

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

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**

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of July 17, 2022 sponsored by  
**Rich & Patty Goda**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from July 17 – July 30  
**+Edward Borsh by Agnes Borsh**

**FEAST OF THE GREAT PROPHET ELIAS**

Wednesday, July 20    **9:00 AM +Elizabeth Bich, by MM Edward Bich**  
Blessing of vehicles will follow the Divine Liturgy.

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Saturday, July 23    **5:00 PM +Michael Totin, Jr. by Mary Ellen Totin;**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance & 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemoration**

Sunday, July 24    **9:00 AM +Stewart Beavers by Carol Beavers & Michael Suray**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,320.00
Maintenance Fund	782.00
Peter's Pence	319.00
Candles	52.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,473.50</b>

**Parking Lot: \$80.00**

*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**

- 18 Douglas Duda
- 19 Robert & Claire Hildenbrand (Anniversary)
- 19 Arden Mae Bovee
- 20 Elizabeth Martin
- 20 John & Christine Munsie (Anniversary)
- 21 John Ducar
- 21 Kim Cosgrove
- 23 Donald Bajus

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

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, July 9: 26; Sunday, July 10: 264*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, July 9: 30 (WS); 66 (FB)*  
*Sunday, July 10: 44 (WS); 62 (FB)*

## **ETERNAL MEMORY**

On July 8, 2022, +**Thomas Perhach** 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 servant +Thomas in His Kingdom forever.*

## **MANY YEARS 2022 GRADUATES**

Our Parish Family extends its prayer best wishes to our graduates. May they grow in faith and be protected under God's wings. May God bless their future endeavors, and may God grant to each of them many blessed years!

**Ian Munsie & Riley Munsie**, West Mifflin High School

**Stephen Pavasko** graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Master of Business Administration Degree.

**Nicholas Oriss** graduated from Washington University Saint Louis with a Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture degrees.

## **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

## **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 Archieparchial 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.



# Attentive to the Word

*Sunday of the Fathers of Six Ecumenical Councils*

*Hebrews 13: 7-16*

*John 17: 1-13*

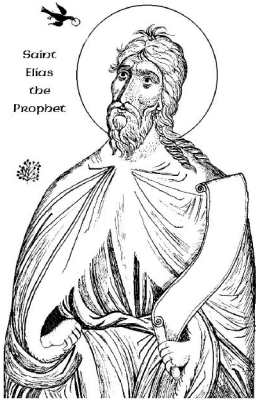
On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of July, our Church remembers the bishops who gathered in collegial assembly under the grace of the Holy Spirit to take common and definitive action for the doctrinal and pastoral good of the Christian faithful. They are called "ecumenical," *meaning universal, involving the entire Church*. This observance holds in common the first six such councils, while the seventh is observed by itself between October 11th and 17th on our liturgical calendar. Ecumenical Councils have their prototype in the Council of Jerusalem in A.D. 51, at which the Apostles under the leadership of Saint Peter decided that converts to the Christian faith were not obliged to observe all the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law (Acts 15). These Councils claim for themselves an immunity from error in their doctrinal and moral teaching, resting such claim upon the promise of the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Councils do not reveal any new truth but do set forth the Faith once and for all delivered to the People of God. Therefore, their decisions are "ecumenical" as being an expression of the mind of the universal body of the faithful.

Through the history of the Church, only the first seven Councils are universally recognized and undisputed among Christian Churches, although the Catholic Church numbers twenty-one such Councils down to Vatican II (1962-1965). An ecumenical council differs from a general meeting or council of bishops in that a *synod* is concerned with local or regional issues and does not involve the Church as a whole. The first six ecumenical councils, then, are: Nicea I in the year 325 which condemned Arius. Arius taught that Jesus was only human and not divine. It also gave us the beginning of the Nicene Creed. Constantinople I in 381 condemned Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit. This Council also contributed to the later formulation of the Nicene Creed. Ephesus in 431 condemned Nestorius, also Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the unity of the divine and human natures of Christ; accordingly, Mary would not be the Mother of God only the mother of the man - Jesus. Chalcedon in 451 condemned Eutyches who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ, denying His being human. Constantinople II in 535 condemned the Nestorian-tainted writings of Theodore of Mopsuestia. Constantinople III in 680 condemned the Monothelite heresy which taught that in Christ there is but one will, the divine.

These Councils decided definitively what we are to believe about Christ. Today, these issues seem almost irrelevant in the face of modern-day concerns; however, without the clear teachings of the Fathers, our Faith would be foundationally weakened.

At Matins for this Sunday, our Church proclaims, "When the holy preachers of Christ fully received the light from the Holy Spirit, they spoke with divine insight, with few but deeply meaningful words inspired from above, bringing to the front the evangelical doctrines and traditions of true worship. When these were clearly revealed to them from on high, they were enlightened and thus established the faith received from God." (*Matins at the Praises*)

## THE HOLY PROPHET ELIAS



Elias, also known as Elijah, was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. Of his origin, not much is known, except that he was from the city of Tishba. He appeared on the historical scene during the reign of Ahab (9 cent. B.C.). He delivered to that impious king the message of Yahweh: Israel would be punished by a long drought and Ahab's house would fall. He then lived to see the tragic end of Ahab. Next we hear of Elias in connection with Ochozias, Ahab's son and successor, to whom he predicted that the injuries received in a fall would be fatal. The end of the earthly life of Elias came mysteriously. As he was conversing with Eliseus on the hills of Moah, "a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (Kgs. 2:11). Jews, Christians and Moslems pay high honor to Elias; Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ's transfiguration.

The veneration of Elias dates back to apostolic times. In the fourth century, the feast was already generally known. St. John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine have testified to his greatness, a fact which alone would prove the antiquity of this feast.

In her liturgy, the Church calls the prophet Elias a "pillar of the prophets and second forerunner of the coming of Christ" (troparion). The kontakion praises him as the one "who foresaw the mighty acts of our God." During matins, one stichera declares: "Let us believers honor with praises the chief of the prophets, those two all radiant luminaries of the universe, Elias and Eliseus. Let us lift our voices unto Christ with rejoicing, saying: by the intercessions of Your two prophets, O compassionate Lord, grant your people forgiveness of sins and Your great mercy."

## 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.