

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

- Saturday, July 2 **5:00 PM Health & Welfare of Jonathan Scripp
by Anna Marie Wargo**
- Sunday, July 3 **10:00 AM +Michael Szerbin by Szerbin Children**

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of July 3, 2022 sponsored
by **Lori Urban Lyons in memory of +John J. Urban**

Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 3 – July 16
+Paul Chekan by Greg & Anna Marie Chekan

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Saturday, July 9 **5:00 PM +Paul & +Helen Macko Mihalco by Rebecca Mihalco**
- Sunday, July 10 **3:00 PM +George Matus by Margaret Kardell**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,307.00
Maintenance Fund	457.00
Holy Day	306.00
Seminary	15.00
Candles	104.68
Loose Cash	148.00
Cemetery	15.00
TOTAL	\$3,352.68

Special Parking Lot Donation:

\$25 by Martin & Patty Bovee in memory of +Michael Totin

Special Anniversary Donation:

\$200 by Janet & Bernard E. Ducar

\$125 by Janocsko, Bodle & Beers Families

Live Stream Donation:

\$25 by Michael & Mary Novak (OH)

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, 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

3	Dorothy Hritz
3	Luke Pasternak
5	Lauren Pavasko
7	John Raget
7	Yavor & Anne Lazarov (Anniversary)
9	Lorraine Dumblosky
9	Arthur & Judy Snyder (Anniversary)
9	Filip Lazarov

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

In person Attendance: Birth of John the Baptist: **13**
Saturday, June 25: 35; Sunday, June 26: 145
Feast of Peter & Paul: Evening: **34**; Morning: **17**

Live Stream Viewing: Birth of John the Baptist: **15 (WS); 52 (FB)**
Saturday, June 25: 37 (WS); 35 (FB)
Sunday, June 26: 48 (WS); 50 (FB)
Feast of Peter & Paul: Evening: **22 (WS); 69 (FB)**
Morning: **18 (WS); 55 (FB)**

125th ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made our parish's 125th anniversary celebration so special. It was a great day to give thanks to God for sustaining us through these years and to rededicate ourselves to this parish and to continue our work in building up the portion of the Kingdom of God entrusted to us. May God continue to bless us as we journey together as a Family of Faith.

BREADED CHICKEN DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only breaded chicken dinner on **Saturday, July 16 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, July 17 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Breaded chicken, oven roasted potatoes, veggie, roll and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10 Fr. Andrew's 25th Anniversary Celebration
July 16 Too Groovy Toy Show Kitchen
July 16/17 Breaded Chicken Dinner

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.

100th ANNUAL GCU & BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY

Thursday, July 28, 2022. Discounted tickets may be purchased through the Parish: (ages 4-64): \$25; (age 65+): \$22. A catered lunch is also available: (age 11+): \$17; (ages 4-10): \$10. Admission and Lunch tickets must be prepaid. Deadline, to order tickets, is Sunday, **July 3, 2022.**

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or beyond years during this calendar year of 2022. The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, 11 September 2022 at 3 PM.

Please inform the Parish Office, by July 25, if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries this year, so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.

A NITE AT THE RACES

Friday, July 15, 2022 – 6 PM – 10:30 PM. St. John Chrysostom Hall, 506 Saline St. Pittsburgh, 15207. Cost - \$15 per person includes: Admission, Dinner, Snacks, Non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB. Raffle Baskets & 50/50 chances available at additional cost. Contact Bev Rebovich at 412-431-1116 to reserve a spot!



Attentive to the Word

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6: 18-23

Matthew 8: 5-13

Last Sunday, we heard St Paul tell us that we are 'justified by faith'. The gospel for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Matt. 8. 5-13) shows us what sort of faith it is that justifies. At Capernaum, a Roman centurion obtains from Jesus the healing of his servant who is sick. The healing is in answer to his act of faith: 'Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee ...'. This centurion is not one of the children of Israel. Nor does Jesus ask him for any profession of intellectual belief; he puts him to no test of doctrine. Yet, nevertheless, it is in the centurion, and not in the most 'orthodox' Jews that Jesus finds the sort of faith he looks for: 'Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel'. What goes to make up the centurion's lived and saving faith? It is not identified with adherence to any dogma, nor with the performance of rites or the carrying out of legal precepts. It is based, first of all, in profound humility: 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof ... Then, it is all tensed to hear the Lord's word: But speak the word only . . .

The word of the Lord, here, is not only received with respect and faith, but it is desired and sought, as a principle of power and salvation. This word, which the centurion awaits with his whole being, he does not intend to separate from everyday life, by placing it in a 'religious' setting. 'Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.' The centurion believes that Jesus' word will enter his life, will erupt into its domestic realities, and bring about a definite result. Lastly, the centurion's faith is a predisposition to obedience. He says: 'I am a man under authority', I command soldiers and servants; what I tell them, they do. He, himself, is under the command of superior officers, and he carries out their orders. He thus finds it natural that Jesus should command and that he should be obeyed instantly. He awaits Jesus' command.

This, then, is the centurion's faith, the faith that Jesus praises. And this is the sort of faith that Jesus looks for in us: a confident giving of our whole selves to the word which saves and gives life. This faith does not exclude either a clearly defined belief in revealed truths, or a meticulous practice of the divine law; but a faith which relied entirely on such belief or practice, and lacked the inner dynamic that sends the centurion to Jesus, would be a dead faith. The living faith of the centurion - 'a man under authority' - implies submission of the will to Jesus' word. As soon as the centurion puts his request to our Lord, he places himself

under his authority, 'between his hands'. I, too, must become a 'man under authority', a man who, having placed his whole life under the direction of the Lord, finds in this obedience and trust, at every moment, the security and certainty of which those who are a law unto themselves can know nothing.

By a monk of the Eastern Church

Godly Living In An Ungodly Age - Read Titus 1:1-16

Our Founding Fathers created a governing framework based upon biblical principles. Slowly, we have changed from "one nation under God" to a group of people who no longer want Him to be involved. Tragically, we've become, in numerous ways, an ungodly nation: many are driven by materialism and power; immorality and rebellion are prevalent; empty philosophy and false doctrine are widely acceptable. Underlying it all is a vocal decision to take God out of the nation's "official business." Yet even in an unbelieving society, people can, as individuals, follow Jesus. But the world will continually disseminate faulty teachings, so believers must be discerning. Otherwise, erroneous messages can lead Christians to compromise their convictions. Then affections and priorities may change. Don't let the world's clamor make the Spirit's voice less audible. Without His guidance, our minds become vulnerable to lies. The Word of God is a compass that keeps us headed in the right direction—even in the midst of confusing messages all around. We need to be consistently filled with truth by reading, believing, meditating upon, and applying Scripture. God also tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). If our minds are focused upon Him, unholy beliefs will not be able to take root. The Word is our guidebook. We will still face difficulty as we live in this imperfect world—it is a confusing, dark place that entices us but never fulfills our true longings. Yet God's truth will bring confidence and boldness, and His Spirit will direct and strengthen, enabling us to live victoriously.

By Dr. Charles Stanley

Heavenly Father, enlighten our minds and instill in our hearts a sense of patriotism as we celebrate the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people and for the people truly alive in our country. Grant that we may resolve to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide our feet, and peace shall be the goal of all people throughout the world. Amen

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.