

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

- 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**

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Web Liturgy for Week of June 18, 2023 is sponsored
Anonymously in thanksgiving for the Live stream Broadcasts

Sanctuary Candle is lit from June 18 – July 1
95th Birthday Remembrance of Dorothy Vojtko by Dorothy & Michael Moyta

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday, June 23 7:00 PM +Jane O’Malley by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Saturday, June 24 **5:00 PM +Vasil, +John, & +Eva Krenitsky by Family**
- Sunday, June 25 **9:00 AM +Michael & +Emily Danscak by Danscak Family**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,435.00
Maintenance Fund	491.00
Loose Cash	30.00
Candles	60.41
TOTAL	\$3,016.41

*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

18 John Hilzendeger
21 Diane Lobaugh
22 Maria Sinclair
24 Judith Rihn

In person Attendance: *Saturday, June 10: 41; Sunday, June 11: 72*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, June 10: 22 (WS); 16 (FB)*
Sunday, June 11: 56 (WS); 40 (FB)

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

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

Live Stream

\$50 In Memory of +Richard Vatrál by Beverly Vatrál (MI)

Special Offering

\$200 In Memory of +Helen Braszo by David & Paula DeMarco

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 5: 1-10

Matthew 6: 22-34



The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! MAT 6:22-24.

This principle marks one passion which presses all others into subjection. Every evil passion of our heart must be pressed into subjection to the passion to walk in the footsteps of Christ. Every desire of our heart that comes against this principle must be brought into subjection.

This brings spiritual warfare within our heart. We desire to walk in the footsteps of Christ, but the old man of sin sticks up his ugly head tempting us to walk after the things that please the flesh.

Scriptures often use setting out to sea as an illustration of our spiritual life. As a navigator setting out to sea, we must set our compass on our eternal destination which is Christ. A navigator cannot allow the luxury of one place, or the gain of another, to detain him. His compass is set for one certain harbor, and he doesn't let his ship stray from the set course. If he does, he will miss his port.

We too are often lured way by so many thing of this world. The flesh lures us here and there, but if our eye is single, it will be looking on Christ. He will become the entire object of our desire wherein we will walk and follow in His footsteps. This is what is meant by singleness of eye.

The singleness of eye does not mean a person sees only one thing. He sees the heaven above and the depths over which he rides, but his eye, as the navigator's compass, is set on the object of his faith.

When we single out Christ as the object of our salvation, our faith, and the center of everything, we see that heaven is the reward. We see the depths of corruption from which Christ saves us, but our eye is fixed on the blessed Redeemer; we are God-seekers.

We may well see the heavens above and depths over which we ride, but our eye, as the navigator's compass by which he steers his course, is on the desired haven. The Word of God is the compass which keeps us on course to our desired haven—to be with Christ.

David said in PSA 27:1, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" That Light is the object upon which we must keep our eye. Jesus said, "...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," JOH 8:12. David said the Lord was his Light and salvation; Christ was his salvation.

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

In both the scriptures and in the Church's liturgy John the Baptizer is referred to as an angel, prophet, apostle hermit and martyr, for these terms well describe his life work. John, like the angels was sent from God to be the messenger of the Lord. His message was that of the prophets who came before him: repent for the messiah of God is at hand. Like the apostles who followed him, John pointed to Jesus and proclaimed him as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." He prepares for his ministry as a hermit in the desert, living a life of prayer, fasting and continence. And, like all those who dare to proclaim the truth, he suffered a martyr's death in fidelity to the world of God.

John, in fact, closely resembles the Lord Jesus in his birth, life and death. And Jesus was perfect, so John sought out, not only personal perfection, but also the perfect One, Jesus Christ.

The birth of John was announced by the Archangel Gabriel who would also announce Christ's birth. His birth like that of the Lord, was surrounded by the improbability and wonder: for an aged couple, with no hope of offspring, the angel gives the joyful news of the birth of a son, John. While in the womb, John was sanctified for his mission of preaching repentance and pointing out the messiah. Before their births Jesus and John encountered each other in the persons of their mothers. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, John (still in the womb) jumped for joy as he recognized the presence of Jesus in the womb of Mary. Thus John was born to grace before his human birth. Since he was to prepare the Lord's way, it was only proper that he should be prepared by God's grace for his prophetic work. May the prayers of John the Baptizer be with us.

Maronite Synaxarion

FATHERS' DAY

MOST GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, We thank You for our earthly fathers, those to whom You have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank You, also, for our bishops and priests, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of Your people. May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage of Abraham, Jesse, and Joseph, and all the holy fathers of the past in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care. And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and Paul, all the Apostles and their saintly successors. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world. Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, and all Christian men, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. As you, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world, sending Your only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, we ask you to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness and mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to Your will, and fearless witness to Your Truth. May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to You. We ask Your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. AMEN!

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.