

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

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

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of April 3, 2022 sponsored by
Andrea Harhai

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

Wednesday, April 6 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts
Friday, April 8 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 9 **5:00 PM** +Anthony Arnoldi by Carole Srsic
 Sunday, April 10 **9:00 AM** +Michael Fedoris by Mary Fedoris

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

Regular Offertory	\$1,908.00
Maintenance Fund	507.00
Holy Day	207.00
Candles	75.82
Loose Cash	32.00
TOTAL	\$2,729.82

Parish Lenten Almsgiving:	\$150.00
Aid to Ukraine:	\$160.00

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

Live Stream

\$100 John & Beverly Woessner
\$25 Leonard & Felicia Simko
\$25 Michael & Mary Novak

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, Elaine Nassif

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 2 Nathan Simko
- 3 Joshua Wincko
- 6 Gabriel Bovee
- 6 Michael & Dorothy Moyta (Anniversary)
- 7 Timothy Erney

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:

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.

In person Attendance: *Saturday, March 26: 46; Sunday, March 27: 53*
Feast of the Annunciation: 39
Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday March 30: 31

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, March 26: 40 (WS); 61 (FB)*
Sunday, March 27: 92 (WS); 54 (FB)
Feast of the Annunciation: 39 (WS); 59 (FB)
Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday March 30: 33 (WS); 53 (FB)

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 this weekend 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.

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.

Attentive to the Word

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint Mary of Egypt

Hebrews 9: 11 - 14

Mark 10: 32 - 45



"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'... When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman.... He said 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one Sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' Jesus said, 'Go away and sin no more.'"(John 8:7-11)

An anonymous author once said, "Others will judge your God by the way you present Him." And how right he is. Reflecting upon our own lives, we can testify to the fact that the good Samaritans who crossed our path and radiated the spirit of joyfulness, understanding, kindness, generosity, and especially mercy and forgiveness, made an imprint upon our hearts and minds forever.

The Gospels present Jesus as that type of individual. As the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus presented God as He really is. For example, to the woman caught in the act of adultery, as He witnessed her repentant disposition. He was merciful and forgiving, exhorting her to go and sin no more.

No one is beyond the reach of God no matter how serious we may have offended Him throughout life. He forgives all who approach Him especially through the Mystery of Reconciliation and anoints their soul with healing.

On this fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, our Byzantine Catholic tradition brings to our attention the life of an Egyptian woman who after living a very immoral and degrading existence, found how compassionate and loving God is. Mary the Egyptian (522 A.D.), according to her biographer Saint Sophronios, stands as the exemplar of genuine penance. After experiencing a great change of heart, she turned away from her evil ways and approached the merciful Savior with extreme sorrow. She then experienced a heavy burden lifted from her heart by reconciling herself to God. With a grateful disposition, she continually gave herself to Christ in love and devotion for the rest of her life.

During this sacred season of the Holy Fast, we are challenged to show mercy to others. Saint John Chrysostom tells us, "Do you wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to your neighbor."

We, as God's saints of the militant church, by virtue of our holy baptism, must continually strive to bring out Christ's likeness within us. Just as Mary the Egyptian committed her life to Jesus, witnessing to God's mercy and forgiveness, so must we lead

others during our generation to Him by our witness and devotion. Remember, "Others will judge your God by the way you present Him."

By Father Frank A. Firko

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY

On March 24, 2022, **+Fr. Ronald Borsuk**, 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 +Ronald in His Kingdom forever.*

SHARING IN THE JOY OF PASCHA

As we did in 2019, once again we will plan for this year, that following the blessing of the baskets on Holy Saturday evening you are invited and encouraged to stay and partake of the blessed food from your basket at the Cathedral Center. Tables will be set with plates and utensils for you. In addition, the Cathedral will provide wine and beverages. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibules to indicate how many people plan on staying so that we can have enough tables set. We encourage you to stay after for some fellowship and share in the joy of Pascha.

CRAFT SHOW

Our Parish will conduct our Spring Craft Show on **Saturday, April 23, 2022** from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will be a limited number of craft vendors. We will be selling take-out food as well as our kolache and other baked goods.

APRIL TAKE-OUT DINNERS

On Saturday, April 23 **ONLY**, in conjunction with the Craft Show, we will be offering 2 take-out dinners. We will be offering an **Ethnic Platter (1 stuffed cabbage, kolbassi, halushki and pirohi) and/or Lasagna (with a salad)**. Each dinner will include roll and butter. Cost for each dinner is \$12. They can be picked up between 11 AM to 2:30 PM. Pre-orders will be accepted and guaranteed.

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.