

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, June 10 **5:00 PM** +Fr. Dennis Bogda by Elaine Bogda
Sunday, June 11 **9:00 AM** +Michael Totin, Jr. by Mary Ellen Totin

Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: Tone One pages 125 - 127

Web Liturgy for Week of June 11, 2023 sponsored by
Mary Ellen Totin

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

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – FATHER’S DAY

Saturday, June 17 **5:00 PM** Our Living & Deceased Fathers
40th Day Remembrance of +Richard Lesko by Family
Sunday, June 18 **9:00 AM** Our Living & Deceased Fathers

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,596.00
Maintenance Fund	591.00
Holy Day	50.00
Loose Cash	55.00
Candles	126.02
Cemetery	20.00
TOTAL	\$3,438.02

Parking Lot: \$100

*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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 11 Ronald Lutka
- 12 Patricia Bovee
- 13 John & Julie Hilzendeger (Anniversary)
- 15 Karen Hilzendeger
- 15 Martin & Anna Bovee (Anniversary)
- 16 Stephen & Bonnie Sawczak (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, June 3: 41; Sunday, June 4: 53*
Pentecost Monday: 18

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, June 3: 23 (WS); 18 (FB)*
Sunday, June 4: 59 (WS); 51 (FB)

Special Anniversary Donations of Mike & Diane Pochron

\$100 by Dr. Randy & Dr. Rhonda Brand

\$300 by Mike & Diane Pochron

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

August 13 Parish Picnic

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

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY

Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh will be hosting the 3rd assembly of our Church on Thursday, November 2 to Sunday, November 5, 2023, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ. The Assembly's theme is Living Our Faith: Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past.

The Assembly will consist of two tracks. A clergy track will be presented on Thursday and Friday, November 2nd and 3rd. A laity tract will occur from Friday to Sunday, November 3rd to 5th.

Registrations may be made through the Assembly website or by mail beginning June 15. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35.

For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is byzantineassembly2023.org, and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

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.

ANNUAL GCU & BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD

Thursday, July 27, 2023. Discounted tickets may be purchased through the Parish: (ages 4+): \$25. A catered lunch is also available: (age 11+): \$25; (ages 3-10): \$20. Admission and Lunch tickets must be prepaid. Deadline, to order tickets, is Sunday, **July 2, 2023**. *Discounted tickets are good only on July 27, 2023.*

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or beyond years during this calendar year of 2023. The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, **10 September 2023** at 3 PM.

Please inform the Parish Office, by **July 23**, if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries this year, so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.



Attentive to the Word

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 2: 10-16

Matthew 4: 18-23

In the season of Pentecost, we are called to open ourselves to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the Sunday readings the Church Fathers provide a progression for the growth of the church. Pentecost Sunday is considered the birthday of the church. The Acts of the Apostles describes the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles as tongues of flame which came to rest on each of them. They received the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Is 11:2); love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal. 5:22) The First Sunday after Pentecost is the Sunday of All Saints. These men and women of exemplary holiness and faithfulness to Jesus Christ and His church are held up as examples for us to strive to emulate in our journey of faith. The Epistle to the Hebrews and the reading from Matthew provide encouragement to those who follow Christ with the promise of eternal life. The call of the First Disciples is the Gospel reading from Matthew on the Second Sunday of Pentecost. This continues the progression: the founding of the Church (Pentecost); the outstanding luminaries of the church (the saints) and now we hear how one becomes a member and how does the church increase in believers— by responding to the call. Jesus calls the First Disciples, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, and James and John, the sons of Zebedee, all fishermen, as He was walking by the Sea of Galilee. They immediately left all and followed him. In this Gospel reading, Jesus is also calling us to be His disciples. In our baptism, as we become children of God, we are given a candle reminding us that Jesus is that Light of the world and we are commanded, “Take this lighted candle and strive to shine with the light of faith

throughout your entire lifetime so that others may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father in them.” Recall the words the Resurrected Lord spoke to His disciples in the commissioning, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt. 28:19-20). However, there is a distinction between discipleship and apostleship. Discipleship precedes apostleship. Learning precedes teaching. A disciple is one who is learning, studying—he or she is a student, a pupil. For three years, the Twelve were disciples of Jesus, learning from Him every day as they witnessed His miracles and heard His sermons and teachings. An apostle, after learning, is one who is sent. Listen to the words the Resurrected Christ spoke to His disciples as He appeared to them, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. (Jn. 20:21). At that moment, they were no longer disciples, they were now apostles. The Second Sunday after Pentecost reminds us that we too are called to be disciples, but more importantly, as disciples, to grow in our understanding and knowledge of our faith so that like those original followers of Jesus, we will be sent into the world as His apostles, with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, sharing the Good News of salvation with everyone we encounter on our journey through life.

By Fr. John Fields

I’ve learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way she/he handles four things; a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I’ve learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you’ll miss them when they are gone from your life. I’ve learned that making a “living” is not the same thing as making a “life,” I’ve learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. I’ve learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I’ve learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one. I’ve learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love human touch – holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I’ve learned that I still have a lot to learn. -Anonymous

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.