

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, August 27 **5:00 PM +Fr. Robert Karl, by Karen Repasi**

Sunday, August 28 **9:00 AM +Margaret Kostovny by Dolores Zoretich**

**Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: Tone 3 Pages 135 - 137**

Web Liturgy Intention for Week of August 28, 2022 sponsored by  
**Brian and Kimberly Piekut**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from August 28 – September 10  
**Intentions of Nicholas & Barbara Sowko**

**MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Monday, August 29 **9:00 AM +Elizabeth Bich by M/M Jack Ferchak**

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

Saturday, September 3 **5:00 PM +Michael, +Sophie & +Edward Zavada by  
Kathy Zavada & Jacki Basalla**

Sunday, September 4 **9:00AM +Bernard J. Ducar by Mary Ann & Ernie Varhola**

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

Regular Offertory	\$1,917.00
Maintenance Fund	683.00
Holy Day	220.00
Candles	106.85
Loose Cash	75.00
Cemetery	367.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,368.85</b>

**Live Stream**

**\$100 by Ronald & Arletta Lukta**

*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/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

28 David & Kathleen Wincko (Anniversary)  
28 Chris Neri  
30 Kenneth & Diane Lobaugh (Anniversary)  
30 Audrey Hinkle  
31 Etta Bovee  
31 William Hosni  
1 Michael Scott  
3 George M. & Mary Katherine Janocsko (Anniversary)

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, August 20: 49; Sunday, August 21: 63*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, August 20: 28 (WS); 46 (FB)*  
*Sunday, August 21: 57 (WS); 75 (FB)*

## **ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT SAINT MACRINA**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great are pleased to announce that the Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina on Friday, September 2 through Monday September 5, 2022.

## **GCU LODGE MEETING**

The quarterly Lodge meeting will be held September 18, Noon at Ascension Church, Clairton.

## **GCU LODGE CLOTHING DRIVE**

The GCU Lodge 602 is holding its annual clothing drive during the *last three weekends of September*. We are in need of hats, sweaters, jackets, pants and socks (socks must be new). Past closing drives have been very successful. Let's continue giving to the needy.

## **STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER**

We will be having a take-out only Stuffed Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday September 11. The dinner includes: Stuffed Cabbage, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll & butter. **Price is \$12.00 per dinner. Dinners can be picked up on Saturday, September 11 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, September 12 from 10 AM – 1 PM.** In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, our kolache and other baked goods as well as raffle tickets.

## **UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS**

October 22	Fall Craft Show
November 13	Basket Extravaganza

## **“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”**

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

## **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.

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

Saturday, September 10, 9 AM – 3 PM. St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church, 2336 Brownsville Road.

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Club, Duquesne is sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 1-5 PM. Adults: \$11; Children 6-10; \$6 Children 5 & Under; free. Raffles & baskets ... and as always all proceeds benefit the Church.



# Attentive to the Word

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*

*Matthew 19: 16-26*

The owner of the vineyard was trying to gather what was rightfully his; he sent his servants, who were beaten by the tenants, and finally his son to get his fruit. When the son came, the tenants killed him for his inheritance. Even though they did not specifically know what the inheritance was, they mistakenly thought that it could be obtained through evil means.

Jesus has shown us what we are to inherit and how we can go about it. We have been promised eternal life in heaven, surrounded by the glory and majesty and love of the Father. "He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him" (Ephesians 1:4). Everything that is of heaven has been promised us, if we remain faithful in order to take hold of it. The inheritance is "imperishable, undefiled, and fading," and is "kept in heaven" for us (1 Peter 1:4-5).

How do we receive this wonderful prize? "We have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). By faith and baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection, we receive the promises of God. Through Jesus' sacrifice we have been made sons and daughters of God, co-heirs with Christ of the grace and joy he now experiences at the right hand of his Father (see Romans 8:16-17).

We cannot gain this spiritual wealth except the Son gives it to us. We cannot earn this inheritance without knowing Jesus Christ, without seeking him in faith-filled reception of the sacraments, in prayer and the reading of scripture. God wants us to have our inheritance but we cannot take it through human means. This, in essence, is the meaning of this passage.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus, our great prize, to us. The Spirit can teach us to receive our inheritance with humble and grateful hearts. He will help us to reverence Jesus, the author of every grace and blessing, so that at the end of time, we might enter into the great inheritance for which he has saved us.

## **MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

John the Baptist spoke the word of God to princes and kings, to priests and people alike, with little regard for the consequences. Like the prophet Jeremiah, he spoke out against the tide of moral corruption and spiritual apathy that characterized Israel's leaders at that time. He stood for God's righteousness and spoke out fearlessly when those in leadership were making a mockery of the law of the Lord. Ultimately, he paid the price for his faithfulness to God - it cost him his head.

John's life and execution witnessed to and foreshadowed the life and death of Jesus. The Baptizer decreased his importance to glorify Jesus, just as Jesus glorified His Father in heaven. As a matter of fact, when Herod first heard of Jesus, he believed Him to be John risen from the dead (Mk 6:16).

All Christians face challenges similar to the ones that John faced. Who among us hasn't had to swim against the prevailing culture - and paid a price for it - in trying to maintain our commitment to Jesus? Who hasn't experienced some form of persecution or harassment for their beliefs? There is a saying that Jesus came not just to comfort the troubled, but to trouble the comfortable as well. Doesn't this in some way describe our presence as Christians in the world?

In practice, this may mean holding unpopular positions in your school or workplace. It may mean being called "backward" or "old-fashioned" because of your beliefs or lifestyle. When you seek to share the Gospel, you may be rejected or accused of meddling or imposing your beliefs. In my own country, Indonesia, people call it "Christianization". That, however, has always been the experience of God's servants. Faithfulness to God and the Lord Jesus can be costly.

Despite rejection or persecution, the promise that we can hold onto - which the prophet Jeremiah and John the Baptist held onto - is that God is always with us and He will strengthen us. He suffers with those who suffer, and He offers endless depths of consolation and encouragement. He will continue to form us and teach us how to minister His truth with love and compassion, and He will continue to strengthen us for whatever struggles lie ahead. If John could handle months in prison and even martyrdom, we can handle whatever is given to us - not by our might or natural endurance, but by hiding ourselves in the presence of God.

## **BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR**

The Eastern Christian Churches start the new Church Year on September 1. At the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea held in 325, the Church Fathers accepted this date, as the official beginning of the church year. Already from the 8th century, we find record of this practice being kept. The Eastern Catholic Churches continue to follow this liturgical tradition. The Latin rite has designated the first Sunday of Advent as the start of their liturgical year.

The liturgical year is a year-long celebration of the Church recalling and reliving the mysteries of salvation history. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, continues to live among us and instruct us of His Gospel message of salvation and prepare us and lead us to our eternal destination in Heaven. The role of the Mother of God in salvation history is integral and two of Her feasts are given a predominate place: one at the beginning, Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God and another at the end of the church year, Feast of the Dormition. The Liturgical year helps us to maintain a close relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. We unite our fervent prayers to Our Lord and Maker. We are one in spirit and mind. We are one in voice and heart as we sing praise to the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## 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.