

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 15 **5:00 PM +Richard Fialkovich by MM John Michlovic**

Sunday, October 16 **9:00 AM +Nancy Matijak**

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Web Liturgy for Week of October 16, 2022 sponsored by
Nicholas and Lorraine Havrilla

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 9 – October 22
Special Intention of Nicholas S. & Lorraine Havrilla by Havrilla Family

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST

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

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

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

Regular Offertory	\$3,932.00
Maintenance Fund	527.00
Holy Day	20.00
Candles	59.04
Loose Cash	20.00
Cemetery	612.00
TOTAL	\$5,170.04

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 Havrilscek*, 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

- 17 Patricia Belfiglio
- 19 Donald & Lou Bajus (Anniversary)
- 19 Basil & Barbara Wahal (Anniversary)
- 21 Ruth Ondo
- 21 William & Ruth Ondo, Sr. (Anniversary)
- 22 Leonard & Felicia Simko (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 8: 44; Sunday, October 9: 52*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 8: 30 (WS); 63 (FB)*
Sunday, October 9: 59 (WS); 48 (FB)

MANY YEARS

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful to **Subdeacon Luke Iyengar** and **Readers Nathaniel Tapsak, Tyler Wisniewski, John Cencich, David Dominguez, Joseph Hancharik, Douglas King, Barry Smith and Michael Yewcic** who were ordained on Saturday, October 15, 2022 to the Minor Orders for service in the Archeparchy. *May God grant to His servants peace, health and happiness for many years!*

DEANERY PASTA DINNER

The Pittsburgh Prototypesbyterate (Deanery) invites ALL our faithful to a Deanery Pasta Dinner which will take place at St. Elias Church on Sunday, October 23rd, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This pasta dinner will be prepared and served by the priests and deacons in our Pittsburgh deanery. This is a free/free will offering event. *If you are planning to attend, please use the sign-up sheet in the church narthex by Sunday October 16.*

CRAFT SHOW

Our Parish will conduct our Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, October 22, 2022** from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will be **60** crafters/vendors. We will be selling Stuffed Cabbage, haluski, pirohi and lasagna, eat-in or take-out, as well as our kolache and other baked goods.

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.

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.

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.

DEADLINE TO DONATE ITEMS IS NOVEMBER 13, 2022



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Hebrews 13: 7-16

John 17: 1-13

In the Byzantine tradition, today is the commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, the second held in the city of Nicaea, at which the Iconoclast heresy was condemned, and the sacred images restored to their rightful places for the veneration of the Christian faithful. At the seventh session of Second Nicaea, the definitive decree on the veneration of images was promulgated, on October 13, 787; the commemoration is fixed according to various traditions to a Sunday close to that date. That Council decreed that sacred images are not merely good and useful, but that they are necessary!

The rejection of the sacred images, particularly those of Christ, is ultimately a denial of the Incarnation. The very choice of location for the council expressed this idea; at the time it was called, the two previous ecumenical councils and the important synod ‘in Trullo’ had all been held in Constantinople. The Empress Irene, who as regent of her young son Constantine VI, arranged for a council to condemn iconoclasm, had tried to hold it in the imperial capital, but it was broken up by soldiers friendly to the iconoclast heresy. It was therefore moved to Nicaea, where the first ecumenical council had gathered 462 years earlier to condemn the Arian heresy that denied the true divinity of Christ.

The refusal to depict Christ is a rejection of the fullness of His humanity, which is real, solid, and “circumscribed”, i.e., subject to limitations, and therefore capable of being expressed in an image. His humanity is the means of our redemption and salvation, as we confess in the Creed every Sunday, “For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven etc.” In the eighth and final session, the Council therefore also anathematized all who do not confess that “Christ our God is circumscribed according to His humanity.” The Greek word used here, “perigrapton – circumscribed”, is related to the verb “graphein – to write”, the term which is often used in Greek to refer to the painting of icons. None of this is accidental.

The liturgical texts proper to this commemoration make the point in a very interesting way. At Second Nicaea, the Patriarchs of Constantinople who had supported the iconoclast heresy were all condemned by name. However, they are not referred to in the liturgy, nor are the iconoclast emperors Leo the Isaurian, the real inventor and motivator of the heresy, and his two successors, Constantine V and Leo IV.

It would be easy, but unjust, to see in this omission nothing more than an unwillingness to offend the offices of the Emperor and Patriarch. The greater truth taught by the Council, and by the Byzantine liturgy, is that the refusal of sacred images is a refusal of the Incarnation. To this point, therefore, the earlier Christological heretics are named repeatedly in the liturgy of the day, as in these texts from Vespers:

“As true shepherds you bravely drove away those who are like Macedonius, Nestorius, Eutyches, Dioscorus, Apollinaris, Sabellius and Severus (of Antioch), exposed as dangerous wolves in sheepskins, far from the Savior’s flock, stripped of their fleeces, making them thrice-wretched; therefore we call you blessed”.

Let us praise today the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who sang a harmonious melody of theology in the midst of the Church, to the one Trinity, unchanging Essence and Godhead; the overthrowers of Arius, the champions of the Orthodox, who interceded with the Lord that He may have mercy on our souls.

Holy Fathers, you have become sure guardians of the Apostolic traditions; for by teaching the orthodox doctrine of the consubstantiality of the Holy Trinity, you overthrew in council the blasphemy of Arius. With him you refuted Macedonius, the opponent of the Spirit, and condemned Nestorius, Eutyches and Dioscorus, Sabellius and Severus the Leaderless. We implore you: beg that we who have been delivered from their error may preserve our life spotless in the faith.

The following text, sung between the first and second parts of the Doxology at the Aposticha, is particularly noteworthy. One might easily assume it was a part of the commemoration of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council on the Sunday after the Ascension, rather than that of today, again underlining the intrinsic connection between iconoclasm and Arianism, and between veneration of the images and the Incarnation.

“Let us with faith celebrate today the yearly commemoration of the God-bearing Fathers, who were assembled from the whole world in the radiant city of Nicaea, as we reverence the gatherings of the orthodox; for they, their minds attuned to true religion, overthrew the godless teaching of Arius, and in council banished him from the Church; and in the symbol of faith, which they precisely and devoutly laid down, they taught all to confess clearly the Son of God as consubstantial and co-eternal, and existing before the ages. And so we too, following their divine teachings and firm in our belief, worship the Son and the all-holy Spirit with the Father, in one Godhead, a consubstantial Trinity.”

Although Iconoclasm was definitively condemned at Second Nicaea, it was revived in the early 9th century for almost thirty years under the emperors Leo V (813-20), Michael II (820-29) and Theophilus (829-42). Shortly after Theophilus’ son Michael III, came to the throne as a child of two, his mother and regent Theodora arranged for the definitive restoration of the icons at a synod in Constantinople.

The liturgical expression of this final victory is the celebration of the first Sunday of Lent as the “Sunday of Orthodoxy.” On that day, the Byzantine liturgy reads a text known as the “Synodikon of Orthodoxy”, a collection of the anathemas of the first seven ecumenical councils. The text has been much altered and added to over the years, but the first rubric in one of the oldest manuscripts describes it thus: “A yearly thanksgiving is due to God on account of that day when we recovered the Church of God, with the demonstration of the dogmas of true religion and the overthrowing of the blasphemies of wickedness.”

By Gregory DiPippo

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.