

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 22 5:00 PM +Elizabeth Pristas by Wilma Gamret

Sunday, October 23 9:00 AM +Michael & +Anna Szerbin by Szerbin Grandchildren

Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: Tone 3 pages 135 - 137

Web Liturgy for Week of October 23, 2022 sponsored by
Lori Urban Lyons in Memory of +John West

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 23 – November 5
In Memory of +Andrew & Anna Borsh by Agnes Borsh

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENEOST

Saturday, October 29 5:00 PM +Maldonetta May by Deborah Hilla

Sunday, October 30 9:00AM +Thomas Perhach by Keith & Carol Varner

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,156.00
Maintenance Fund	473.00
Holy Day	5.00
Candles	77.52
Loose Cash	30.00
Cemetery	130.00
TOTAL	\$2,871.52

Special Offering

\$10 in Memory of +Andrew Ferko & +Julianne by William Trappen

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

23 Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla (Anniversary)
24 Steven & Joann Ostheim (Anniversary)
24 Mary Ann Seman

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 15: 61; Sunday, October 16: 54*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 15: 30 (WS); 44 (FB)*
Sunday, October 16: 29 (WS); 30 (FB)

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

On *Saturday and Sunday, November 12th and 13th* our Parish will honor in a special way our Veterans and Military Personnel. This celebration will include prayerful supplications and a blessing at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you served in the armed forces of our country and are planning to attend this celebration, please notify the parish office. We ask that you please submit to the parish office by **Wednesday, November 9th** the names of Veterans in your families (deceased and living).

SARRIS' CANDY ORDERS

Order forms for Sarris' Candy are located in the vestibules of the church. Please return order forms by November 13, 2022.

SEMINARY BENEFIT RAFFLE

In conjunction with the annual St. Nicholas Banquet, a raffle is being conducted that benefits our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Each ticket cost \$10 and is based on the PA Daily 3-digit Number. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please see Fr. Andrew.

KOLACHE ORDERS

We are now accepting Kolache orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Deadline to order Kolache for Thanksgiving is November 6, 2022. Deadline to order Kolache for Christmas is November 27, 2022. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church. *Due to the increase in ingredients, all kolache are \$15.00 each.*

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

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

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA BASKETS

Sunday, November 13, 2022, 1-4 PM, Cathedral Center. There will be 30+ baskets, a variety of vendors, eat in or take out Beef Tips over noodles dinner, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please call Diane at 412-303-6534. Your place for Christmas gift ideas.

BOBALKI ORDERS

People have been inquiring about bobalki for Christmas Eve Dinner. We will be taking orders for bobalki in 1 pound bags. Each 1# bag will cost \$7. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church.

HOAGIE/HALUSKI SALE

The Parish Club of Sts. Peter & Paul, Duquesne is once again sponsoring an Election Day Hoagie/Haluski sale on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. The cost is \$10 per hoagie, \$6 haluski pint, and \$8 haluski quart. Forms are in the church vestibule. **DEADLINE to order is October 30, 2022.** **You may pick up your order on Tuesday at the Cathedral rectory from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM.**

ETHNIC FESTIVAL

St. John the Baptist Church, 201 East Main St. Uniontown, Sunday, October 30, Noon to 5 PM. The afternoon includes ethnic foods, baked goods, entertainment, presentations, craft sales, raffles and more. Everyone is welcome, admission is free.

TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 4300 Main St. Munhall. November 5, 2022, 4 – 6:30 PM. Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Adult dinner, age 13 and up, \$12; Age 4-12, \$8; children 3 and under, free. Walk-ins and phone orders welcome. Phone orders end at 6 PM. (412) 461-6958.



Attentive to the Word

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 1: 11-19
Luke 16: 19-31

“But I meant well!” This defense was given by a convicted forger as he explained that he was forging checks in order to feed his hungry children. The jury was sympathetic, but not swayed in his favor. Do good intentions count? Yes, but not always. Some mistakes are minor and insignificant. Others are fatal and tragic. Let Jesus, through Luke's Gospel, tell a story which pictures a well-meaning man who made some fatal mistakes.

The background of this story is that Jesus was talking with some Pharisees "who were lovers of money," as verse 14 says. They wanted to justify themselves before others for their miserly attitudes. Jesus then told the story we know as "The Rich Man and Lazarus." In this story Jesus pointed out some serious errors the rich man had made in attitude and action.

He mistook today for eternity. The rich man, called Dives in one translation, is pictured as having the best of everything—regal clothes, sumptuous meals, spacious house. He had it all. The trouble with this is that the rich man began to think of this life as all there is. The fine clothes and great meals blinded him to the fact that this life is not the end, but that eternity awaits all.

This mistake is still very much with us today. How often do people say or live, echoing an old beer commercial, "You go around only once, so you've got to grab for all the gusto you can!" Dives mistook today for eternity, thinking that he would always do well. He forgot that judgment will come and that God is not impressed by fancy clothes or banquet spreads. God will ask for an accounting of life.

Next, he mistook opportunity for privilege. The rich man had enormous opportunity to ease the suffering of the poor, especially of Lazarus who sat at his gate. This could have been done so easily as hardly to bother Dives at all. But he failed! He saw wealth as privilege rather than as an opportunity to help others. Apparently he had never read the prophet Ezekiel who gave God's prophecy against a people who made the same mistake. God said through his prophet, "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy." (16:49) We do not have to be rich in order to help. Contributions to food banks, clothes closets, and community chests help. Most important, though, is your getting personally involved with people in need.

He mistook a neighbor for a nobody. The contrast between the rich man and Lazarus is striking. One had everything, food, clothing, friends to share the banquet. The other had nothing except a seat on the ground by the other's door. Lazarus had only the company of dogs who licked his sores as a way to heal them, as they licked themselves. They cared, but the man who could have done most did not.

Dives mistook his neighbor Lazarus for a nobody. He did not speak to him, comfort him, give him anything except crumbs. In that day before napkins, people would use chunks of bread to wipe their hands on after a meal. These crumbly chunks were then thrown out. This is what Lazarus longed for. Even garbage was better than what he had. The rich man could have done so much so easily, but he did nothing. For him, Lazarus was simply a nobody. In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus had once warned against thinking of another as "Raca." That term could be loosely translated as "nobody."

For Dives, none of the suffering or hardship of others made any difference to him. His mind was closed to the revelation of God, and his heart was closed to the revelation of the demands of compassion. Even after death he still wanted Lazarus to be his lackey, his "boy." He told Abraham, "Send Lazarus to get me some water." He thought he was still in charge! In all of this Dives never thought of Lazarus as a real human being like himself, with a name and a history and a future. He seemed like a nameless nobody. But he did have a name. Lazarus is from the Hebrew Eleazar which means "God is his help." And so he was. Earthly values were reversed later and the nobody became somebody. God noticed the one whom the rich man ignored.

Finally, he mistook his possessions for his soul. Can't you just see Dives taking care of his expensive clothes? No treatment was too good for them-special cleaning and pressing and storage. And his other things? He built a special garage just for his Rolls Royce. He sent his servants into the market every day so they could buy only the freshest food for the meals. They cleaned the mansion daily and made sure it was spotless.

The rich man neglected one thing however, his soul. He had made the fatal mistake of thinking that his things fully comprised his life. He was probably a Saducee and believed in no afterlife, although they had the law and the prophets. Amidst all of the elaborate preparation and care he took, Dives neglected the thing of greatest value-his very self. Was he not like the one about whom Jesus spoke as he told the story of a farmer who built bigger barns? On the night of the completion of the building expansion God said to him, "You fool, this night your soul will be required of you."

Dives made some fatal mistakes in his relationships with other people, with God, and even with himself. You will not want to make the same mistakes. Do you?

VA PITTSBURGH DONATION WISH LIST

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System depends on the goodwill of benefactors and volunteers who wish to give something back to America's heroes, and they accept material donations to provide enhanced services to Veterans receiving treatment at their facilities. As part of our Parish Philip's Fast almsgiving, we will be collecting items to donate to the Vets. Below is a list of items they could use:

Personal Care Items:

- *Body Wash*
- *Denture Adhesive & Cleaner*
- *Roll-on Deodorant*
- *Combs, Toothpaste*
- *Tooth Brushes*
- *Shaving Cream*
- *shampoo & conditioner*
- *disinfectant wipes*
- *hand sanitizer*
- *tissues*
- *reading glasses*
- *gloves*

Refreshments:

- Chips, pretzels, snack crackers, and granola bars (single serve sizes)
- Sugar in a can
- Soda (two-liter bottles of regular and diet, caffeine free is preferred)
- Raisins
- Pudding cups
- Slim Jims

- Soup Cups
- Coffee (regular or decaf) and coffee creamers
- Grocery gift cards

Assorted Items:

- Disposable cups, napkins, plates, forks and spoons
- Gift Cards for outpatient programs
- Markers for art projects
- Chess and checkers sets
- Books (for the Canteen)
- Puzzle Books
- Large, flat-screen TV (for Wii bowling)
- Karaoke Machine
- Headsets for dialysis patients

NO USED ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

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.