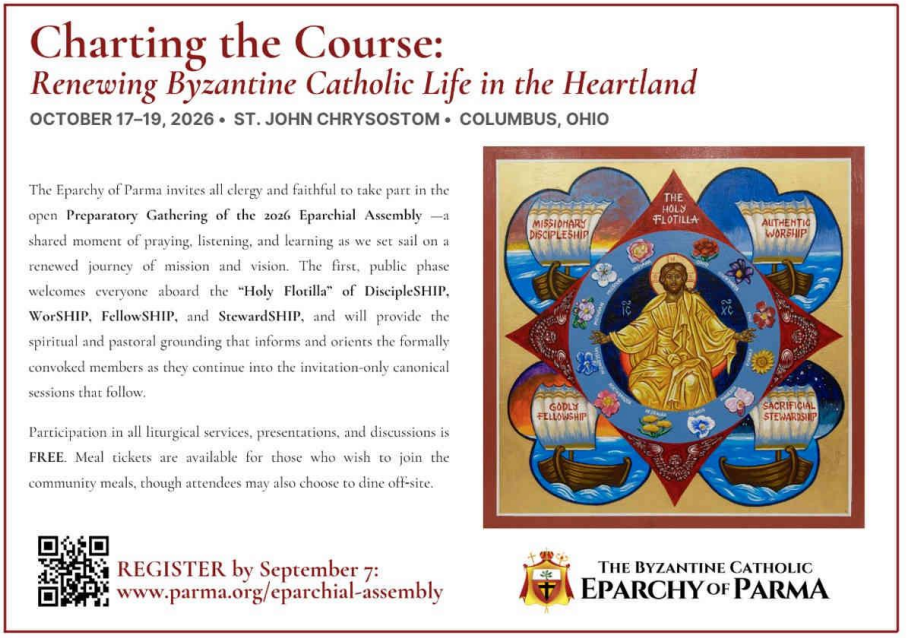
We are pleased to announce that our **Loose Change Offering Box Fund Raiser will continue into 2026**. This simple but meaningful effort provides a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the importance of **giving back to our parish community**.

By encouraging children to contribute their own loose change, we help them learn the value of **generosity** and see firsthand how **small actions can make a big difference** in supporting our beloved church. It is a tangible, hands-on way to pass on the Christian tradition of **stewardship and care for God's house** to the next generation.

We are also happy to share that **the total collected for the month of August 2026 was $7**.

Just as important, **what a wonderful example our adults can give the youth of our parish** when children see moms, dads, grandparents, and parishioners reaching into their pockets or purses to find a few coins and place them in the offering box. These small, visible acts of generosity leave a lasting impression and help teach our children how we care for and support our beautiful church.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us form generous hearts in our parish family.



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Charting the Course:

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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. The first, public phase welcomes everyone aboard the **"Holy Flotilla" of DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP,** and **StewardSHIP,** and will provide the spiritual and pastoral grounding that informs and orients the formally convoked members as they continue into the invitation-only canonical sessions that follow.

Presentations:

- Benjamin Auton - eparchial synodality
- Jonathan Shellnut - fellowship and the lay-apostolate
- Dr. Kieran McNulty - proclaiming the Gospel of God's wonder
- Bishop Robert - authentic worship, personal prayer, and liturgical chant
- Laura Ieraci-Summerson - stewardship and tithing



Participation in all liturgical services, presentations, and discussions is **FREE**. Meal tickets are available for those who wish to join the community meals, though attendees may also choose to dine off-site.

REGISTER by September 7:
www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly

Annual Byzantine Eparchial Fall Women's Renewal

WHEN:
November 13-15, 2026
Beginning at 5:00 pm Friday
Ending at 1:00 pm Sunday

WHERE:
The Lial Renewal Center
5908 Davis Rd.
Whitehouse, OH 43571

REGISTRTION:

$265.00 single occupancy

$155.00 *per person* for dbl. occupancy (*family only*)

Scholarships available

Reserve your space by October 31, 2026.

Late registrations subject to $25.00 fee.

Please complete the registration form **online @**
https://www.parma.org/retreats

**There is no elevator on site, please request first floor room on your registration, if you have mobility issues.

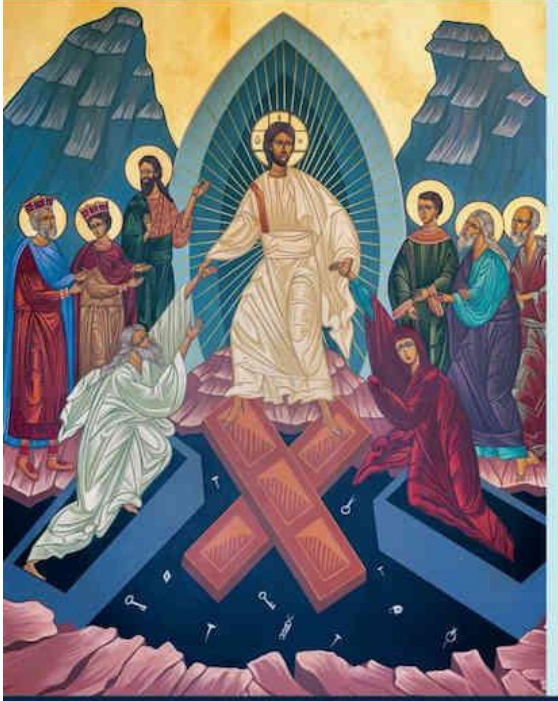
**Food is prepared by the renewal team. We do our best to accommodate special needs. If you are interested in helping with hospitality, please indicate on the registration.

Online payment is available on the Eparchy retreat website.
otherwise make **checks** payable and mail to:
Dormition of the Mother of God Parish
Attn: 2026 fall women's renewal,
5500 W 54th St, Parma, OH 44129

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Yours or Mine?
Why Do We Have Different Dates for Easter?

September 25, 5 pm,
St. Francis Chapel at
John Carroll University

Virtual Community?
Parish in a Technological Age

September 26, 10 am
St. Joseph Byzantine
Catholic Church
Brecksville



Fr. Radu Bordeianu, Ph.D.
Professor at Duquesne University
Priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Free and open to all. Registration welcome
at: jcu.edu/easternchurches

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Pre Cana Weekend

Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

Sat & Sun, May 1 & 2, 2027

Saturday - 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am - 3:30pm

St. John Byzantine Catholic Church
36125 Aurora Rd - Solon, OH 44139



Ways to register:

On-line at taborlife.org

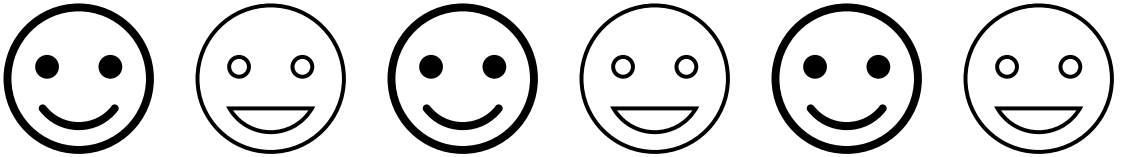
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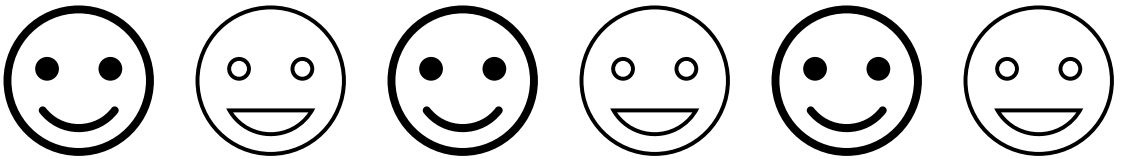
Registration Fee: $200/couple

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Which book of the major prophets is the easiest to understand?

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Drawing All to Himself

O the marvelous power of the cross, the glory of the passion! No tongue can fully describe it. Here we see the judgment seat of the Lord, here sentence is passed upon the world, and here the sovereignty of the Crucified is revealed.

You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when You stretched out Your hands all the day long to a people that denied and opposed You, until at last the whole world was brought to proclaim Your majesty. You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when all the elements combined to pronounce judgment in denouncement of that crime; when the lights of heaven were darkened and the day was turned into night; when the land was shaken by unwonted earthquakes, and all creation refused to serve those wicked people. Yes, Lord, you drew all things to Yourself. The veil of the temple was torn in two and the Holy of Holies taken away from those unworthy high priests. Figures gave way to reality, prophecy to manifestation, law to gospel. You drew all things to Yourself in order that the worship of the whole human race could be celebrated everywhere in a sacramental form which would openly fulfill what had been enacted by means of veiled symbols in that single Jewish temple.

Now that the multiplicity of animal sacrifices has ceased, the single offering of your body and blood takes the place of that diversity of victims, since you are the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and in Yourself you fulfill all the rites of the old law, so that as there is now a single sacrifice in place of all those victims, so there is a single kingdom formed of all the peoples of the earth.

St. Leo the Great