

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, May 27 **5:00 PM** +Albert & +Leona Bodnar by Al, Tom & David Bodnar

Sunday, May 28 **9:00 AM** Special Intention of Michael & Diane Pochron

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Web Liturgy for Week of May 28 2023 sponsored by
Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla

Sanctuary Candle is lit from June 4 – June 17
+Father Dennis Bogda by Elaine Bogda

PENTECOST MONDAY/MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29 9:00 AM *Deceased of the Armed Forces*

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, June 3 **5:00 PM** +Keith Cosgrove by Debbie & Justin Cosgrove

Sunday, June 4 **9:00 AM** 40th Day Remembrance of +Edward Totin by Mary Ellen Totin

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,120.00
Maintenance Fund	580.00
Holy Day	351.00
Seminary	5.00
Loose Cash	40.00
Candles	95.33
Cemetery	445.00
TOTAL	\$3,636.33

Live Stream

\$25 Leonard & Felicia Simko

*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: *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/JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 28 Richard Gomolak
- 28 Matthew & Jonelle Bovee (Anniversary)
- 28 Michael & Diane Pochron (Anniversary)
- 28 Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola (Anniversary)
- 29 David Pavasko
- 31 Michael B. Koval
- 1 Eve Bovee
- 1 Bernard E. Ducar
- 2 Barbara Wahal
- 3 Lawrence Krysinski
- 3 Dorothy Moyta
- 3 Bernard Zadrowski

In person Attendance: *Saturday, May 20: 43; Sunday, May 21: 52*
Ascension Thursday: Evening: 31 Morning: 21

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, May 20: 27 (WS); 21 (FB)*
Sunday, May 21: 56 (WS); 53 (FB)
Ascension Thursday: Evening: 19 (WS); 17 (FB)
Morning: 18 (WS); 15 (FB)

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

With the World Health Organization declaring an end to the emergency phase of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have been directed to return to the traditional method of distributing Holy Communion. Effective the weekend of June 4, 2023 we will resume distributing the Eucharist through the use of one spoon. **Just a reminder of the proper way to receive Holy Communion: open your mouth widely, tilt your head slightly back and the Eucharist will be placed into your mouth. Please do not close your mouth upon the spoon.**

THANK YOU FROM FR. THOM DANSAK

"I wish to express my deep appreciation to Fr Andrew and you, the Cathedral parishioners, for your kindness and generosity on the occasion of my 50th anniversary of ordination. The Divine Liturgy was truly beautiful and the brunch that followed was an opportunity for meaningful friendship for many! Additionally, your generosity to Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children was overwhelming. Your gifts totaled \$2005. The Apostles of the Sacred Heart who staff the school were truly grateful as well. The celebration on that day will be one that I will never forget. Thank you!"

ETERNAL MEMORY

+**John Lesko** passed from this life to the next. May he 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 servant John in His Kingdom forever!*

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

We will be holding our Rummage Sale on Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3, 2023, 8 AM – 1 PM. We are no longer accepting items. Thanks for your donations and help.

"KATHEDRAL KITCHEN"

We have Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen: \$18; dozen: \$30; *Chili & Beef Vegetable, Beef Noodle, Chicken noodle, Turkey, Stuffed Cabbage, Meatless: Mushroom, Vegetarian Vegetable soups for \$7. 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

August 13	Parish Picnic
August 13	Outdoor concert by East Winds Symphonic Band at the Cathedral

"Heavenly King Comforter, Spirit of Truth. You are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain and save our soul O Gracious One."



Attentive to the Word

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11

John 7: 37-52 & 8:12

The power of the Holy Spirit is revealed to us each time we celebrate Pentecost. We hear the Pentecost story of the rush of wind, the appearance of flames upon the heads of the apostles, and the reception of the gift of tongues. The deeper miracle is that the apostles received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The understanding of these gifts empowered them to teach, to heal and to lead our church. We continue their work which began on the first Pentecost. The Gospels and Epistles of the Sundays following Pentecost are filled with the stories of the apostles' miraculous healings of the sick, the wisdom of their teaching, and their courage in times of opposition. They were not able to do any of these things until they received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit when we are initiated through being Baptized, Chrismated and receiving the Eucharist. Because each of us receives the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we all have a little of the same powers that were displayed in the lives of the first apostles. A common question asked is: Why do not all Byzantine Catholics display the power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Some people display an overflowing abundance of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and some seem to have received less. For everyone, there are times that we feel a stronger presence of the Holy Spirit, and there are times we feel it less. St. Cyril of Jerusalem gave an answer to this question in talks given to the newly baptized. He said: "... though remission of sins is given equally to all, the communion of the Holy Spirit is bestowed in proportion to each man's faith. If you have labored little, you receive little; but if you have wrought much, the reward is great. You are running for yourself, see to your own inter-est" (St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechetical Lectures: Lecture 1). To follow St. Cyril's advice we need to believe and we need to pray to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our personal daily prayers open us to the mysterious sacred divine presence. Like the invisible air that we breathe, we must realize that our lives are possible because of the invisible but real presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Together we follow St. Cyril's advice concerning spiritual labors each time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. The concelebrants invoke the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the Divine Liturgies after the feast of Pentecost. The concelebrants chant: "Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain and save our souls, O gracious One." The entire Divine Liturgy is a time which is filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. For those who believe, the singing, incense and the participation of the people enrich us with manifestations of the Holy Spirit. After the prayers of consecration, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the sacred gifts upon

the altar. "Moreover, we offer to you this spiritual and unbloody sacrifice; and we implore, pray, and entreat you: send down your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts lying before us." Whether it is two or three or many gathered, each Divine Liturgy is an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. For those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the spiritual reward is greater. The reason the Divine Liturgy and other prayers have continued for over 2,000 years is that prayer connects us with these sacramental mysteries. Neither persecution nor challenges from non-believers in the time of the Apostles or in our current age has been able to silence the singing of the Divine Liturgy. The unseen but heartfelt grace of the Holy Spirit gives us the reason why we pray. The experience of the Holy Spirit working in our lives inspires us to give our time, talent and treasure to aid our families, build up our churches and to reach out to those who do not believe.

By Metropolitan William

In March 2006 I was mobilized for the second time, as a member of the 354th Civil Affairs Battalion to Ft. Bragg, NC. The 354th was a collection of Active Duty, Reserve and National Guardsmen from the Army, Navy and Air Force, and it was the largest deployment of CA personnel since WWII. During this mob they called up 1600 personnel... We trained 7 days a week, preparing to deploy for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. So you become bonded with the Troops you train with, they are the ones who will "Have your back", whose life depends on. It was during the LS/RS training that first week in Baghdad when tragedy struck our battalion. Their convoy hit an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) and all seven died... I never deployed with them, I never got on that plane. I begged, pleaded, yelled and asked God thousands of times, WHY didn't I get on that plane with everyone else? That was MY TEAM, I should have been with THEM, I LET THEM DOWN, I FAILED...2006 WAS HELL FOR ME AFTER THAT AT FBNC...Someone made an off-the-cuff remark how "you probably will have PTSD by the time you leave Bragg"...looking back, they had no clue what would follow in the years to come... So, on this and every Memorial Day, I don't think about barbecues, baseball games, and the like. I pause and think about the brothers/sisters lost serving beside me, the same training grounds we trained on, made memories, laughed... I think about their families, who don't get to share this or any other holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, or any other special days with them. What I do is remember them and all of my brothers and sisters who died defending the United States against all enemies, foreign, and domestic... So here's what you need to do. Take time out and think about all you know personally that have served. If they're still living, hug and kiss them and be grateful that they're still here with you. DON'T THANK ME FOR MY SERVICE. THAT IS WHAT VETERANS DAY IS FOR! If someone you know has died, take a moment of silence, and remember them. Be thankful for their sacrifice. Pray for their families and loved ones, because a big piece of them is missing today. If you know someone related to a fallen service member, hug, kiss, and comfort them. Remember the good times that all of you shared together... LET US NEVER FORGET...

By Olena Tarnawsky Ferguson

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.