

***Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!***

**Schedule of Divine Services**

**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**

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Web Liturgy for Week of January 29, 2023 sponsored by  
**Gregg Dojcak & Family & Stephanie Dojcak  
in Memory of John & Mary Ann Dojcak**

**FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS**

**Monday, January 30, 9 AM +Andrew Halapin by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola**

**MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA**

**Wednesday, February 1, 7 PM +William Basalla by Jacqueline Basalla**

**Thursday, February 2, 9 AM +George Matus by MM Michael Juba & Family**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Saturday, February 4 5:00 PM +Joseph Raschak by Marilyn Beck Raschak**

**Sunday, February 5 9:00 AM +Margie Reynolds by Ronald & Trudy Metz**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,021.00
Maintenance Fund	456.00
Holy Day	5.00
Candles	60.96
Loose Cash	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,557.96</b>

***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 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, 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/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

29 Christine Munsie  
31 Andrew E. Fedoris  
1 Joseph M. Varhola  
4 Jonelle Bovee  
4 Peter & Darlene Minydzak (Anniversary)

## **Special Donation**

**\$100 in Memory of Joseph Raschak by Marilyn Beck Raschak**

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, January 21: 45; Sunday, January 22: 74*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, January 21: 33 (WS); 42 (FB)*  
*Sunday, January 22: 68 (WS); 86 (FB)*

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

**Parking Lot \$100**

## **Live Stream**

**\$50 Bernard E. & Janet Ducar**

**\$25 Anonymous**

**\$25 Arlene Martin**

## **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, Beef Noodle, Chicken Gnocchi, Chicken noodle, Pasta Fagioli (Ham & Bean), Turkey, Stuffed Pepper Creamy Potato 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

## **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 loved 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 DECEASED LOVED ONES.**

# Attentive to the Word

*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

*2 Timothy 3: 10-15*

*Luke 18: 10-14*



Luke introduces the parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector with the statement that it is addressed “to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.” Two men go up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee, standing in a prominent place, thanks God that he is not like the rest of humanity—or even like the tax collector he had noticed. He also reminds God that he fasts twice a week, and pays tithes on his whole income. The tax collector, standing at a distance, beats his breast and prays, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” Jesus then remarks that the tax collector who humbled himself before God went home justified, not the Pharisee who had exalted himself.

Jesus chose to make the Pharisee a principal character of his parable because Pharisees were the most highly respected religious group in the community. Pharisees were intensely committed to the religious traditions of the people. They refused any collaboration with the occupying Roman military power. They kept the commandments, voluntarily fasted beyond the obligatory annual day of fasting, and even cut down on their standard of living to support the needs of the temple.

Jesus chose a tax collector as the opposite principal character because tax collectors were generally held in contempt by the people. They were not only collaborators with the hated Roman oppressors, but by collecting funds to support a corrupt imperial system, made it impossible for many people to fulfill their financial

obligations to the temple. These petty government officials were adept at defrauding people by various strong-arm methods, and were regarded as no better than robbers.

The Pharisee of the parable had every good reason to thank God for the worthiness of his own life, and to despise the tax collector as one who was a threat not only to the temple, but to everything that was worthwhile and holy. When Jesus at the conclusion of his parable remarked that the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee, it must have seemed like a shockingly unfair conclusion. He had taken the risk of pressing the parable to the edge of unfairness in order to teach something essential about the way we stand with God.

Jesus in his parable obviously is not advocating collaboration with an oppressive military power, cheating people, moral relativism, or much less, forbidding evaluation of evil behavior or false teaching.

The Pharisee is condemned because he assumed God's role in judging the spiritual worth of a fellow human being. He exalted himself above the rest of humanity, and despised another through the comparisons he fashioned in his prayer.

It is incidental whether the Pharisee or the tax collector is the one who exalts himself in the sight of God. In today's culture, Jesus would probably have someone like the tax collector exalt himself and despise others in his prayer: "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector." The desire to exalt oneself can always find a reason—even one's humility.

Today at our Eucharist we ask to be freed from illusions that we have fashioned about ourselves, and pray for the grace of sharing in Christ's humility. Through his authentic humility, we will be able to stand before God in our own unique truth, and thus make it possible to receive divine mercy and go home justified.

*By Fr. Champion P. Gavalier, O.S.B.*

## 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.