

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

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

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of July 10, 2022 sponsored by  
**Andrew and Linda Deskevich in honor of Fr. Andrew's 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**

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

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**

Saturday, July 16      **5:00 PM** +Joseph & Julia Organiscak by MM Nicholas S.  
    **Havrilla & Family**  
 Sunday, July 17      **9:00 AM** +Michael & Mary Fedoris by Andy & Sue Fedoris

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,573.00
Maintenance Fund	530.00
Holy Day	355.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Candles	114.60
Loose Cash	20.00
Cemetery	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,622.60</b>

**Parking Lot: \$97.00**

**Special Anniversary Donation:**  
**\$100** by Bob & Janet Druga

**Live Stream Donation:**  
**\$125** by Leonard & Felicia Simko

*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, 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**

16 Drew Porvaznik

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

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, July 2: 38; Sunday, July 3: 67*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, July 2: 32 (WS); 76 (FB)*  
*Sunday, July 3: 63 (WS); 51 (FB)*

## **A Unique Mission**

Every one of us has a unique mission to make God known and to show His love to others. Our vocation is our call to follow and serve the Lord, whether as priest, or parent, single person or married, minister or professional, office worker or CEO.

**“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”** -Mark 16:15

## **May today there be peace within.**

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. ...May you be content knowing you are a child of God ... Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us. –St. Teresa

### **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 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.

### **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 Archieparhial 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!

**To look backward is commemoration;**

**to look around is celebration;**

**to look forward is rededication.**



# Attentive to the Word

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Romans 10: 1-10*

*Matthew 8:28 - 9:1*

The Gospel today has a strange ending: “Jesus, leave. Jesus, please don’t stay. Jesus, we don’t want you here.” For us this sounds strange. It’s the wrong ending. The people should have been happy. The two men were restored to right living. They were brought back into the human family, not isolated and violent and dangerous. Jesus makes us all take sides. Do we want Jesus in our lives? Are we willing to accept Him? Are we willing to change? I remember a man who was a terrible alcoholic. He would work hard, get paid and get drunk. He finally came to the conclusion by God’s grace that this was not the way to live. He went to AA, became sober, and became a new man. But since he was no longer drunk all the time, he began to notice things that were wrong in the family that never before bothered him. He started to see things in a whole new way and to recognize that a lot of changes had to be made for his family to be healthy in the way they lived and dealt with life. His wife complained: “I liked you better when you were a drunk because you were so unaware of everything else that was wrong.” When God makes changes in one’s personal life we have to change but then we recognize and see that everybody else 22 23 also has to change and grow, and sometimes people can’t accept that. They would rather leave things as they are: “Jesus leave! Jesus don’t bother us. Jesus go away.” There was a university professor who went searching for the meaning of life. After several years and with many miles, he came to the hut of a particularly holy hermit and asked to be enlightened. The holy man invited his visitor into his humble dwelling and began to serve him tea. He filled the pilgrim’s cup and then kept on pouring so that tea was soon dripping onto the floor. The professor watched the overflow until he could no longer

restrain himself. “Stop! It’s full. No more will go in.” “Like this cup,” said the hermit, “you are full of your own opinions, preconceptions, and ideas. How can I teach you unless you first empty your cup?” Our life of faith is like that. We have to let go of a lot of things that are obstacles that get in the way of God acting in our lives. His grace changes us, renews and restores us. But sometimes we would just rather keep what we already know and make no room for God. There is a story about a rich man who entered a village and called all the poor people together in the town square. He told them that he wanted to share his wealth with them by giving each person enough money to help begin a new life. Some of the poor people rushed forward, grateful to the rich man and eager to accept his great gift. Those who knew this man were not surprised, since they realized how generous he was and that he asked for little in return. Others of the village, however, said that there were some strings attached to this gift. No one gives away something without hoping for something in return. They accused the rich man of using his wealth for the sake of controlling others and they refused to take any of his wealth. When the rich man left that village, some of the people were ready to begin a new life, while others, who mistrusted the rich man, had condemned themselves to a life of suffering in poverty and hunger. God opens up to us his mercy, his forgiveness, his Love. He restores us to grace, to life, to integrity – but we have to accept His love and mercy and forgiveness. The Sacred Scripture ends with the words, “Come Lord Jesus.” Come Lord Jesus into my life. Come Lord and bless me. Come Lord Jesus and restore, forgive and protect me. Come Lord Jesus my Savior. I welcome you. I invite you. I want you. Come Lord Jesus.

*By Father John Zeyack*

*“Observe your thoughts, and beware of what you have in your heart and your spirit, knowing that the demons put ideas into you so as to corrupt your soul by making it think of that which is not right, in order to turn your spirit from the consideration of your sins and of God.”*

St. Gregory of Nyssa

## 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.