

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, August 13 5:00 PM +Stephen & Margaret Kish by Kish Family

Sunday, August 14 9:00 AM Special Intention of Bob Shrum & Teresa Sekel by
Kathy Zavada & Jacki Basalla

Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: Tone 1 pages 125 - 127 & pages 351 - 352

Web Liturgy Intention for Week of August 14, 2022 sponsored by
Kathleen Zavada and Jackie Basalla

Sanctuary Candle is lit from August 14 – August 27
+Sam Egidi by Greg & Anna Marie Chekan

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Monday, August 15 9:00 AM 40th Day Remembrance of +Thomas Perhach by
Martin & Patricia Bovee

7:00 PM +Raymond Perhacs by Wife, Jeanine

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 20 5:00 PM +Veronica Thompson by Frank & Carol Lipchick

Sunday, August 21 9:00AM +Christine Soley by Rebecca Michalco

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,784.00
Maintenance Fund	813.00
Holy Day	261.00
Candles	2.00
Loose Cash	65.00
TOTAL	\$3,925.00

Parking Lot: \$60

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, 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12 Jean Repine
15 Andrew & Marjorie Glaid (Anniversary)
16 Richard & Janet Myers (Anniversary)
17 Ronald Stagon
18 Robert Shrum & Teresa Sekel (Anniversary)

19 George Serechin

20 Agnes Borsh

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

In person Attendance: Feast of the Transfiguration: **18**

Saturday, August 6: 43; Sunday, August 7: 73

ETERNAL MEMORY

On August 8, 2022, +**Elizabeth “Betty” Pristas**, passed from this life to the next. May she 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 +Elizabeth in His Kingdom forever.*

LIVE-STREAM

For the past few weeks our Live-stream was experiencing some extreme technical difficulties. Part of the problem was with the “fiber board” which needed to be replaced by Verizon. In addition we had to upgrade our internet. These difficulties affected many people who rely on this modem for worship because of their present life situation. I thank everybody for their patience and understanding during these transition times.

Cemetery Donation

\$50 Jean Shelpmann in Memory of Jenny Pegula

DORMITION FAST ALMSGIVING

I am sure we have seen the news broadcasts of flood ravaged Kentucky. As part of our almsgiving during this Dormition Fast, **we are collecting clothes, NEW packs of undergarments, and toiletry items** that will be sent to the hard hit area. If you will be donating any of these items please bring them by **TODAY**. A truck with the donated items will be leaving on Monday, August 15, 2022. Thank you for your consideration in helping those desperately in need.

PARISH FINANCIAL PRESENTATION (CHANGE OF DATE)

I will give a presentation on the first half of 2022 on **Sunday, August 21, 2022**. The presentation will be held in the Cathedral Center. A luncheon will follow the presentation. If you plan on attending, please sign your name to one of the sheets so that the Center can be to set up properly.

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

The “Kathedral Kitchen” has been restocked. We have *stuffed cabbage*, packaged in ½ dozen for \$18 or 1 dozen for \$30 and quarts of *Halushki & Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Potato/Green Bean, Chicken Gnocchi, Vegetarian Vegetable, and Beef Vegetable soups and Chili* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

CENTER CLEANING AND REORGANIZING

Saturday, August 20, 2022 beginning at 9 AM has been set aside to give the Cathedral Center kitchen a good cleaning as well as reorganizing certain areas of the Center. No matter what time or for how long your help will greatly be appreciated.

GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle trees at the Craft Show & Basket Extravaganza, please put them in an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “Lottery Tree.” Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA BASKETS

We will hold our Basket Extravaganza on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We are in need of completed baskets or items to complete a basket. You can contact Diane Pochron at 412-303-6534 for any information or ideas for basket items. Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.



Attentive to the Word

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Matthew 17: 14-23

Most of us would say we have faith—that is, we believe in God. The problem usually is that we fail to apply what faith we have to our daily circumstances. When problems arise (poor health, death of a loved one, loss of a job), we begin to grow fearful. Then we begin to doubt and question. Does God really love us? Is he truly dwelling in us, as he promised, allowing us to share his divine life? In times of trial, we tend to rely more on the seen than the unseen, and this is the opposite of faith. As a consequence, we are often overwhelmed by our problems. We show signs of "little faith." We are not alone in this problem. Jesus' disciples also suffered from "little faith" (Matthew 17:20). In their lives, they had come to a point of following Jesus, but not to a point of sufficiently trusting in him. This is similar to our situation when we believe in God, but do not entrust our lives to him. Even a kernel of faith can produce great results. This is what Jesus meant when he said: "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move" (Matthew 17:20). To have such faith, and for that faith to grow robust, we must cultivate it. Since "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1), we need to do things, such as pray, which make us aware of unseen realities. Mother Teresa said: "Has your faith grown? If you do not pray, your faith will leave you" (Total Surrender, p. 99). Prayer helps us grow in faith by turning our attention to Jesus, not to ourselves, by focusing us on his promises, not on our own feelings. It helps us to have "conviction of things not seen" and to ask for the grace to trust in him. Let us pray for a deeper faith: "Lord Jesus, help us set our hearts on things above, to turn to you constantly as the source of all life. Renew us by the power of your Spirit and give us faith, even if only the size of a mustard seed."

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

How strong is your hope in the promises of God? Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph (1 Corinthians 15:20-24). There is a venerable tradition dating

back to the early church which marks Mary's "falling asleep" (called the Feast of Dormition in many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3). What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit? "Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me joy in seeking you more closely. Increase my faith in all your promises, my hope in the joys of heaven, and my love for You as my All."

BLESSING OF FLOWERS

On the Feast of the Dormition in the Byzantine Church we bless flowers, not simply because they were found in the tomb of the Virgin, but because they are the seeds of next year's plantings. What we see in any bloom now is the seed of another one to come, and therefore a strong symbol of resurrection. Besides seeds, we also bless herbs on this day. The prayers speak of all these things, flowers, herbs and seeds, as medicine. There is a *healing that comes from death*, as contradictory as that might sound. St. Gregory Nyssa once referred to death as "the final remedy." Things which cannot be set right in this world can be made right in the next. **Bring your flowers to the Church for blessing. Flowers will be blessed after each Divine Liturgy.**

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.