

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

**Schedule of Divine Services**

***SUNDAY OF THE RADIANT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST***

**Sunday, April 9 9:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family**

**Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: Pages 165 - 171**

Web Liturgy for Week of April 9 2023 sponsored in

**In loving memory of the deceased members of the Cosgrove (Robert, Maryhelen, Keith & Keily), Mihalchik (Michael & Helen) and Suchta (Dolores) families  
by Kim & Kristie Cosgrove**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from April 9 – April 22  
**+Andrew & +Anna Borsh by Agnes Borsh**

**Bright Monday, April 10 9:00 AM 40<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance of +Leonard Stagon  
by Blaise Horgas & Family**

**THOMAS SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 15 5:00 PM +Ronald Smoley by Anna Marie Wargo**

**Sunday, April 16 9:00 AM +Aaron Zini by Parents**

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

Regular Offertory	\$3,778.00
Maintenance Fund	982.00
Holy Day	45.00
Easter	200.00
Flowers	250.00
Candles	90.05
Loose Cash	46.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,391.05</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.*

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

## **NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING**

Elsie Urban, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

13 Mary Elaine Kurtz

14 Emily Wahal

**In person Attendance:**     *Saturday, April 1: 61; Sunday, April 2: 89*  
                                      *Friday Presanctified Liturgy: 31*  
                                      *Holy Monday 23*  
                                      *Holy Tuesday: 21*

**Live Stream Viewing:**     *Saturday, March April 1: 33 (WS); 29 (FB)*  
                                      *Sunday, April 2: 72 (WS); 68 (FB)*  
                                      *Friday Presanctified Liturgy: 30 (WS); 25 (FB)*  
                                      *Holy Monday: 22 (WS); 15 (FB)*  
                                      *Holy Tuesday: 23 (WS); 19 (FB)*

## **Live Stream**

**\$25    Joanna Dizak**

**\$50    Rebecca Michalco**

## **CHOIR CONCERT**

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir returns to Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church at 4815 Fifth Avenue Oakland, Pa. on April 16, 2023 – Thomas Sunday – for a program of readings and hymns celebrating the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the Choir’s joyful presentation “Sing the Hymn of Victory!” featuring many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the Paschal greeting, “Christ is Risen! Christos Voskresel!” A hospitality reception will follow the program in the lower level of the church.

## **EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN’S DAY OF REFLECTION**

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Cathedral Center. *“Consider the Lilies of the Field (Mt 6:28).” Pre-registration is required by May 5, 2023, \$40 includes lunch (no refunds).* Registration forms can be found in the vestibules. For more information call 412-322-8773 or email [ore@archpitt.org](mailto:ore@archpitt.org).

## ARCHDIOCEANAL ASSEMBLY 2023

The Office of Religious Education will be sponsoring the Archdiocesan Assembly on “Synodal Synthesis” **Saturday, April 29, 2023** at our Cathedral Center from 9 AM – 3 PM. Registration forms are available in the church vestibules.

## MEN’S CLUB OF SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH, DUQUESNE

Thank you for helping us with another successful Kolbassi sale!

## “KATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for \$18 and 1 dozen for \$30; quarts of *Halushki, Chili & Wedding, Beef Vegetable, Beef Noodle, Chicken noodle, Turkey, Stuffed Cabbage, Meatless: Mushroom, Creamy Potato, Potato/Green Bean, Vegetarian Vegetable soups* for \$7. *Chicken Paprikash* for \$12. Pirohi \$10/dozen. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew. **Bold denotes meatless.**

## BAKED GOODS

We are in need of baked goods to sell during the Toy Show on April 15 and the Craft Show on April 22. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday, April 13 at 6 PM or Saturday, April 15 before 10 AM.

## GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle tree at the Spring Craft Show, please put them in an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “Lottery Tree.” Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

## CATHEDRAL COOKBOOK

It has been suggested, and people have volunteered to organize, another Cathedral Cookbook. We are looking for submission of recipes to publish in our cookbook. Please consider sharing some of your favorite recipes. We would prefer electronic submissions, but paper copies will also be accepted and formatted. If you would like to be a part of this project, please inform Fr. Andrew.

## FATHER DANSAK’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Tom Dansak will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination this year. I have invited him to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 9 AM for his anniversary Liturgy. Following the Liturgy we will host him at a brunch at our Cathedral Center. If you plan on attending the brunch, please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. **Fr. Tom has asked, “please no gifts. Just your prayers are appreciated.”**

## UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

April 15	Toy Show Kitchen
April 22	Spring Craft Show
April 29	Archdiocesan Assembly
May 20/21	Breaded Chicken Dinner

We call this Day “*The Great Passover.*” The day when Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, thereby giving us New Life. When things become “new” or “Re-newed” they are changed. For this reason, everything in our lives is changed because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the way we pray, our posture in Church, the Church building itself, everything .....

**THERE IS NO KNEELING...**

from Easter until Pentecost Sunday. We are a resurrected people and we stand in the glory of Christ’s Holy Resurrection.

**THE BELLS ARE RUNG...**

over and over again on this day as we proclaim to all that Christ has trampled down death for us.

**THE GOSPEL IS READ IN AS MANY LANGUAGES AS POSSIBLE...**

announcing that the Resurrection is for ALL peoples. Aside from the Gospel being read in English, portions will be read in Slavonic, Greek, Latin, Spanish and Slovenian.

**BRIGHT VESTMENTS AND PROCESSION DECORATIONS...**

are used to constantly remind us that we celebrate the Feast of Victory.

**THE RESURRECTION ICON...**

shows Christ coming from the tomb and raising up Adam and Eve. We, too, are raised up with Him.

**THERE IS NO FASTING...**

during the entire Bright Week in honor of the Resurrection of Christ.

**THE DOORS OF THE ICON SCREEN...**

remain open during this entire week – even when no services are celebrated. The tomb is empty and Heaven is open to all of us!

**BRIGHT MONDAY**

proclaiming the Gospel and Good News to the four corners of the World, to all people of every nation.

**Paschal Greetings**

<u>English:</u>	Christ is Risen!	Indeed He is Risen!
<u>Church Slavonic:</u>	Christos Voskrese!	Voistinnu Voskrese!
<u>Rusin:</u>	Christos Voskres!	Voistinu Voskres!
<u>Greek:</u>	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
<u>Hungarian:</u>	Feltamadt Kristus!	Valoban feltamadt!
<u>Arabic:</u>	Al Masee Kam!	Hakku Kum!
<u>Italian:</u>	Cristo e risorto!	In verita e risorto!
<u>Spanish:</u>	Cristo es resucitado!	En verdad es resucitado!



# Attentive to the Word

During Lent, one of my students gave up complaining "on Tuesdays and Wednesdays." Despite my comments that he should give this up every day, he persisted in this Lenten penance, perhaps being honest with himself about his struggles in this area. Lent is over, but that should not mean an end to sacrifices until next year. While we rejoice greatly in the triumph of Easter, and from that joy should flow a spirit of celebration, a spirit of sacrifice should also remain part of our lives as Christians always. This sacrifice might not consist in giving up sweets or coffee, but rather in living the demands of our Christian lives and vocations with an ever-increasing charity, a love which is more and more self-giving. I recently watched the movie *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* with my students after our study of the novel. One line that particularly struck me, slightly adjusted from the book, occurred when the White Witch was about to kill Aslan, the Christ-figure of the story. Mocking him by pointing out his supposed foolishness for sacrificing his life for Edmund, only to give her the possibility of killing him as well, the Witch says sarcastically, "So much for love." Even the White Witch knew that sacrifice and love always go together. What she could not see was the point, the meaning, the value of that loving sacrifice. Aslan, on the other hand, saw that a freely given sacrifice of "a willing victim in a traitor's stead" was powerful enough that "even death itself would turn backwards." This is the love of our God! This is the love that has conquered sin and death! We sinners are the traitors, and He is the "willing victim" whose sacrificial love brought meaning and purpose not only to His sufferings but even to our own. This Easter, we rejoice in the triumph of His self-giving love over death itself. The Song of Songs in the Old Testament tells us that "love is strong as death" (Song 8:6b). And yet, in the New Covenant; we see that Love is even stronger than death. God, who is love (1 John 4:8b), does not allow death to have the last word, but taking it on Himself, He utterly defeats it. He has truly risen, and He alone has the victory! Yet that glorious resurrection would not have happened had it not been for the sacrifice of His own life that we might live with Him forever. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). His sacrifice for us is the greatest love possible. So let us return love for love. To Our Lord who has so loved us, let us respond through our daily lives with an emphatic, "I love You, too!" Through the way we live, let us give everything in love for Him. Are we willing to sacrifice even when it is difficult, knowing that our God can and will bring meaning and purpose to our self-gift? Or like my student, will we give in to the tendency to set limits on how much or how often we are willing to give ourselves to God, allowing ourselves to hold onto what we think we cannot possibly sacrifice? This Easter and throughout our lives, let us choose to live in the life-giving spirit of sacrificial love for and with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*By Sr. Mary Martha Becnel, OP*

## 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.