

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, November 12 5:00 PM +Raymond Petro, Sr. by Shirley Petro & Family

Sunday, November 13 9:00 AM +Paul Chekan by Joseph M. Chekan

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Web Liturgy for Week of October November 13, 2022 sponsored by  
**Kristie Cosgrove in memory of +Francine Cancelliere**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from November 6 – November 19  
**In Memory of +Andrew & +Mary Filko by Beverly Tima**

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENEOST**

Saturday, November 19 5:00 PM +George & Anne Bodnar by Danscak Family

Sunday, November 20 9:00 AM +Elaine Geraci by Jean Repine & Family

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,235.00
Maintenance Fund	757.00
Holy Day	295.00
Candles	98.25
Loose Cash	45.00
Cemetery	145.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,575.25</b>

**Parking Lot: \$35**

**Live Stream: \$25 by Leonard & Felicia Simko**

**Special Offering: \$100 given anonymously**

*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

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 14 Andrew Fedoris, Sr.
- 14 Edward Stasko
- 16 Steven & Lorraine Dumblosky (Anniversary)
- 17 Joseph Perhach
- 17 Raymond Perhach
- 17 Betsy Raget
- 17 Lawrence & Ellen Kryszinski (Anniversary)
- 18 Anna Marie Chekan

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, November 5: 40; Sunday, November 6: 81*  
*Feast of Archangel Michael & All Angels:*  
*Evening: 22; Morning: 9*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, November 5: 26 (WS); 39 (FB)*  
*Sunday, November 6: 60 (WS); 55 (FB)*  
*Feast of Archangel Michael & all Angels:*  
*Evening: 19 (WS); 26 (FB)*  
*Morning: 16 (WS); 19 (FB)*

## **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. *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.*

## KOLACHE ORDERS

**Thanksgiving pick up is the weekend of November 20.** If you need them earlier, please let Fr. Andrew know. 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.***

## 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.

## SAINT NICHOLAS CHARITY EVENT

The Annual “*St. Nicholas Celebration*” benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius **at St. John Cathedral** is Sunday, December 4, 2022. A Moleben will be celebrated at 3 PM in the Cathedral followed by a social hour and dinner in the Center. **Adults tickets are \$45 and children (12 and under) are \$20. All families and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please see Fr. Andrew for more information. Deadline to order tickets, is November 13, 2022.**

## FINAL GCU LODGE MEETING

The final GCU Lodge 602 meeting will take place at Rockbottom, Waterfront, on **Sunday, November 27, 2022** from Noon until 3 PM. Luncheon cost is \$10. Please inform Patty Bovee 412.462.6385 if you are attending.

## “CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have of *Halushki, Chili, Chicken Gnocci, Beef Vegetable, Stuffed Cabbage and Potato Green Bean soups* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

## HOLIDAY KOLBASSI SALE

Ss. Peter & Paul Men’s Club, Duquesne is once again selling kolbassi. Cost is \$7/lb. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances. ***Please order by December 11, 2022*** and DELIVERY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 2022. Thank you for your support.

*Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.  
Stop telling God how big your storm is.  
Instead, tell the storm how big your God is!*

## VETERANS DAY

On November 11 our country honors all our military personnel, deceased or alive, who have served our country in war and peace. So today, our Parish Family pays tribute to all our veterans who have served and serve our country.

### *Living*

Clement Berovik	Navy
Robert Bodnar	Navy
Martin Bovee Sr.	Air Force
Trudy Chingwa	Army
Bernard E. Ducar	National Guard
John Ducar	Army
Joseph Filko	Marines
Richard Gomolak	Army
Richard Lesko	Army
Nicholas Havrilla	Air Force
William Ondo	Army
Raymond Perhach	Army
Nicholas Pieper	Army
Michael Pochron	Air Force
John Raget	Army
William Sabo	Army
Nicholas Sowko	Army

### *Deceased*

+Louis Balazs	Army
+Edward Berovik	Army
+Joseph Berovik	Merchant Marines
+Albert Bodnar	Navy
+Edward Borsh	Army
+Robert Cosgrove	Navy
+Michael Ducar	Army
+John W. Ducar	Army
+Joseph Ducar	Navy
+Leonard Ducar	Army
+John Filko	Air Force
+Michael Filko	Army
+William Edward Hilla	Army
+Michael Mihalchik, Jr.	Navy
+Andrew Perhach	Army
+Michael Stofko	Air Force
+Edward Szerbin	Army
+Michael Szerbin	Army
+Michael Tima	Army
+Steve Tima, Sr.	Navy
+Michael Totin, Sr.	Army
+Nicholas Winowich	Army

***THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!***



# Attentive to the Word

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

*Luke 10: 25-37*

It often happens that the answer to a problem troubling us is in fact staring us in the face. It's a common experience that we frequently overlook what is most obvious. Or, as it is sometimes put: 'We fail to see the wood for the trees'. We search everywhere for what is in front of our noses.

We have a good example of this truth in the Parable of the Good Samaritan that we have just heard. The parable is uncomfortably simple. Its message is almost too obvious for us to see – as it was for the lawyer Jesus told it to. He asked Jesus to tell him who his neighbor might be. Probably, he expected some abstract, philosophical discourse. But Jesus would not let him get away that easily. Instead, he is given by way of answer a story that makes it all very concrete. The lawyer agrees that the neighbor is the one 'who took pity on the man who had been set upon'. And then Jesus makes it immediate and personal for the lawyer: 'Go and do the same yourself'.

In many areas of our life, we resist seeing what is most obvious – for example, what it is in ourselves that sets others on edge. To others it may be painfully clear where we fall short in neighborliness, kindness, sensitivity... But we ourselves just don't get it. Often, the truth is really that we do not want to see what it is in ourselves that does not tally with the Christianity we profess.

But if we are willing, even just a bit willing, to have our eyes opened, there is a very simple way forward. It is this: I need to ask myself what it is in others that irritates me; what it is in others that sets me off criticizing them. Because what it is in others that makes me judgmental about them may well be something in myself that I don't at all like! – something that I deeply disapprove of; something in myself that I would much rather not know about, let alone honestly face up to.

## **NATIVITY (PHILIP'S) FAST**

November 15 begins the period of fasting in preparation for the feast of the Birth of Our Lord. Traditionally, this penitential season is called the Philip's Fast, because it begins on November 15, the day after the Feast of St. Philip and 40 days before the Nativity of Our Lord.

During this fast no particular penitential acts are required by law, but the faithful are encouraged to keep this season holy. By tradition Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

are especially observed by abstinence from certain foods, most notably meat. In the very least, you are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays.

A period of penance, of course, means more than just abstaining from food. More time should be allowed for prayer, attending pre-Nativity services, and for acts of charity to others.

The “Christmas Spirit” will have a special meaning for believers, especially if our celebration of Christ’s birth marks a time of growth in spirit, a permanent improvement in our life of faith and love for others. This holy season, above all, should be a time of kindness and joy, marked by abstinence from hurting others, from deceit, gossip, anger, quarrelling, and all other vices which arise from the tongue. It was also the custom for the faithful to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation during this Fast to purify themselves for the great Feast. You are encouraged to do so.

It may seem difficult to keep this fast today. The pre-Nativity time is a period of merriment and parties. Yet, the Church points to a deeper spiritual meaning of Christmas, that on this day God the Son and Word emptied Himself to take flesh as a man. As St. Paul said, “He made himself poor though He was rich, so that you might become rich by His poverty.”(1Corinthians 8:9). This penitential season, then, is an invitation by the Church to humble ourselves in some small way, in imitation of Christ so that we might receive on Christmas Day God’s greatest gift – His Only-begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **PHILIP’S FAST GIVING TREE**

Our parish will once again sponsor a “**Christmas Giving Tree**” to help those in need. This year our donations will help the Boys and Girls Club of McKeesport, an after school program in Duquesne, PA. This year, donations will be in the form of specific gift cards. Giving Tree envelopes will be available on the tree located in the front vestibule starting this weekend. Please **return** your gift card(s), in the envelope from the tree, **no later than Sun., Nov. 27**. Thank you for your consideration.

### **EMMANUEL MOLEBEN**

The Pittsburgh Deanery will celebrate two Emmanuel Molebens for the Philip’s Fast. The first will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 20, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair**. The second will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 18, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Lyndora**. There will be opportunity for the celebration of the Mystery of Reconciliation. All are invited and encouraged to attend as we prepare for the Feast of the Nativity.

## 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.