

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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Carrying Your Cross or Your Cross Carrying You?

Turn, rather, to these teachings, my very dear friend: take up your cross and follow the Lord. For, when I noticed that you were being slowed down in your divine purpose by your preoccupation with domestic cares, I felt that you were being carried and dragged along by your cross rather than that you were carrying it.

What else does the cross mean than the mortality of this flesh? This is our very own cross which the Lord commands us to carry that we may be as

well armed as possible in following him. We suffer momentarily until death is swallowed up in victory. Then this cross itself will be crucified.

The cross will be nailed to the fear of God. We would hardly be able to carry it now if it forever resisted us with free and unfettered limbs. There is no other way for you to follow the Lord except by carrying it, for how can you follow him if you are not his?

From the Letters of St. Augustine

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of Simon Carrying the Cross of Christ

Bulletin for Sept 18 & 24 2022

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday – Sept 18 th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross	10 AM (R), Tone 6 Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-9:1	Divine Liturgy (S) +Martha Dickason by Wells Family
Sunday – Sept 25 th 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM (R), Tone 7 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 5:1-11	Divine Liturgy (S) St. John Parishioners – Health & Happiness
Saturday – Oct 1 st 16 th Week after Pentecost – Protection of the Theotokos	10 AM (R) Canceled	Divine Liturgy
Sunday – Oct 2 nd 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM (R), Tone 8, 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 6:31-36	Divine Liturgy (S) +Maryann Tritz by Wells, Maguire, Stefano, Minor Families
Sunday – Oct 9 th 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM (R), Tone 1 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 7:11-16	Divine Liturgy (S) +James John & +Jeanne Smolka Kaye by Jim Kaye
Sunday – Oct 16 th The Fathers of the 7 th Ecumenical Council	10 AM (R), Tone 2 2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Lk 8:5-15 (or) Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13	Divine Liturgy (S) +Henry & Laura Streitman by Mike and Maria Streitman
Sunday – Oct 23 rd 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM (R), Tone 3 Gal 1:11-19; Lk 16:19-31	Divine Liturgy (S) +Michael and Mary Prokopchak by Mike and Maria Streitman

(R)Ruthenian, (S) Streamed. Melkite Liturgy every Sunday at 12:30 PM

Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound Anthony Lozano, Bill & Lydia Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik, Joan Ostrowski, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha, Ted & Pat Bojczuk, Margaret Hays, Winnie Pizzitola, Sr. Rita Crabbe, Fr. Phil Acquaro, Jean Truax, Helen Kee.

New to St. John Church?

Please go to www.stjohnchrysostom.com & click **Register**
We will keep you informed of events in the life of the parish.
You may also email Greg Chapman at directory@stjohnchrysostom.com

Events Calendar

Sept 18	Sunday School – children to the school build after liturgy
Sept 24	Cloud of Witnesses – St. Helena – 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Free. Lunch provided. See flyer for details or the parish web site. Go to Menu item “Catechesis” and then to “Adult Education”
Oct 1	Parish Advisory Council – 10 AM Parish Conference Room (Sch. Building)
Oct 2	Parish-Wide Meeting: After 10:00 AM Liturgy – Social Hall Presentation: St. John Chrysostom Church <i>Parish Pastoral Plan</i>
Oct 6	Young Adult Bible Study: 7PM-8PM. Conference Room (Sch. Building). Adults 18-35 invited every 1 st & 3 rd Thursday. Info. Call 832-244-0028.
Oct 11	Adult Bible Study: Pizza 6:45 pm, 7:15 pm Meeting, 2 nd Tuesdays.

Come and See!

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, in Pittsburgh, PA is offering a “Come and See” Weekend of Discovery Retreat for discerning Byzantine Catholic Men, 18 to 35 years of age, single or married. It begins on Friday evening (5:30 PM), Nov. 4 and concludes on Sunday afternoon (3:15 PM), Nov. 6, 2022. The deadline for registering is Oct. 12, 2022. For more details and to register go to www.bcs.edu. You may also contact the seminary at 412-321-8383 or email the Rector at rector@bcs.ed for more information.

Parish Pastoral Plan

Please make plans to attend the next Parish Wide Meeting on Sunday, Oct 2nd, following the Divine Liturgy. At this meeting, an initial *draft* of the Parish Pastoral Plan will be presented and an opportunity for you to participate in the Plan. The Parish Planning Committee has spent many hours in study and work developing the first draft of the Plan, but your participation is needed. Please come and learn about the Plan, what it means for you as a parishioner and for the future of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church. For more information visit www.stjohnchrysostom.com and scroll down to *From the Pastor’s Desk*.

Did you know?

You can help improve our parish web site. Simply go to www.stjohnchrysostom.com and mouse-over the “Home” menu and select “Suggestions”.

Collection: Sept 4th: \$1,450; Sept 11th: \$2,038.

Thank you for your generosity!

Important Parking Lot Repairs & Maintenance

The parish parking lot is in need of important maintenance and repairs. The surface of the lot needs to be *resealed*, cracks filled in, and restriped. Sealing will extend the life of the parking lot. Also, handicap parking is out of compliance with city requirements. Besides preserving the parking lot, repair and maintenance will significantly enhance the appearance of the church's property, making it more welcoming to visitors and new members.

The condition of the parking lot is not clearly visible when cars are parked on it. Below are some pictures of the lot to help everyone better understand the need for maintenance and repairs, before these issues become major ones. Three bids have been obtained; contractor selection is pending. The cost of the maintenance, repairs, striping, and handicap parking is between \$9,700 to \$10,700.

St. John Chrysostom Parish depends entirely on the generosity of its members. Please consider donating toward the maintenance and repair of the parish parking lot. Mark your donation "Parking Lot Repair". You may also donate online via check or credit card by going to: www.stjohnchrysostom.com/donate and selecting "Parking Lot Maintenance"



