

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

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

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

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of September 4, 2022

Sponsored by Kristie Cosgrove in memory of +Shannon Jo McFarland

Sanctuary Candle is lit from August 28 – September 10

Intentions of Nicholas & Barbara Sowko

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

Wednesday, Sept. 7 7:00 PM +Bishop John M. Bilock

Thursday, Sept. 8 9:00 AM Health of Jeannie Pasternak by Luke

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXHALTATION OF THE CROSS

Saturday, September 10 5:00 PM +Robert Wargo by Anna Marie Wargo & Family

Sunday, September 11 9:00AM +George Matus by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

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

Regular Offertory	\$1,572.00
Maintenance Fund	541.00
Holy Day	657.00
Candles	89.00
Loose Cash	46.00
Cemetery	160.00
TOTAL	\$3,065.00

Live Stream

\$25 by Leonard & Felicia Simko

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 4 Janine Tima
- 5 Timothy & Carol Oriss (Anniversary)
- 6 Clem Berovik
- 7 Nicholas & Barbara Sowko (Anniversary)
- 7 Diane Pochron
- 9 Mary Katherine Janocsko
- 10 Joseph & Kristen Varhola (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, August 27:* **45**; *Sunday, August 28:* **65**
Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist: **14**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, August 27:* **30** (WS); **57** (FB)
Sunday, August 28: **61** (WS); **58** (FB)
Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist: **14** (WS); **46** (FB)

Special Donation

\$1,000 in Memory of +Mary & +George Piposar by their children; Tom, Robert, Kenneth, Mary Lou Bittner & Carol Vigna.

STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER PREPARATION

We will be making the stuffed cabbage and doing other prep work for next weekend's dinner on **Thursday, September 8 beginning at 6 PM**. If you are able to help, any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

KENTUCKY RELIEF THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Kentucky flood relief. Our donations were given to a larger relief drive which filled three 26 foot trucks. The items were given to 4 different donation centers in 3 different counties. Thank you again for helping those in need.

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 10 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, September 11 from 10 AM – 1 PM.** In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski and soup, 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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 16: 13-24

Matthew 21: 33-42



We as the Christian Church should receive this parable with fear and trembling. If the nation of Israel had been given great riches, what have we as Eastern Catholic Christians been given? We no longer wait for the Messiah, He has come. In fact, we're preparing even now to receive His body and blood in the Divine Liturgy. Man's salvation is no longer prophesied, but was fulfilled in Christ. We are no longer slaves of the law, but free in the love of Christ. And we, who are in possession of the fullness of this Mystery, are we caring for it any better than God's first chosen people?

The vineyard of the Church is planted. It is hedged from the world by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our altar is the heavenly altar, and our worship takes place in the heavens. We have been given all we need for the bountiful harvest. But what will our Lord find when He returns? Will we be working diligently in the vineyard—both tilling the soil of our own hearts, as well as calling those outside the vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return?

Christ makes it abundantly clear both in this morning's parable and in other places, if we don't use the gifts we've been given—both as a Church body, and as individual Christians—then the gifts will be taken away. And we'll be called to give an account for our failures. In response to the love and mercy of our Savior, let us strive to bring forth fruits worthy of the kingdom of Heaven. Fruits of love, of mercy and of compassion. Fruits of a sinless life, of prayer and Christ-likeness. Fruits that we can give to our Master in return for all that He has given us.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Church Year begins on 1st September and on the eighth day, we celebrate the first of the Great Feasts, that of the Nativity of the All-holy Virgin. The Virgin was born of the natural marital union of her parents, although her conception and birth were miraculous in that both her parents were childless until deep old age. From her father, the Righteous Joachim, the Virgin was descended from the ancient royal house, from David the King, and through her mother, St Anna, she was of the priestly lineage. There were in

Israel no longer kings of the ancient line, and thus the descendants of the kings lived among the common people. However, both Joachim and Anna were also illustrious on account of their faith, piety and righteousness, and for this reason they were chosen by God to be the parents of her who was to become His Mother. Their blessed daughter is seen as the fulfillment of the Old Testament mysteries. The ladder which the Patriarch Jacob saw, linking heaven and earth, was a foreshadowing of her, who linked heaven and earth by being the instrument of God's incarnation. Ezekiel speaks of the gate which "looks toward the east," quoting the Lord as saying, "This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it, because the Lord, the God of Israel has entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut." These words foretell the mystery of her Ever-Virginity. Saint Andrew of Crete calls this feast, "the beginning of the feasts," and the "doorway to grace and truth." The services of the Church refer to it as the day on which God set up a throne on earth prepared for Himself. Very often in the Eastern churches, there is a large icon of the Mother of God with her hands upraised in prayer, and with the Christ Child blessing in front of her breast, in the eastern apse of the building. This icon reiterates this truth. The Holy Table on which the Eucharist is offered is called in Byzantine terminology, the Throne, and the icon of the Mother of God immediately above it in the apse states clearly that she was the Throne prepared for Him and by Him on earth. The second day of the feast is kept as a commemoration of her righteous parents, and the feast lasts for five days.

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.

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.