

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, January 29 **5:00 PM** +Jack Karadus by Anna Marie Wargo

Sunday, January 30 **9:00 AM** +Clarence & +Irene Hornak by Sandy Hornak

Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: Tone 3 pages 135 – 136 & pages 318 – 19

Web Liturgy Intention for Week of January 30, 2022 sponsored by
Sandy Hornak

Sanctuary Candle is lit from January 30 – February 12
In Memory of +William Edward Hilla by Family

MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA

Wednesday, February 2

9:00 AM

+Anna Bovee by Family

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Saturday, February 5 **5:00 PM** +Leona Bodnar by Mary Janicko

Sunday, February 6 **9:00 AM** +George Matus by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,528.00
Maintenance Fund	432.00
Holy Day	35.00
Candles	69.16
Live Stream	525.00
Loose Cash	70.00
TOTAL	\$3,659.16

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
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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 31 Andrew Fedoris
1 Joseph M. Varhola
4 Peter & Darlene Minydzak (Anniversary)

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

In person Attendance: Saturday, January 22: **35**; Sunday, January 23: **56**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, January 22:* **86** (WS); **58** (FB)
Sunday, January 23: **175** (WS); **126** (FB)

Please call the parish office if you would like your 2021 contribution statement.

Live Stream

\$25 Michael & Mary Novak
\$500 Ronald & Trudy Metz

Parking Lot

\$50

Special Offering

\$100 in Birthday Remembrance of +Joseph Raschak by Marilyn Raschak

Special Cemetery Offering

\$100 in Remembrance of +Agnes Onofrey by Regis Onofrey

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

In 2022 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 once again this weekend following the Divine Liturgies.

PHOTOS

We are looking for old pictures that could be used in our anniversary book and/or the slide presentation for our anniversary celebration. If you have any old pictures you would like to share, please send them to the parish office. Copies will be made of the picture and then returned to you.

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have *stuffed cabbage*, packaged in ½ dozen for \$18 or 1 dozen for \$30 and quarts of *Halushki & Wedding, Chicken & Dumpling, Beef Vegetable, Stuffed Cabbage, Potato/Green Bean, Chicken Gnocchi soups and Chili* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

2021 PARISH FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

On **Sunday, January 30, 2022**, following the 9 AM Divine Liturgy, I will give a presentation on the 2021 Parish Finances. The presentation will be held in the Cathedral Center.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

The first All Souls Divine Liturgy is Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM. We come together to pray for our deceased loved ones. They are by no means forgotten nor a nameless mass of people, for by name we mention them, we perpetuate their memory and we pray that our loving and merciful God will be pleased to bring them into His saving presence.

PLEASE USE THE ALL SOULS ENVELOPE AND ATTEND THE DIVINE LITURGIES FOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES.

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 would like to purchase and/or sell tickets, they can be obtained from Patty Bovee. Thank you for your continued support of our parish fund-raisers which help make much needed repairs around our parish complex.



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of Zacchaeus

1 Timothy 1: 15-17

Luke 19: 1-10

Jesus encountered many people throughout Palestine. The Gospels have transmitted a record of some of these people and have given us their names for the most part. One prominent detail immediately leaps out: these women and men are almost always in difficult situations or are suffering from a sickness, from grief, or from some other painful situation. Or worse, they are "sinners"- people living in moral situations in contradiction to the requirements of the Mosaic law and thus not according to God's will. Let us reflect on Jesus' encounter with one such sinner: Zacchaeus, "a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man" (Luke 19:2). It takes place in Jericho, where Zacchaeus is in a large crowd waiting for Jesus. Because Zacchaeus is short, he climbs a tree along the route of the procession to see Jesus better. When Jesus reaches it, he looks up and says, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house" (19:5). Overjoyed, Zacchaeus hurries down and receives Jesus. But the crowd grumbles: "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner" (19:7).

The citizens despised Zacchaeus because he was compromised by money and power; perhaps they scorned him because he was short. Zacchaeus was nothing but a "sinner" to them. Jesus, on the other hand, went to his house; he left the welcoming crowd of admirers and visited only Zacchaeus. He was acting like the good shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine sheep to go find the hundredth sheep that is lost. For Jesus, Zacchaeus was above all "a descendant of Abraham" (Luke 19:9). Jesus welcomes those who are either outcasts of the political system (the poor and oppressed) or who are rejected by the religious system (pagans, tax collectors, and prostitutes). People who do not accept this kind of action by God exclude themselves from salvation. Seen in this light, the Zacchaeus episode seems like the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee actually coming to pass: God justified the repentant tax collector and sent the Pharisee away empty-handed. Now Jesus brings salvation to Zacchaeus' house and leaves the arrogant, sanctimonious people murmuring outside. Inside the house, Zacchaeus promises: "Half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over" (19:8). And Jesus declares that salvation has come to the household of Zacchaeus. "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost" (19:10). Unconditional Mercy.

Let us reflect a bit more deeply on this episode. Zacchaeus has heard Jesus talked about as a prophet who is different from the others, so he wants to see him. There is certainly something more than sheer curiosity on Zacchaeus' part. He has a real interest, though not yet a desire, to convert. Jesus looks up into the tree at him - from many hints in the Gospels, it seems that Jesus' eyes had a miraculous power and spoke more than his words. He calls Zacchaeus by name. We might expect that before proclaiming forgiveness, Jesus would have required the five conditions that are normally demanded to obtain the remission of sin: examination of conscience, repentance,

a firm resolve not to sin again, a confession of sin, and penance. But none of that happens! Jesus urgently wants to spend time with Zacchaeus - to enter his home, stay for a while, have a meal, and perhaps spend the night. Jesus compromises himself openly and dangerously because he risks becoming ritually unclean and causing scandal. Yet he meets with a sinner at his home and does not impose any preliminary conditions. He does not ask Zacchaeus to purify himself in terms of the Mosaic law; he does not ask him to leave his disreputable profession or to do restitution or penance. Swept Away. Zacchaeus, however, is able to read in Jesus' gaze the same love that Jesus elsewhere directed to the rich young man (Mark 10:21). That gaze fills him with extraordinary joy. He welcomes this presence that lavishes him with love; he lets himself be swept away by this love. Because of this love, he feels himself come back to life and become a human being again. He no longer feels the cloud of disdain that had always hung over him, even when he was dealing with colleagues and subordinates. Zacchaeus immediately understood that if he wanted this love to be alive and life-giving, he needed to let all of his life be inundated by it; he needed to let it influence all his relationships. And so, spontaneously, Zacchaeus announced he would give half of his goods to the poor and would restore fourfold to anyone he had cheated. This is a reparation, but one that takes place on the level of human relationships, in the sphere of justice operating among human beings. And Zacchaeus does not do this because of a condition imposed on him by Jesus in order to receive his love. It is instead a consequence of that love. Having been loved first, and freely, Zacchaeus feels the urge to turn toward others, toward those he has defrauded, and he learns to respect and love them. This is how God's mercy operates. Let us never forget it!

By Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap

FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

We live in a difficult age. Violent crimes are on the increase, and Christian morality is on the decrease. Sometimes it feels as though there is no way for things to become worse, but they do. And as long as our society tries to set its own pace outside God's plan, it will continue.

However, this is no time for God's people to become weary. He has given us an opportunity that few will ever have. We have the chance to be lights for Him in a world of darkness. This in itself is a tremendous honor.

It has been said that there is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle. Jesus surely knew this when He told His followers: "You are the light of the world." The world in which Christ was born was a world where men chased after vain philosophies, lustful passions, and self-fulfillment. It was a world of spiritual darkness. And while Rome had established its "Pax Romana," the hearts of the people were embattled with emptiness.

Jesus came as you are called - to be "a light in the darkness." You are a city set high on a hill that cannot be hidden. Make your life count for the Savior. Let your light shine as His did in truth, love, and forgiveness so those trapped in darkness may live in light of His mercy.

"Let us who love their words gather together and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: Basil the Great, Gregory the theologian and John Chrysostom. These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!"

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.