Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Liturgical Schedule:

Monday October 12:
6:00pm Divine Liturgy for Nicole Koharik, John Sekowski, Lorrie Sirocky
Donna Knapp, Mary Ann Washlock

Wednesday October 14:
6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday October 17:
04:00pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for +Steve Karoffa by Bernadette Loya-Karoffa

Sunday October 18:
21st Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am ECF
9:30am Rosary
10:00am Divine Liturgy for St. Emilian Parishioners

No meat on Friday!

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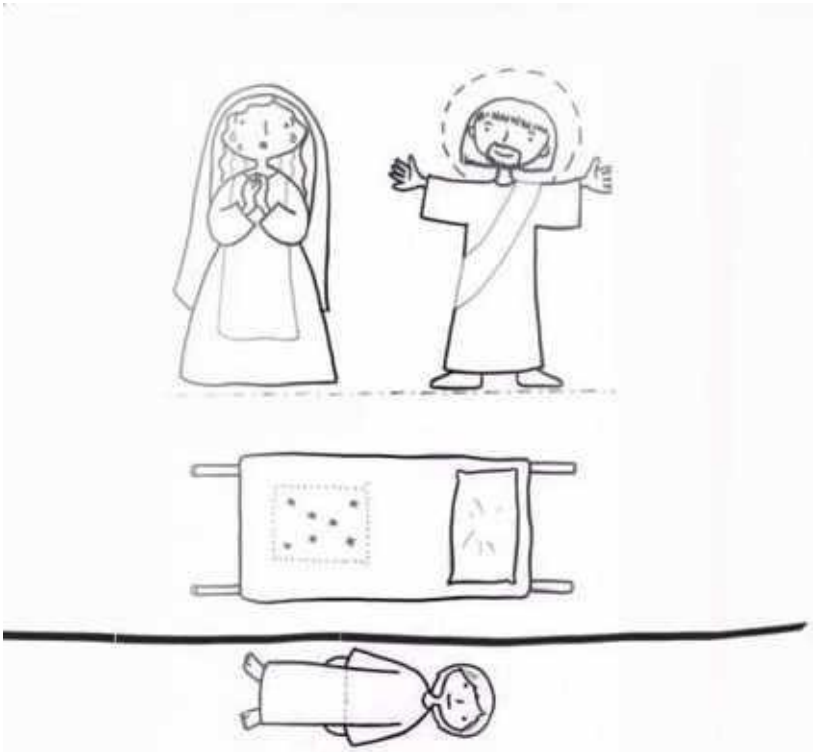
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Larry Kundrat (330-697-2954), Marsha Fricke

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



Jesus resurrects the widow's
son.
Cut the boy out! Cut the paper
along the straight line.
On the worksheet, glue
enter the starred me–
and let's tape the boy up
with your head on the pillow
be. At the waist, a
along the dotted line
he can sit up when folded :–)
Good job!


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Read the Bible

Monday October 12.: Phil 4,10-23 Lk 7,36-50

Tuesday October 13.: Col 1,1-2;7-11 Lk 8,1-3

Wednesday October 14.: Col 1,18-23 Lk 8,22-25

Thursday October 15.: Col 1,24-29 Lk 9,7-11

Friday October 16.: Col 2,1-7 Lk 9,12-18

Saturday October 17.: 2Cor 3,12-18 Lk 6,1-10

21th Sunday after Pentecost October 18.: Gal 2,16-20 Lk 8,5-15

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,

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we will be having a clothing drive to support those in need of warm winter clothing. Items such as coats, socks, gloves and sweaters would be an enormous help to those less fortunate.

We will accept clothing donations from October 1 through October 31, 2026.

If you can donate, please leave the items in the church vestibule. For questions, contact Paul Fogle at 216-410-0695 or pobby004@gmail.com.

God Bless

October Birthdays
Oct 02 - Nick Soika, Susan Weber, Dorothy Yasenchak
Oct 03 - Linda Detwiler
Oct 07 - Krysta Tulenko
Oct 09- Vivian Bzinak, Lisa Gillombardo
Oct 11 - Nicole Koharik
Oct 13 - John Sekowski, Lorrie Sirocky
Oct 15 - Donna Knapp, Mary Ann Washlock
Oct 20 - Darlene Kundrat
Oct 28 - Bernadett Boksay, Tonie Kiktavy
Oct 29 - Terry Boich
Oct 30 - Sharon Soika


Ethnic Food Production:

- Rolls:
  - Fri 10/16 9:30am
  - Tue 11/10 9:30am
- Pirohi:
  - Mon 10/26 9am; Tue 10/27 6pm

Club 250 Weekly Winner

Oct 4. - #190: Briane Strippy

URGENT PARISH NEED — HALL MANAGER
Position Effective January 2, 2027

St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church is seeking a **responsible and dependable person—or persons—to serve as our Parish Hall Manager(s)**, beginning January 2, 2027.

Our parish has been blessed over the years with **good and responsible Hall Managers who have faithfully handled this important ministry**. **Mike Kiktavy served dutifully as a volunteer Hall Manager for many years**, giving his time and talents to help our parish. More recently, we have been especially blessed for the past eight years by **Beth Popil**, **who, although not a parishioner, has generously volunteered her time and services to manage our hall**. We are extremely grateful to both Mike and Beth for their dedication and the many hours they have given to help St. Emilian.

Our parish hall rental provides outreach in the community, and is a **major source of income for St. Emilian**, helping us meet essential parish expenses and monthly obligations, including our mortgage payment. Without someone willing to assume the responsibilities of Hall Manager, we risk losing this critical source of financial support for our parish.

Responsibilities Include:

- Taking calls and responding to inquiries from prospective renters
- Meeting with prospective renters to show the hall
- Facilitating the completion and signing of rental contracts
- Collecting rental payments
- Cleaning the hall following each rental
- Closing and securing the hall after each rental

Compensation:

- **$75 for each hall cleaning**
- **$60–$100 per event for other Hall Manager duties**, depending upon the type of rental and the total number of bookings during the calendar year

WE ARE OPEN TO SHARING THE RESPONSIBILITIES

We recognize that the responsibilities of Hall Manager may be more than one person wishes to undertake. Therefore, **we would consider dividing the responsibilities between two people**—with one person handling the cleaning and closing of the hall, and another person handling the management responsibilities, such as responding to rental inquiries, showing the hall, contracts, payments, and scheduling.

This may make the opportunity especially attractive for **part-time employment, a retired parishioner, or a responsible parishioner/non-parishioner looking for a meaningful way to serve St. Emilian**.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
This is an **urgent parish need**, and we ask every parishioner to **take this request seriously**. Please think about your family, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances.

Is there someone you know who is responsible, dependable, organized, and looking for part-time work who could take on all or part of this important responsibility?

If you are interested—or know someone who may be a good candidate—please speak with **Father Peter or any member of the Parish Finance Council before or after Divine Liturgy.**

Please don't assume that someone else will step forward! Our parish needs someone to answer the call.

HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH STRONG!
Let us be grateful for the blessings of those who have served as Hall Managers in the past, like Dennis Basalla, Mike Kiktavy, and Beth Popil.

Now we need someone—or perhaps two people—to step forward and continue this important ministry.

Your help in finding our next Hall Manager is greatly appreciated.

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 September 2026 was $17**.**

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.

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.

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

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA



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

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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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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:

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Scan the QR with your mobile device

Call Catherine at 708-653-8344

Email us at infotaborlife@gmail.com

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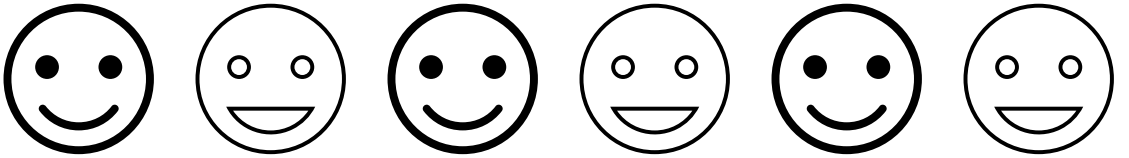




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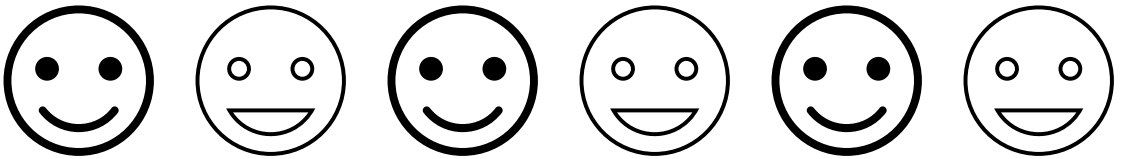
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The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria