

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, June 18 **5:00 PM Living & Deceased Fathers**

Sunday, June 19 **9:00 AM Living & Deceased Fathers**

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of June 19, 2022 sponsored by
Children & Grandchildren in memory of +Thomas Hilla

Sanctuary Candle is lit from June 19 – July 2
Health of Eleanor Chekan by Greg & Anna Marie Chekan

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday, June 24 **9:00AM +Vasil, Eva & John Krenitsky by Family**

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 25 **5:00 PM Special 90th Birthday Intention of Rita Hilla
by MM Nicholas S. Havrilla, Sr.**

Sunday, June 26 **10:00 AM Special Intention of our Parish Family**

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN ME:

Regular Offertory	\$3,315.00
Maintenance Fund	551.00
Holy Day	107.00
Candles	47.34
Loose Cash	24.00
TOTAL	\$4,044.34

During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

AT HOME: Richard Lesko, *Ronald & Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, *Elizabeth Pristas*, Teri Phares, Raymond Petro, Jr., Luke Pasternak, Marissa Stout, Tara Seman, Michael Matus, Patrick Singer, Joan Bodnar, Mary Ann Urban, Carole Srsic, Pauline Johnson, *Ann Havrilscak*, Aaron Spang, Janet Ducar, Mary Pavasko, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, Betty Martin, Teresa Sekel, Patty Schneider, Regina Kraus, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Joanne Smoley

Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins. Other names are submitted prayer requests.

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban, Len Stagon, Dorothy Hritz, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

22 Maria Sinclair

24 Susan Goda

24 Judith Rihn

May God grant to His servant peace, health and happiness for many years!

In person Attendance: *Saturday, June 11: 40; Sunday, June 12: 74*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, June 11: 32 (WS); 56 (FB)*
Sunday, June 12: 68 (WS); 53 (FB)

ETERNAL MEMORY

On June 10, 2022, **+Fr. Daniel Loya**, a retired priest of the Archeparchy, passed from this life to the next. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed priest servant +Daniel in His Kingdom forever.*

On June 12, 2022, **+Michael Totin** passed from this life to the next. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed servant +Michael in His Kingdom forever.*

Parking Lot: \$50

Special Anniversary Donation:
\$30 Kristie Cosgrove

Aid to Ukraine: \$170

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday, June 25, 2022 has been set aside to give our church a good cleaning in preparation for the 125th Anniversary celebration that will take place on Sunday, June 26, 2022. The day will begin at **9 AM**. We could use as many hands as possible to clean all area in preparation for the celebration. No matter what time or for how long your help will be greatly appreciated.

SUMMER SEMINARIAN

Please welcome **Seminarian Joshua Johnson**, a seminarian for the Eparchy of Phoenix, who has been assigned to our Cathedral Parish for the summer. He will be with us from June 24 to July 31.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26	Parish Anniversary Dinner
June 26	Eastwinds Symphonic Band Concert – 2 PM
July 10	Fr. Andrew's 25 th Anniversary Celebration
July 16	Too Groovy Toy Show Kitchen
July 16/17	Breaded Chicken Dinner

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of our parish founding, we will host a concert by the East Winds Symphonic Band on **Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2 PM**. The concert will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and is free and open to the public. Please bring a lawn chair. Light refreshments will be shared. Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate this anniversary.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Our Parish Family would like to honor all of our 2022 graduates from High School, College, Graduate School, etc. on Sunday, July 17. Please inform us of the names of our graduates, high school/college of graduation, degree/major by dropping a note in the collection basket by Sunday, July 10.

PARKING LOT SEALING

We have contracted with Sailor Excavation & Paving to seal coat our parking lot in an effort to protect our investment with that project. The seal coating will take place on **Wednesday, June 22, Thursday, June 23 and Thursday, June 30**. If you have to come onto the property any of those days, please be aware of blocked sections.

Attentive to the Word

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 2: 10-16

Matthew 4: 18-23



Jesus had spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness being tempted from his mission of service to the world. He'd returned to the area where he'd grown up. As he walked along the rocky shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, doing the work of fishermen, letting their nets down into the sea. Chances are it was their life's work; they were probably illiterate, with limited knowledge of the world, except for what it took to keep their families fed, housed and clothed. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher's of men, fish for people." Immediately, together, they left their nets and followed him. Jesus went on and saw two more, the sons of Zebedee, James and John. He called "Follow me," and immediately they left their boat and their father to follow.

It seems that in the space of a few moments (just five verses!), Jesus had gathered the first four who would assist him in ministry. They would go throughout Galilee proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom. Jesus would cure every disease and every sickness among the people. This account is miraculous for many reasons. These four men left their nets! They left their source of income. They left their families. How could they do that? They followed immediately. There seems to have been no discussion or hesitation. Was Jesus' invitation that irresistible?

I think one of the most astounding events of all was that they followed together. Two sets of brothers with two different fishing boats were more than likely used to competing for the prime fishing locations. Jesus did not find them fishing together. John and James were mending their nets with their father, while Peter and Andrew fished. It was probably not their habit to fish together. Perhaps each day as they counted their catch, they'd stroll over to see what their neighbor had taken in. Their lives were filled with heavy toil and a marginal living. Their priority was survival, and any unity or community building would happen only if it increased the chances for survival.

We also hear in this story that brothers agree on what to do. I don't know about your sibling relationships, but if I were to make a life changing decision with either of my brothers or my sister, there would be much discussion and negotiation beforehand. Peter was older than Andrew and had a family. John was young and passionate, James was solid and determined. The unity in the actions of these brothers is truly remarkable. The ministry that resulted in the unified decision to follow has blessed the world. Their passion for Jesus' teachings drew more disciples.

The records we have in the gospels of Jesus' discussions with them help us to better understand what it means to live in the reign of God. In the events leading up to Jesus crucifixion, we may think that unity of discipleship fell apart, but in the days of grief following Jesus' death the disciples held close to each other for support. They were together when Jesus appeared, the resurrected victor over death. They were together as Jesus ascended into heaven. They were together when the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost. And as the church was born, in

unity they began the mission of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria and to all the world. Peter bravely spoke for the church, despite jail and threats of death, until his own crucifixion. Andrew, who brought the boy with the fishes and loaves to Jesus when he miraculously fed the 5,000, would continue to introduce people to Jesus. Legend has it that Andrew was crucified himself doing missionary work in northern Europe. James celebrated the reign of God even as he became the first apostle killed for speaking the name of Jesus. (Acts 12:1-2) And John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, who sat so close to Jesus on the night before he would be put to death, was also probably also died a martyr to the faith (Brownrigg, p. 223). In life and in death these men who were called to leave their nets and follow Jesus did so together.

We tend, in this individualistic society, to see ourselves as detached and separate followers. We'll get to faithful living and obedience to God's Spirit as we are able. We'll do what we are capable of doing on our own. I know that eggs, flour, sugar, vanilla, salt and butter are fine food, but when they are combined on their own or with a few other ingredients that taste and smell can be heavenly. Consider, for a moment, the power of unity for the Christian community around the world, the heavenly fragrance of Christ that is created when Christians work together. Whether Christians are feeding the hungry, rebuilding cities or changing cultural attitudes for lasting peace it happens by working together in power of God. Consider, for a moment, the power of that unity for this church. Our unity in Christ, our ability to follow together does not exist because of our efforts and choices. It is a unity that exists because Christ brings us together. The church is one body and Christ is its head. We are called to follow, and to do it together.

FATHER'S DAY

When we speak of a "vocation", we usually think of a "calling" to the religious life.... to become a priest. But this is not so! Christ calls each person to follow him in a choice of different states of life. This includes not only the religious life, but also to the married life or the single state. Regardless of our calling, we are to be — workers and witnesses for Christ. Fatherhood is a vocation. In fact, God calls most men to this vocation. When a man accepts marriage and parenthood, he assumes not only its joy and pleasures, but also its responsibilities. God expects a father to cooperate with Him. This means a father accepts the obligation to teach his children Christ's way.... the way of love and good example,

One of the best gifts a father can give his children is to give himself - his time and love. These are needed in order that children grow up into well-balanced adults. To give a good Christian family atmosphere, it is necessary that spiritual leadership comes from both father and mother.

On this Father's Day, express your gratitude to your father. Assure him of your prayers and thanks for having assumed and fulfilled his important role according to God's plan. If your father is already deceased, pray that God may have mercy on his soul and grant him a blessed repose and render eternal his memory.

By Msgr. Eugene A. Chromoga

Mission Statement

Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist): Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Pre-baptism instructions are required. Contact Fr. Andrew to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Andrew before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Andrew. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM and upon request.

Mystery of Anointing: Celebrated upon request. Ideally celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

Visitation of the Sick: The parishioners confined to their homes or nursing homes due to health reasons are visited monthly. Also, persons who are hospitalized are visited when Fr. Andrew is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Cathedral Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only through the pastor by appointment. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Judy is in the parish office Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 2 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.