

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, January 21 5:00 PM +Maria Heddleston by Bajus Family

Sunday, January 22 9:00 AM +Paul Matijak

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Web Liturgy for Week of January 22, 2023 sponsored by
Bajus Family in Memory of +Maria Heddleston

Sanctuary Candle is lit from January 15 – January 28
In Memory of +Maria Heddleston by Bajus Family

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Saturday, January 28 5:00 PM +Jack Karadous by Anna Marie Wargo

**Sunday, January 29 9:00 AM +Joseph R. Mihalic, Sr. & +Elizabeth Rusnak
Mihalic by Patricia Madden**

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

Regular Offertory	\$3,382.00
Maintenance Fund	858.00
Holy Day	115.00
Candles	69.87
Loose Cash	42.00
TOTAL	\$4,466.87

*During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.
Please consider remembering St. John Cathedral in your will
as a lasting legacy for future generations!*

Please call the parish office if you would like your 2022 contribution statement.

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 Havrilsca*k, Aaron Spang, Janet Ducar, Mary Pavasko, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, Betty Martin, Teresa Sekel, Patty Schneider, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Joanne Smoley, Rich Scott

Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins. Other names are submitted prayer requests.

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban, Len Stagon, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

22 Betty Banyas
22 Debbie Cosgrove
23 Jane Savko
25 Josephine Zadrowski
25 Andrew Oriss
25 Nicole Pavasko

Special Donation

\$500 by Ronald & Trudy Metz

\$500 by George & Carole Garber

Live Stream Donatons

\$100 Leonard & Felicia Simko

Parking Lot Donation

\$100 by Joe & Peg Barron

In person Attendance: *Saturday, January 14: 57; Sunday, January 15: 56*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, January 14: 30 (WS); 54 (FB)*
Sunday, January 15: 68 (WS); 73 (FB)

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

The first All Souls Divine Liturgy is Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM. We come together to pray for our deceased loves ones. They are by no means forgotten nor a nameless mass of people, for by name we mention them, we perpetuate their memory and we pray that our loving and merciful God will be pleased to bring them into His saving presence.

PLEASE USE THE ALL SOULS ENVELOPE AND ATTEND THE DIVINE LITURGIES FOR YOUR DECEASE LOVED ONES.

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only Chicken Paprikash dinner on **Saturday, January 21 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, January 22 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Chicken Paprikash served over dumplings, cucumber salad, bread and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

2022 PARISH FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

On **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, following the 9 AM Divine Liturgy, I will give a presentation on the 2021 Parish Finances. The presentation will be held in the Cathedral Center.

“KATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for \$18 and 1 dozen for \$30; quarts of *Halushki, Chili & Wedding, Potato/Green Bean, Mushroom, Beef Vegetable, Chicken Gnocchi, Chicken noodle, Pasta Fagioli (Ham & Bean) Turkey, Stuffed Pepper and Stuffed Cabbage soups* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

We will be holding another Rummage Sale on June 3 & 4, 2023. Please put aside any items you no longer want or need for our flea market.

As in the past, we cannot accept TV's, computers, shoes and clothes. Small boxes may be left in the church vestibules. Arrangements can be made to pick up larger items. Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May/June. Thanks for your donations.

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

February 11/12	Breaded Pork Chop Dinner
March-April	Kolache/Paska orders and Soup Sales
April 22	Spring Craft Show
April 29	Archieparchial Assembly
May 20/21	Breaded Chicken Dinner
June 2/3	Rummage Sale
September 9/10	Stuffed Cabbage Dinner
October 21	Fall Craft Show
November 12	Basket Extravaganza



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of Zacchaeus

1 Timothy 4: 9-15

Luke 19: 1 – 10

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house. " (Lk. 19:5)

For many of us, on the Sunday when we hear the Gospel reading of the 'vertically challenged' tax collector, Zacchaeus it means one thing for certain: the liturgical season of Great Lent will be upon us before we know it! The details of his encounter with Jesus are familiar to all of us. Zacchaeus, a sinful and avaricious tax collector, despised by everyone, hears Jesus passing by. He experiences a sudden desire to see him in the flesh and climbs up a tree in order to catch sight of him. Jesus notices him perched on a branch and orders him to climb down and take him to his house where Jesus dines with him. As a result, Zacchaeus undergoes a total conversion from his sinful ways.

In many ways, the story of Zacchaeus mirrors our own personal story because each of us sits, mired in the morass of our sins and temptations, much like Zacchaeus at his money table. Unfortunately, many people today remain in this deplorable state for a lifetime, content to be so. But the story of Zacchaeus demonstrates to us that it does not have to be this way. We are not necessarily doomed to live out our lives in sin and despair. Jesus Christ came to this earth as man and God, to change the direction of our lives and to make them better. Jesus is always seeking us out, always calling us by name, but many times the concerns and comforts of our life stifle His voice from reaching our ears, much like Zacchaeus, whose short stature prevented him from seeing Jesus through the crowd of people. But something wonderful and unexpected happens to Zacchaeus. He suddenly feels a tug of desire at his heart. He realizes that he must, at all costs, see Jesus for himself, up close. And, leaving his personal dignity at his table, he makes a spectacle of himself as he clambers, like a child, up a tree and onto an overhanging branch in order catch a glimpse of Jesus, passing by. And the rest, as they say, is history.

What was this strange desire that suddenly came over him? And, more importantly, can we also experience this same feeling that would enable us to leave our

sins at the side of the road and radically change our lives and devote them to Jesus, as well? The answer is: yes, we can, but not alone! Fortunately for us, the Church realizes that we need help in hearing the voice of Jesus, we need help in experiencing the desire to see Jesus, we need help in climbing the tree of our personal conversion, and we are helpless if we attempt this with our own limited powers alone. This is why the Church, in her wisdom, offers us the gift of the holy forty days of Great Lent each year before the celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, as a divine aid in attaining personal conversion. During Great Lent the Church presents us with a sure formula for achieving this goal: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. During the time of Lent we are encouraged to be more devoted to our prayer life, through private meditation and by attending the beautiful and unique Lenten services celebrated in our parish churches. We are also encouraged to pay special attention to our brothers and sisters around us, who may be suffering physical, emotional, or spiritual distress, and serve them in their needs. And finally we are encouraged to fast, in order to attain humility through the taming of our physical appetites, our thoughts, our actions and especially our unruly tongue.

Standing on these three tall pillars of Great Lent, we will be able to rise above the crowd just like Zacchaeus climbing the tree. Like Zacchaeus, nothing will be able to impede our vision; nothing will be able to block our hearing. Zacchaeus shows us that, when we take the first, sometimes difficult step towards Jesus, He will always hasten quickly to us, always beckon us, always embrace us, always enter into our homes, always forgive us, always renew us. Zacchaeus' journey of conversion climbing up a tree towards a personal encounter with Jesus is a symbol of our own Lenten journey of conversion towards our own encounter with Our Lord during the time of Great Lent; a journey towards the moment when we recognize Jesus as Lord and Master of our lives. For each of us the place of encounter is personal and unique. For Zacchaeus, the encounter took place in a very unlikely place, in the branches of a Sycamore tree. For us it could be when we are immersed in prayer, or when we offer a helping hand to someone in need, or when we choose to speak good of someone rather than evil, or at some other time and place when we least expect it. Our sincere prayer is that each of us, during this blessed time of Great Lent, may experience an encounter with Jesus and a personal conversion in Him so that we, along with Zacchaeus would hear the voice of Jesus saying to us: "Today salvation has come to this house." (Lk. 19:9)

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.