Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Icon of the Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions -- September 20th

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Liturgical Schedule:

Monday September 21:
6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Wednesday September 23:
6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday September 26:
04:00pm Divine Liturgy for +Steve Karoffa by Bernadette Loya-Karoffa

Sunday September 27:
18th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Rosary
10:00am Divine Liturgy for St. Emilian Parishioners

No meat on Friday!

St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church

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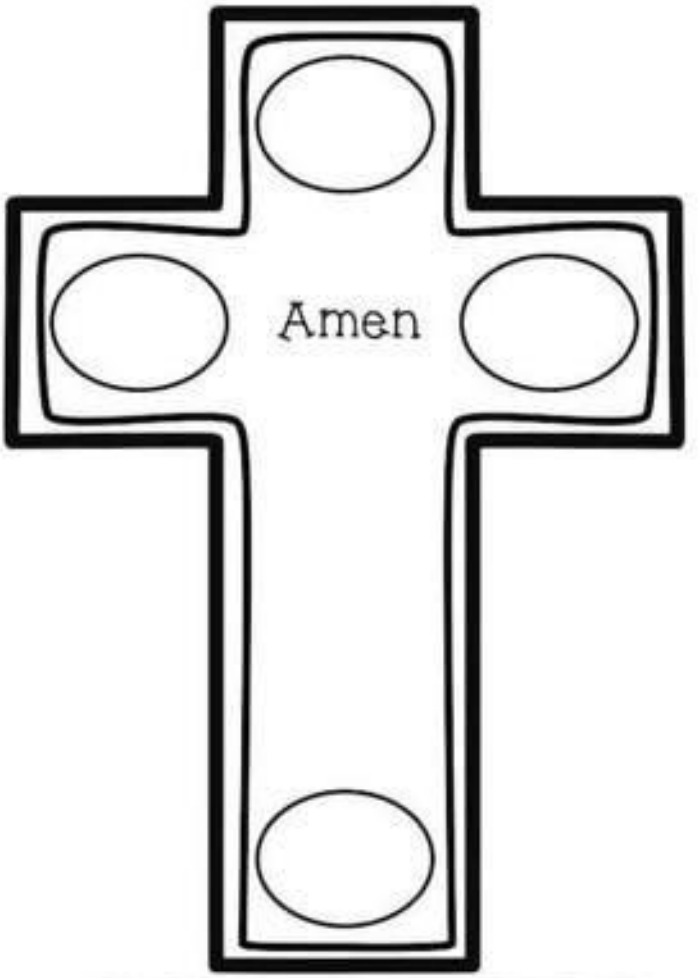
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Larry Kundrat (330-697-2954), Marsha Fricke

Cantors:
Diane Pilat, Stephen Fazekas,
Linda Detwiler, Robert Sieckowski, Donna Bodner

Pastoral Council:
Mary Tulenko, Donna Knapp, Gretchen&John Oleksik, Lorrie Sirocky, Susan-Strippy-Oradini, Gwen Walters, Paul Fogle, Stephen Fazekas, Alen Bratnic, Joseph Shirilla

Finance Council:
Debbie Faulkner, Steve Gnall, Richard Pilat, Kari Pecinovsky

The Sign of the Cross



Cut and paste to pray the sign of the cross

And of the Son

In the name of the Father

And of the Holy

Spirit

Amen

Read the Bible

Monday September 21.: Eph 4,25-32 Lk 3,19-22

Tuesday September 22.: Eph 5,20-26 Lk 3,23-4,1

Wednesday September 23.: Gal 4,22-31 Lk 1,5-25

Thursday September 24.: Eph 5,33-6,9 Lk 4,16-22

Friday September 25.: Eph 6,18-24 Lk 4,22-30

Saturday September 26.: 1Jn 4,12-19 Jn 19,25-27; 21,24-25

18th Sunday after Pentecost September 27.: 2Cor 9,6-11 Lk 5,1-11

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, Nick 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 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

NOTICE: POLICE PRESENCE ON SUNDAYS

In today's climate—where acts of violence have tragically been carried out against worshipers in churches across the country—the **St. Emilian Finance Council**, together with **Father Peter**, has decided to begin a **trial period** of having a **Police officer on-site during Sunday Divine Liturgy**.

Over the years, our parish has occasionally experienced **unwelcome visitors**, and this past year we had **one disturbance**. While our ushers do wonderful work, it is not reasonable to expect them to manage potentially dangerous situations. The presence of a trained officer will help ensure the safety and peace of mind of all who come to worship at St. Emilian.

We are pleased to share that the officer assigned to St. Emilian is **Joe Bobak**. Joe is a **retired police officer with 34 years of experience** from the Parma Police Department. He currently works **part-time with the Brunswick Police Department** and lives only **ten minutes away in Valley City**. We are grateful to have someone with Joe's experience and professionalism supporting the safety of our parish family. **When you see Joe, please thank him for being here for us and offer him a warm St. Emilian welcome.**

We will be **evaluating this initiative over time** to determine its effectiveness and the parish's comfort level. As part of this review, we will also **consider expanding the police presence to include Saturday Liturgies** if needed.

Because this measure requires an **additional expenditure of church funds**, we kindly ask everyone to prayerfully consider making a **donation to help defray the cost** of this important safety initiative. Donations can be placed in Church Envelopes with a notation **"Safety Initiative" or "Safety".**

We sincerely appreciate your support, understanding, and cooperation as we take this step to protect our parish family.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING BOX FUND RAISER CONTINUES INTO 2026

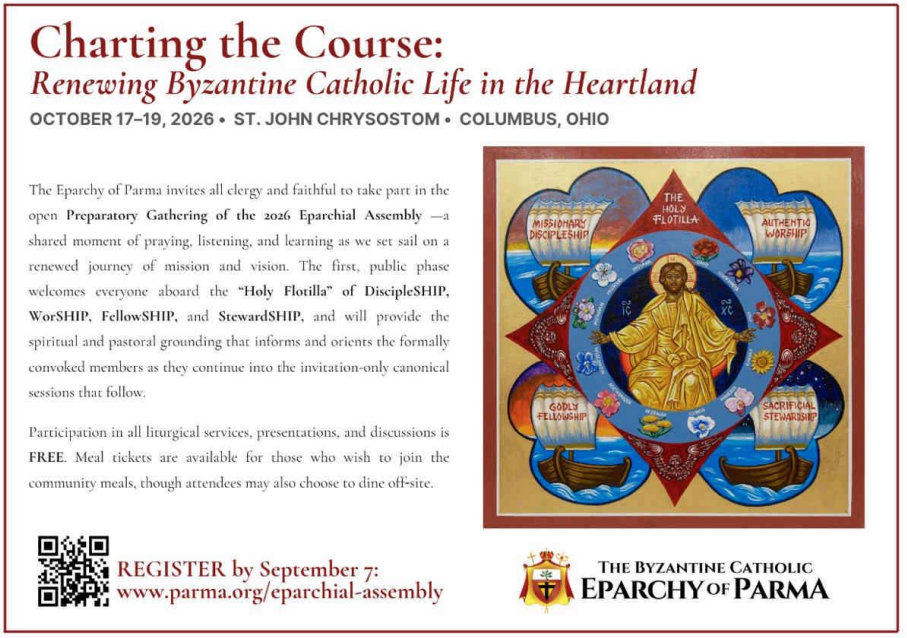
We are pleased to announce that our **Loose Change Offering Box Fund Raiser will continue into 2026**. This simple but meaningful effort provides a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the importance of **giving back to our parish community**.

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.



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC
EPARCHY OF PARMA

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. 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



Icon of St. John the Forerunner from St. John Byzantine Catholic Church in Solon, OH

Annual Byzantine Eparchial Fall Women's Renewal

November 13-15, 2026
The Lial Renewal Center

Then God led forth his people like sheep, guided them like a flock through the wilderness.

Psalm 78:52

Surrender to God and walk with Him daily, in humility and discipline; always seeking His will for your life.

Spiritual Leader:

Rev. Michael Lee is a presbyter of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma where he has served for 11 years. He currently serves as the Rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and Dormition of the Mother of God in Cleveland, Ohio. He is married to Debbie and has five adult children.



Sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma

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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FORE the Faith

INAGURAL COMMUNITY GOLF OUTING

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish *(Brecksville)* **& St. Mary Magdalene Parish** *(Fairview Park)*
Together with the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

9:00 AM Modified / Reverse 18-Hole Shotgun Start

Seneca Golf Course
975 Valley Parkway
Broadview Heights, OH

$125 Per Golfer
*Single players welcome

Includes:
✓ Green Fees ✓ Cart
✓ Food & Refreshments ✓ Prizes

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

Scan the QR with your mobile device

Call Catherine at 708-653-8344

Email us at infotaborlife@gmail.com

Registration Fee: $200/couple

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

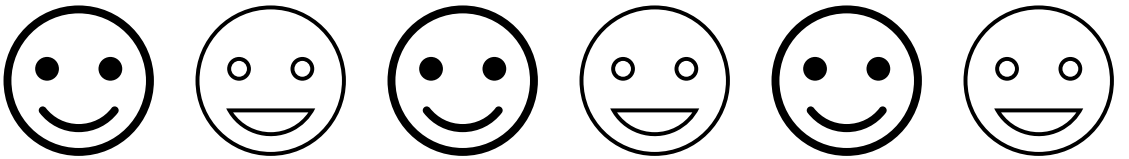
IS PRIESTHOOD FOR YOU? "COME AND SEE"!

Men ages 18 to 35 are invited to this weekend retreat from Friday, 6 November until Sunday, 8 November 2026. This weekend can help you in your discernment of a priestly vocation.

The Byzantine Catholic seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, in Pittsburgh, is hosting a come and see weekend retreat for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from 5:00 PM (EST) on Friday evening 6 November through 4:00 PM EST on Sunday afternoon, 8 November 2026 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge, and it includes sharing liturgical worship services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary's Program of Priestly Formation, 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.

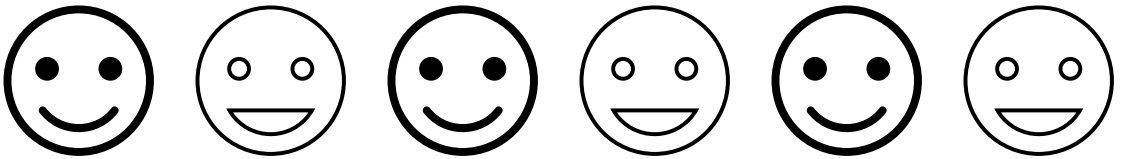
Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this come and see weekend retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at: https://bcs.edu/come-and-see-2026/

Or call 412-321-8383.



What do you call a prophet who's also a chef?

Habak*kuk*.



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Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.