

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, March 26 5:00 PM +Clifford Martin by Elizabeth Martin & Family
Sunday, March 27 9:00 AM +George Matus by MM Joseph Vehec

Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: Tone 3 pages 135 - 136 & pages 226-227

Web Liturgy Intention for Week of March 27, 2022 sponsored by
Gary and Mary Ruoizzi

Sanctuary Candle is lit from March 27 – April 9
In Thanksgiving by Andrea Harhai

Wednesday, March 30 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

Friday, April 1 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

5th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Saturday, April 2 5:00 PM +Carol Serechin by Steve & Janine Tima
Sunday, April 3 9:00 AM Blessings for the Harhai Family by Andrea Harhai

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,239.00
Maintenance Fund	607.00
Holy Day	82.00
Candles	87.33
Loose Cash	10.00
TOTAL	\$3,025.33

Parish Lenten Almsgiving: \$275.00
Aid to Ukraine: \$2,925.00

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

Live Stream

\$100 Bob & Diane Martin

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, Lynne Black, Patty Schneider, Regina Kraus

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, Steve Kish

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

20 Aidan Munsie
30 Jeannie Pasternak
31 Andrea Harhai
31 Paige Giglione
1 Leonard Simko
2 Justin Cosgrove

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

GREAT FAST VESPERS

The parishes of the Pittsburgh Protopresbyteral District will celebrate the Great Fast Vespers on the Sundays of the Great Fast this year at the following Churches:

March 27 St. John Chrysostom Church, Greenfield Homilist, Fr. Vasyl Polyak
April 3 St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair Homilist, Fr. Andrew Deskevich

You will have the opportunity to celebrate the Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. and the Vespers at 4:00 p.m. After the Vespers we will gather in the Social Hall of the church for a Lenten Soup, Bread and Beverage.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

This year our parish will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding. In observance of this anniversary a new parish photo directory will be published. Family pictures will be taken on weekend of **March 27** and **April 3** following the Divine Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday.

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

February – April	Soup Sales
April 23	Spring Craft Show
April 30	Wedding Reception

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have *stuffed cabbage*, packaged in ½ dozen for \$18 or 1 dozen for \$30 and quarts of *Halushki & Wedding, Stuffed Cabbage, Potato/Green Bean, Vegetarian Vegetable, Mushroom and Pasta Fagioli soups and Chili* for \$7; *Seafood Creole and Goulash* for \$10. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

KOLACHE AND PASKA ORDERS PICK UP

If you placed an order for kolache and/or paskas, they can be picked up on Friday **April 8, 2022 from 3 – 6 PM or on the Palm Sunday** weekend, following the Divine Liturgies.

EASTER RAFFLE

It was decided to conduct another raffle ticket. This time the raffle ticket will be \$10. There will be multiple winners determined by the PA Lottery beginning on April 17, 2022. **If you have not returned your tickets, please do so to Patty Bovee.** Thank you for your continued support of our parish fund-raisers which help make much needed repairs around our parish complex.

CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSSES

Our Parish is selling Sarris' chocolate Byzantine Cross for Pascha. They will be available on Palm Sunday weekend. Orders need to be prepaid and envelopes are available in the vestibules of the church. **Deadline to order is March 27, 2022.**

GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle tree at the Craft Show, please put them in an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “Craft Show.” Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

EASTER KOLBASI SALE

Saints Peter & Paul, Duquesne parish Men's Club is once again selling kolbasi. **Cost is \$7/lb.** Sign-up sheets are at the entrances. **Please order by April 3, 2022.** DELIVERY IS PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND April 9 & 10, 2022. Thank you.

FLEA MARKET

We will hold a Flea Market in early June. Details to follow.

PYSANKY CLASS

Our parish will sponsor a pysanky class on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from Noon – 4 PM. The day will begin with a Lenten lunch followed by the pysanky class. Each participant will take home a finished egg. All supplies will be provided. A donation of \$10 is asked from each participant. Class size will be limited. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibules.

MYSTERY OF DIVINE FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION



This Lenten season gives us the opportunity to look into ourselves to make a complete change of heart and repent of our sins. Let us make every effort to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ by coming before Him and asking forgiveness of our sins. *Fr. Thomas Danscak will be available, along with Fr. Andrew for Confession on Sunday, April 3 following the 9 AM Divine Liturgy.* Fr. Andrew is available every Saturday from 4 – 4:30 pm and before every Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

In person Attendance: *Saturday, March 19: 47; Sunday, March 20: 63*
Pre-sanctified March 16: 26
Pre-sanctified March 18: 35
All Souls' Saturday: 13
Pre-sanctified March 23: 34

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, March 19: 38 (WS); 51 (FB)*
Sunday, March 20: 86 (WS); 44 (FB)
Pre-sanctified March 16: 29 (WS); 104 (FB)
Pre-sanctified March 18: 40 (WS); 54 (FB)
Pre-sanctified March 23: 30 (WS); 49 (FB)
All Souls Saturday: 18 (WS); 26 (FB)

ETERNAL MEMORY

On March 20, 2022, **+Bernard John Ducar, son of Bernard & Janet Ducar**, 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, +Bernard John in His Kingdom forever!*



Attentive to the Word

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Hebrews 6: 13-20

Mark 9: 17-31

We know little about the life of John, the Hegumen of the Monastery of Mt. Sinai, but he has left us one of the greatest spiritual testimonies of the Christian faith, his work called the “Ladder of Virtues.” It was written, certainly, in a monastic environment, which has always been the home for the seeking of perfection as commanded by Christ: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)” His book, then, was read in Eastern monasteries during the Great Fast. Though his work was for monks, each of us has a vocation common with monks to seek perfection in Christ, and so we can all profit from his work. He reminds us that sanctification is not instant, but it is a lifetime project, “All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)” This is what our Father John teaches us: “The Christian is one who imitates Christ in thought, word and deed, as far as is possible for human beings, believing rightly and blamelessly in the Holy Trinity.” (Step 1, Section 4) “Having heard the Gospel of the Lord, O venerable Father John, you left this world, counting as nothing the riches and glory that it offered. Then you cried out to everyone: Love the Lord and you shall find eternal favor, for nothing is preferable to his love. And when he shall come in glory, you will find repose with all the saints. Through their prayers, O Christ, grant mercy to our souls.” (Doxasticheron at Psalm 140, Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast)

By Fr. David M. Petras

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.