

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1-14)*

# St. Barbara Byzantine Catholic Church

<https://byzantinedayton.org>

## 15<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost

<b>Monday</b> <i>August 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Adrian and Natalie Martyrs</b> <i>Gal 2:11-16</i> <i>Mk 5:24-34</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>August 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Pimen Venerable</b> <i>Gal 2:21-3:7</i> <i>Mk 6:1-7</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>August 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Moses the Ethiopian Venerable</b> <i>2Cor 13:3-13</i> <i>Mk 4:35-41</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>August 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Beheading of John the Baptist</b> <i>(strict abstinence from meat and dairy products).</i> <i>Acts 13:25-33</i> <i>Mk 6:14-30</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>August 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Alexander, John and Paul - Patriarchs</b> <i>Gal 4:8-21</i> <i>Mk 6:45-53</i>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>August 31<sup>st</sup></i>	<b>4:00pm Vesper</b> <b>5:00pm Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos</b> <i>Hebr 9:1-7</i> <i>Lk 10:38-42&amp;11:27-28</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <i>September 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<b>8:00am Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>The beginning of the indiction</b> <i>2Cor 1:21-2:4</i> <i>Mt 22:1-14</i>

### Last Sunday's Gift to the Lord

D. Saturday Attendance: 21 D. Sunday Attendance: 19 C. Sunday, Attendance:	Collection Dayton: \$ 895.00 Collection Cincinnati:	Total income for St. Barbara \$ 895.00
Please Remember Your Community in Your Last Wills and Bequests!		

Dayton – St. Barbara the Great, Byzantine Catholic Prayer Chapel:

*August 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – 6:00pm Divine Liturgy (Beheading of John the Baptist), myrovanie*

*August 31<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 4:00pm Great Vesper 5:00pm Divine Liturgy, coffee social*

*September 1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 8:00am Divine Liturgy*

Cincinnati - Divine Liturgies - St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Church:

*September 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday before the exaltation of the Cross, Birth of the Theotokos - 1:30pm*

*September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - 1:30pm H Divine Liturgy, coffee social*

*Divine Liturgy, coffee social*

Address: 2503 Victory Pkwy, Cincinnati 45206. We are looking forward to see you.



## ***Beginning of the Church Year – September 1***

In the year 325 the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea adopted the first of September as the beginning of the liturgical year of the Church. Whereas the Latin Church begins its Liturgical Year on the first day of Advent, most of the churches of the Eastern Rites still observe September 1st. On this date we commemorate the day on which Christ entered the synagogue in Nazareth and read from the book of Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has chosen me ... to proclaim ‘This is the year the Lord has chosen.’ (Luke 4:18-19)”. When the first day of September was designated as the beginning of the “New Year” it became a feast-day of the Church. It has its own special liturgical service with a short prayer expressing the feast.

*“O Author of all created things Who has established the seasons and the years, bless the crown of the year with your goodness, O Lord.” (Kontakion)*

## ***The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist: A Message from Bishop Robert Pipta -***

On Saturday, August 17, Bishop Robert released a statement and video message regarding the move of the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist at the corner of Broadview and Snow Roads in Parma, Ohio to the Church of Holy Spirit located at 5500 West 54th Street in Parma, Ohio. To see a video message and read Bishop Robert's full official message, please visit: <https://www.parma.org/messages-from-the-bishop>

***Parish picnic*** – On September 15, we will have our parish picnic. Venue is Keehner Park, West Chester, Ohio. We will start at 10:30 with Divine Liturgy, followed by lunch, games for families, catechesis for adults. Our effort is to build community in our mission, connect the communities of Dayton and Cincinnati, strengthen relationships, so we can experience a lot of fun and have time to listen to something encouraging. Please reserve this date in your calendars. You can sign up to bring potluck food - <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=IIBI2344&welcome=1>  
Here is the park's website: <https://www.westchesteroh.org/government/parks/keehner-park>

***New School year*** - To all students who are starting a new school year, I am asking for a lot of strength, God's blessing, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and patience in learning. I believe that this school year will also bring you joy from new knowledge, new experiences with teachers and classmates. I am keeping you all in my prayers! Fr. Frantisek

***The Thorn*** - tells the epic story of God's love for the world and the spiritual battle for all humanity. Often described as cirque meets the passion of Jesus, The Thorn is an immersive show featuring live music, drama, aerial acts, movement arts, modern dance, and big visual effects. Over the past 25 years, more than 1 million people have experienced live! The 2024 fall live tour schedule has been announced with shows in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Omaha, Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, and Grand Rapids! <https://thethorn.com/the-thorn-live/>

***The Beheading of the John the Baptist*** - August 29th is the feast of John the Baptist's beheading. (So next week!) This feast occurs at the close of our church year. Just as the death of John the Baptist occurs as Christ begins His public ministry. The Beheading of John the Baptist is a strict fast day in the Eastern churches, even if it falls on a Sunday! However, young children and others who may not be able to fast will want to find another way to honor this day.



**Welcome!** We are honored to have you come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We invite you to join us for Cafe Social, held immediately after the Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our Priest who would be happy to answer your questions.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFESSIONS:** One half hour before all Holy Services to 10 minutes before the start of the Service. We congratulate and wish God's blessing and a lot of strength in his difficult work. Or by appointment.

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:** After the Holy Services in church before hospitalization.

For emergencies, call immediately Father Frantisek

**BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/EUCHARIST:** Must be arranged three months in advance.

**CROWNING OF MARRIAGE:** Must be arranged six months in advance.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** Contact James Hartung or Fr. Frantisek

**LITURGY INTENTIONS:** Contact Fr. Frantisek Parish Office:(216) 816-8804.

email: [stbarbara@parma.org](mailto:stbarbara@parma.org)

## ***Our Second Invitation***

"I'm counting on you," said a man to his best friend. The man had used his own good name and reputation to get a job for his friend who had been out of work. But, on the day the man was supposed to start his new job, he was late. After several days of arriving late, the man got fired from the job he had only one week: the job that his best friend had vouched for.

There are few things more disappointing than when our friends let us down. We see this in today's Gospel reading. A certain king invited his friends to a banquet, but when all was ready his friends declined to attend. More than being disappointed, the king was downright angry! His friends, who had accepted the initial invitation to attend, now made excuses when the banquet was

about to begin. In the culture in which Jesus lived declining an invitation after first accepting it was among the gravest of insults.

Our Lord extends a similar invitation to us. He says to each of us personally, "Follow Me." At our Baptism, our godparents accepted this invitation in our behalf. Throughout our life however, we have many opportunities to personally accept this invitation again and again. Each time we face a critical decision, each time we have a choice of good over evil, each occasion of trial or temptation, is an opportunity to accept or decline Christ's invitation to follow Him. Unlike the guests in today's Gospel reading, let us be among those who make right choices, not excuses.