

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, June 4 **5:00 PM** +Michael & +Emily Danscak by Danscak Family

Sunday, June 5 **9:00 AM** +Mark Cifrulak by Nancy Cifrulak

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of June 5, 2022 sponsored by
Jacqueline Kessler

Sanctuary Candle is lit from June 5 – June 18

In Memory of Cosgrove (+Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith & +Keily); Mihalchik (+Helen & +Michael); Suchta (+Dolores) by Kim & Kristie Cosgrove

PENTECOST MONDAY

9:00 AM +Joseph Bich by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, June 11 **5:00 PM** +Keith Cosgrove by Debbie & Justin Cosgrove

Sunday, June 12 **9:00 AM** +Steve Tima, Sr. by Beverly Tima

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,612.00
Maintenance Fund	752.00
Holy Day	457.00
Candles	115.63
Loose Cash	30.00
Cemetery	150.00
TOTAL	\$4,116.63

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

Total Easter Offerings: \$21,575.00

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, Regina Kraus, 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 1 Bernard E. Ducar
- 5 Leonard Stagon
- 5 Teri Phares
- 5 David & Marsha Hrabik (Anniversary)
- 6 Bernadette Thorwart
- 6 Michael & Patricia Matus (Anniversary)
- 7 Carol Oriss
- 11 Ronald Lutka
- 11 Richard & Joyce Lesko (Anniversary)

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

In person Attendance: *Saturday, May 28: 42; Sunday, May 29: 74*
Memorial Day: **16**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, May 28: 34 (WS); 64 (FB)*
Sunday, May 29: 78 (WS); 48 (FB)
Memorial Day: **13 (WS); 66 (FB)**

Special Anniversary Donation:
\$125 by Oliver & Jean Guthrie

Special Donation:
\$100 In Memory of +Fr. Bob Karl by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

GCU LODGE MEETING

The quarterly Lodge meeting will be held June 4, Noon at Ascension Church, Clairton.

FLEA MARKET

We will be holding our Flea Market again on the weekend of our dinner June 11 & 12 during the times of take-out. We are no longer accepting items. Thanks for your donations and help.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only roast beef dinner on **Saturday, June 11 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, June 12 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, veggie, roll and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

BAKED GOODS

We are in need of baked goods to sell at our at our bake sales during our flea market and dinner during the month of June. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Center on Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 11/12 | Flea Market & Dinner |
| June 26 | Parish Anniversary Dinner |
| June 26 | Eastwinds Symphonic Band Concert – 2 PM |

125TH ANNIVERSARY

Invitations for our anniversary celebration, which will be held on June 26, 2022 beginning with Liturgy at 10 AM, were mailed to parishioners this past week. If you did not receive one, please call the parish office so that we can mail another one to you. Please feel free to invite former parishioners and/or extended family members. ***Please return the RSVP by June 12 via the offertory basket or the mail because the final count needs to be given to the caterer.***

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of our parish founding, we will host a concert by the East Winds Symphonic Band on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2 PM. The concert will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and is free and open to the public. Please bring a lawn chair. Light refreshments will be shared. Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate this anniversary.

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.



Attentive to the Word

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11

John 7: 37-52 & 8:12

The Old Testament feast of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Passover—the commemoration of the Exodus of the Israelites from captivity and slavery in Egypt—in celebration of God’s gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the New Covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning—the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, the “passing over” from death to life and from earth to heaven, the “exodus” of God’s People from this sinful world to the eternal Kingdom. The New Testament Pentecost also is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law” with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. As we read in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4, “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit Christ promised to His disciples came on the day of Pentecost (John 14:26, 15:26; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5) as the apostles received “the power from on high” and began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. Traditionally, this moment has been called the “birthday of the Church.”

In the liturgical services for the Great Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit’s coming to man, and the Church’s hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God’s self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. For this reason, Pentecost Sunday also is called Trinity Day in the Eastern Christian tradition. On this day, the icon of the Holy Trinity — particularly that of the three angelic figures who appeared to Abraham, the forefather of the Christian faith—often is placed in the center of the church, alongside the traditional Pentecost icon depicting the tongues of fire hovering over the Theotokos and the 12 Apostles, the original prototype of the Church, who sit in unity surrounding a symbolic image of “cosmos,” the world.

On Pentecost, we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the 50th day stands as the beginning of the era that is beyond the limitations of this world, 50 being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish as well as Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Thus, Pentecost is called an “apocalyptic day,” which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an “eschatological day,” which means that it is the day of the final and perfect end—in Greek, the eschaton. When the Messiah comes and the Day of the Lord is at hand, the “last days” are inaugurated, in which “God declares, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.’” This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church, preached on that first Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2:1-7; Joel 2: 28-32).

The Great Feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. Rather, it is the celebration of what must happen—and indeed does happen—to us in the Church today. We have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we have received His Most Holy Spirit. We are the “temples of the Holy Spirit.” God’s Spirit dwells in us (Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 2-3, 12; 2 Corinthians 3; Galatians 5; Ephesians 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received “the Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of Chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

During the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost, we recall our baptism into Christ as we sing, in place of the Trisagion, the well known verse from Galatians: “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.” The usual antiphons are replaced by special psalm verses that emphasize the meaning of the feast, while the day’s readings from the Epistles and Gospels recall the Holy Spirit’s coming to men. The kontakion speaks of the reversal of Babel, as God unites the nations into the unity of His Spirit. And the troparion proclaims the gathering of the entire universe into God’s “net” through the work of the inspired apostles. In the hymns “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light”—sung on Pentecost for the first time since Holy Pascha—we invoke the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us” while proclaiming that “we have received the heavenly Spirit.”

On the evening of Pentecost Sunday, at Vespers, three lengthy prayers are recited, during which we kneel for the first time since Pascha. The Monday after Pentecost is the Feast of the Holy Spirit, while the Sunday after Pentecost is the Feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence, since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in us as we pursue holiness and sanctity in our own lives—that holiness and sanctity which constitute the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world: “Thus says the Lord: ‘Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I your God am holy’” (Leviticus 11:44-45, 1 Peter 1:15-16).

Thus, Pentecost ushers in a new era, in which we are called to pursue sainthood by acquiring the Holy Spirit, by opening ourselves to the fullness of Christ’s revelation to mankind, and by anticipating the Kingdom of God, yet to be fully revealed, but already fully present in our midst as we entreat the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us” now and in the life of the world to come.

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

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.