

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

S c h e d u l e o f D i v i n e S e r v i c e s

Saturday, April 9 **5:00 PM** +Anthony Arnoldi by Carole Srsic

Sunday, April 10 **9:00 AM** +Michael Fedoris by Mary Fedoris

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of April 10, 2022 sponsored by
**Kim & Kristie Cosgrove in Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the
 Cosgrove Family: +Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith & +Keily Cosgrove; +Helen &
 +Michael Mihalchik; +Dolores Suchta**

Sanctuary Candle is lit from April 10 – April 23
In Memory of Father Dennis Bogda by Elaine Bogda

Monday,	April 11	<i>Great and Holy Monday.</i>
	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Tuesday,	April 12	<i>Great and Holy Tuesday .</i>
	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Wednesday,	April 13	<i>Great and Holy Wednesday.</i>
	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Anointing of the Sick
Thursday,	April 14	<i>Great and Holy Thursday .</i>
	7:00 PM	Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Friday,	April 15	<i>Great and Holy Friday</i>
	9:00 AM	Passion Matins – Reading of the Twelve Gospels
	7:00 PM	Entombment Vespers
Saturday	April 16	<i>Great and Holy Saturday.</i>
	7:00 PM	Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE RADIANT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 4 9:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

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 Havrilsca*k, Aaron Spang, Janet Ducar, Mary Pavasko, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, Betty Martin, Teresa Sekel, Lynne Black, Patty Schneider, Regina Kraus, Elaine Nassif, Andy Halapin

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

- 13 Mary Elaine Kurtz
- 14 Ethel Wahal
- 16 Shawn & Margaret Condon (Anniversary)

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

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

Regular Offertory	\$4,122.00
Maintenance Fund	708.00
Holy Day	25.00
Candles	89.66
Loose Cash	60.00
BCW	14.00
Flowers	20.00
TOTAL	\$5,038.66

Parish Lenten Almsgiving: \$5,185.00

Aid to Ukraine: \$100.00

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

In person Attendance: *Saturday, April 2: 43; Sunday, April 3: 73*

Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Friday April 1: 31

Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday April 6: 31

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, April 2: 33 (WS); 35 (FB)*

Sunday, April 3: 81 (WS); 48 (FB)

Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Friday April 1: 36 (WS); 35 (FB)

Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday April 6: 33 (WS); 41 (FB)

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.

EASTER KOLBASI DELIVERY

DELIVERY IS THIS WEEKEND April 9 & 10, 2022. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

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; *Goulash* for \$10. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

FLEA MARKET

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



Attentive to the Word

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

Philippians 4: 4 - 9

John 12: 1 - 18

When artists talk about contrast, they're referring to the arrangement of opposite elements light versus dark, small versus large, rough versus smooth. It's a technique they use to add a dramatic effect to their work. If we thought of God as an artist, we would definitely say that Palm Sunday is a study in contrasts. God created the universe out of nothing, fashioned the stars and planets, sustains every living thing, and knows every hair on our heads. Yet this same awesome, all-powerful God chose to enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey. You can't have a more dramatic contrast than that. Or can you?

That Jesus, our King, came to his people riding a lowly pack animal is a huge contrast. But even more dramatic is the fact that he was crowned with thorns and not with gold, and beaten rather than worshipped. Or that he, who would judge heaven and earth, was judged and condemned the very people he created.

Jesus went through all the pain and humiliation of the cross so that we could be reconciled with God. He who is Life itself embraced death so that we could receive eternal life.

Keep this in mind during Liturgy today. During the Holy, Holy, remember the citizens of Jerusalem who spread out their cloaks and waved palm branches at Jesus. Like you, they called out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." But just a few days later, they joined the Sanhedrin in calling out, "Crucify him!" (Mark 15:14). And through it all, through all the contrasts and ups and downs that he faced, Jesus continued to love. He continued to forgive. He never forgot his mission to save us all.

So when you say these words, do it with all the conviction you can muster. Praise the Lord for coming so humbly. And tell him you don't want any more contrasts in your life!

"Lord, thank you for coming to us so humbly! Teach me to follow your example of self-sacrifice and compassion."

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On Monday we recall Blessed Joseph of the Old Testament who was beaten by his brethren, left for dead, and enslaved by foreigners. While his father, Jacob mourned for his son, Joseph was gloriously reigning as a lord of Egypt, and later saved his father and his people. This prefigures the salvation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sold for 30

pieces of silver, arrested, condemned and suffered His bitter Passion for us . . . then rose gloriously having granted life to those in the tombs!

On Tuesday we recall the Lord's parable regarding the wise and foolish virgins. The wise virgins continually awaited the coming of their Master with alertness, their lamps burning through the darkness. The foolish ones went to sleep, assuming they would have enough time to prepare at the last minute. But the Bridegroom came in the midst of the night, rewarding those who kept watch for Him and casting out those who wasted the opportunity to prepare to meet him.

On Wednesday the Church gives us the example of the adulteress who, once she met the Lord, realized the gravity of her sins, fell down before Him and washed His feet with her tears and precious perfumes. The hymns this morning urge us to imitate the sinful women by confessing our sins and turning away from them. Holy Anointing in remembrance of this tremendous act of love brought about by one who was sinful, the Church brings forth for us on this night the holy oils, and celebrates the Sacrament of Anointing for health of body, mind and spirit.

On Thursday - Divine Liturgy of the Lords Supper. On this day we recall how Our Lord, preparing to offer Himself as Priest and Victim, revealed to His holy apostles the Sacred Mysteries: His Body and Blood, broken and poured out for the life of he world. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated in conjunction with Vespers, with special prayerful remembrance for the gift of the holy priesthood.

On Friday the Office of the Holy Passion is the Matins service for Great and Holy Friday. During this service the full account of the Passion and Death of Our Lord is read solemnly and the holy cross is brought out for the veneration of the faithful. The Burial of Christ is the night office during which the Lamentations are sung at the tomb of the Lord and the Holy Shroud is carried in procession and venerated by the faithful.

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. Andrew is available every Saturday from 4 – 4:30 pm and before and after every Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, May 7, 2022, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Cathedral Center. *"A New Perspective on: Compassion, Courage and Confidence."* Pre-registration is required by April 25, 2022, \$40 includes lunch (no refunds). Registration forms can be found in the vestibules. For more information call 412-322-8773 or email ore@archpitt.org.

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.