

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, April 22    **5:00 PM +James Rozanc by Mary Ann Rozanc**  
Sunday, April 23    **9:00 AM +Joseph Deskevich by Robert & Madeline Martinazzi**

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Web Liturgy for Week of April 30 2023 sponsored by  
**The Andrew & Laura Pushchak Family**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from April 23 – May 6  
**+Father Dennis Bogda by Elaine Bogda**

Thursday, May 4    **9:00 AM Special Intention of Fr. Andrew**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

Saturday, May 6    **5:00 PM +George & Anna Danscak by Danscak Family**  
Sunday, May 7    **9:00AM Health & Welfare of Father Tom Dansak**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,007.00
Maintenance Fund	552.00
Holy Day	374.00
Candles	114.20
Seminary	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,072.20</b>

**Live Stream**

**\$50 Michael & Mary Novak (OH)**

**\$50 Joseph Onoffrey**

*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, 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

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

1 Patricia Goda

4 Eddi Lazarov

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, April 22: 46; Sunday, April 23: 68*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, April 22: 30 (WS); 21 (FB)  
Sunday, April 23: 59 (WS); 47 (FB)*

## **ETERNAL MEMORY**

+**Joanne Smoley and +Alexander Scripp**, Joanne's grandson, passed from this life to the next on March 24, 2023. May they rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed servants Joanne and Alex in His Kingdom forever!*

## **SAINTS CYRIL AND METHIDIUS LECTURE**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Saints Cyril & Methodius Lecture will be presented online, via the Seminary website at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu) on **Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM.** *Fr. John Baldovin, S.J.*, Professor of Historical and Liturgical Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, is this year's esteemed lecturer and has selected as his topic: "Making the City a Church." The lecture can be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel.

## **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).

## **“KATHEDRAL KITCHEN”**

We have quarts of *Halushki, Chili & Beef Vegetable, Beef Noodle, Chicken noodle, Turkey, Stuffed Cabbage, Meatless: Mushroom, 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.**

## **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.

## **UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS**

May 20/21	Breaded Chicken Dinner
June 2/3	Rummage Sale
August 13	Parish Picnic
August 13	Outdoor concert by East Winds Symphonic Band at the Cathedral

## **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.

## **SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS VENDOR EVENT**

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9 AM – 3 PM. St. Pius X Church, 2336 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, 15210. Ethnic Foods and Bake Sale also available.



# Attentive to the Word

## *Sunday of the Paralytic Man*

*Acts 9: 32-42*

*John 5: 1-15*

"Do you want to be healed?" Jesus asked the crippled man by the pool of Bethesda "who had been ill for thirty-eight years" (John 5:5-6). After so many years of sickness, this man seemed to have gotten used to his illness and his feeling of helplessness. His response to Jesus indicated he wished others would fix his problem for him and suggested his despair that no one would: "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up" (John 5:7a). And then he shifted the blame for his failure to be cured: " ... while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me" (John 5:7b). But Jesus desired this man's healing infinitely more than he desired it himself Jesus broke through all the man's excuses and scapegoating with the simple command, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk" (John 5:8). In this moment, Jesus intended not only the man's physical healing but ultimately and primarily his spiritual healing and freedom. In fact, He later told the man, "Look, you are well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse may happen to you" (John 5:14). Throughout the Gospels, Jesus performed healing miracles for those who were sick or possessed by demons, and even for those who had died. But while He did desire to bestow physical healing, never did He stop there. Frequently, He called forth a deeper faith from people before He healed them or their loved ones, thereby drawing them into a closer relationship with Himself to Jairus, before raising his daughter from the dead, He said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36). To the woman with the hemorrhage for twelve years: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction" (Mark 5:34). And to the man whose son was possessed by a mute demon, Jesus exclaimed, "Everything is possible to one who has faith," eliciting the response, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:23-24). In each case, Jesus seeks to draw them into a relationship of faith and trust in Him. "The deeper healing that Jesus wants to give," in the words of one of my professors at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, "is that healing which is a relationship with Him." This desire of the Lord's is as much for our healing today as it was for the people with whom He lived on earth. He longs to give us healing, too, especially the deeper spiritual healing that is an intimate relationship with Him. This healing requires of us a response of faith and a willingness to seek conversion,

both of which manifest a true desire to be healed. May we all seek, through greater faith and conversion, the healing that is a deepened relationship with the Lord.

*By Sr. Mary Martha Becnel*

## **MID-PENTECOST**

On the Wednesday after the Sunday of the Paralytic, our Byzantine Catholic Church celebrates the "half way" mark between the feast of the Radiant Resurrection and the Feast of Pentecost. The Synaxarion of that day explains the reason for this Feast: "On the Wednesday of the Paralytic we celebrate the feast of Mid-Pentecost for the sake of honoring the two great feast days-Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and the Feast of Pentecost. The Feast of Mid-Pentecost unites and joins these two feasts. The reason for this feast is based on the Gospel of St. John: "When, however, the feast was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach" (John 7:14). There he spoke of His divine mission and of the miraculous water: "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture says, 'from within him there shall flow rivers of living waters.'" (John 7:37-38). Here we meet both the Pentecostal theme of the Spirit and the theme of living water. The troparion for mid-Pentecost explains: When the Paschal Feast is half completed, quench my thirsty soul with the waters of devotion; for you, O Savior, have announced to all: "Let him who is thirsty come to Me and drink." O Christ our God, Source of Our Life, glory be to You. The Kontakion for the day continues the theme of living water: O Christ God, Creator and Lord of all, when the Paschal Feast was half completed, You told those present, "Come and draw the water of immortality." Let us, therefore, adore you and cry out with faith: "Grant us Your goodness, for You are the Source of Our Life." There is a new allusion to the meeting with the Samaritan woman, which is celebrated on the Fifth Sunday, or the Sunday after Mid-Pentecost. Jesus announces to the woman of Samaria the doctrine of water and of the spirit. Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink. He himself could have given this woman living water. The water that Jesus gives to drink, however, is life--life in its fullness. "The water that I shall give shall be a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The kontakion for the Sunday of the Samaritan woman says: "When the Samaritan woman came to the well with faith, she beheld You, O Water of Wisdom. You allowed her to drink in abundance and glorified her eternally, for she inherited the heavenly kingdom."

## 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.