

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!***Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, July 8 5:00 PM +Joanne Smoley & +Alexander Scripp by Anna Marie Wargo
 Sunday, July 9 9:00 AM +George & Julia Danscak by Danscak Family

Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: Tone Five pages 146 - 147

Web Liturgy for Week of July 9, 2023 sponsored by
**Andrew T. Sabo in memory of Edward T. Sabo, Eugene A. Sabo and
 Very Rev. William R. Sabo**

Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 2 - 15

Birthday Remembrance of Paulette Winowich by Theresa Casey

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Saturday, July 15 5:00 PM +Joseph & +Julia Organiscak by MM Nicholas Havrilla
 & Family

Sunday, July 16 9:00 AM Health of Hope Chiamopoulos by James Fizer

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,642.00
Maintenance Fund	777.00
Holy Day	334.00
Peter's Pence	40.00
Loose Cash	50.00
Candles	98.31
TOTAL	\$3,941.31

Special Parking Lot Donation

\$100 Joe & Peg Barron

*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

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

9 Lorraine Dumblosky

9 Filip Lazarov

9 Arthur & Judy Snyder (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, July 1: 43 ; Sunday, July 2: 55*
Preeminent Apostles Peter & Paul: 32

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, July 1: 32 (WS); 20 (FB)*
Sunday, July 2: 54 (WS); 41 (FB)
Preeminent Apostles Peter & Paul: 23 (WS); 12 (FB)

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, August 13, 2023 has been set aside for a *Parish Picnic*. The picnic will be held on our Cathedral property. The Parish will provide all the food. We ask those attending, to bring cookies for us to share with those attending the concert. Keep the date open and plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see all of you there! A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibules of the church.

SUMMER CONCERT

The *East Wind Symphonic Band* will hold a concert on **August 13, 2023**. All are invited to this free LIVE outdoor concert of band music in celebration of summer. The concert will be performed on our Cathedral property from **3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**. Please bring a lawn chair. Again, the concert will take place weather permitting.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Our Parish Family would like to honor all of our 2023 graduates from High School, College, Graduate School, etc. on Sunday, July 16. Please inform us of the names of our graduates, high school/college of graduation, degree/major by dropping a note in the collection basket by Sunday, July 9.

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.

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, 30, 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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12: 6-14

Matthew 9: 1-8

A cousin of mine was telling her daughter that she did not like all the time she was spending with her new boyfriend. The daughter, Monica, exploded and answered her mother in a not nice way. Monica later said to me that she did not know why she had answered that way, as it was not like her to be like that. As St Paul indicated this morning in the epistle, we are all capable of sins against others and against God, even as we know we don't want to be "like that." When we behave in ways we would prefer not to, consider this: are we more concerned about our own lack of victory over our weaknesses than we are about grieving the heart of God? Don't we like to think ourselves as above average, not quite as wretched as those who commit really ugly offenses against God? For those with understanding and insight, every evil, no matter how small or great, is ugly. If we find ourselves quite intolerant about any failure in our struggles with evil actions or thoughts, it is likely because we are success-oriented rather than because we do not want to offend God. Are we being more self-centered than God-centered? St Paul indicates we will succeed only if we rely on God's help. We can't do it alone. The men who brought the paralytic to Jesus believed that Jesus could help—and their faith ultimately brought healing to the man who was paralyzed. Jesus had been preaching and healing long enough for many to have faith in him. But not the scribes. To the scribes who were scandalized by his words "Your sins are forgiven you," Jesus asked: "Why do you have such wicked thoughts in your hearts?" They readily accepted that if the man was sick, he must have sinned. That was the cultural belief of that time. All sin was an offense to God, so only

God could forgive. The scribes found unacceptable Jesus' saying that the paralytic's sins were forgiven. Jesus was equating himself with God. The scribes were unable to think outside their boxes of ritualized do's and don'ts and were scandalized that Jesus was making himself God. We never hear whether any scribes were open to Jesus after witnessing the paralytic's sins being forgiven and his obedience to Jesus' directions to get up and go home. One direction Jesus has given us is to be of one mind and one heart with one another. It is a difficult thing to really achieve, as we are so different from one another. We have had different experiences; we are different temperaments, of different origins and families. We have different talents and different responsibilities. We have different views and understand each other imperfectly. Being different from other people, we may well grate on them, weary them with what we are, what we think, what we do, and what we feel. We may not achieve empathy for all, but we can be of one mind in Christian forbearance, each bearing the other's burden. I bear the burden that the other is to me simply by being himself or herself, because I know I am a burden to him or her simply by being myself. Besides praying for understanding and a peaceable, forbearing heart, we can take that person who is a burden into our prayer. Would we then find our heart a little lighter, more at ease, more patient if we did this? Say to God: "Here is someone I truly find a pain in my side. You put up with me, let me put up with him or her. You, Lord, might not like the way the person is, but you not only allow the person to be, you love them." Mutual harmony and understanding—being of one mind—is difficult for us. We can only bear with each other, bear with one another's burdens. Jesus showed us the example of true humility. Only by acquiring the same kind of humility will we be able then to love others and not just be able to bear with one another. Then we will be doing our best to be of one mind and heart. Remember: only in God, in whom we live and move and have our being, is being of one mind and one heart possible. God is in our midst.

By Sister Cecelia – New Skete

Join the PBCAC Celebration!

❖ SUNDAY JULY 23, 2023 ❖

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir (PBCAC) joyously celebrates 25 years! Formed in July 1998 by +Metropolitan Judson of blessed memory, the PBCAC invites all faithful of the Archeparchy to a day of celebration.

At 3:00 pm **SUNDAY JULY 23**, a Moleben of Thanksgiving and Panachida in memory of the choir's deceased former members will be held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa.

Following the church services, a catered buffet with musical entertainment will take place in the Cathedral Center. All are most warmly invited to join in this celebration, which will recognize the achievements of the PBCAC over the past 25 years and pay homage to choir founder +Archbishop Judson and his successors +Archbishop Basil and Archbishop William for their patronage and support.

Reservations for the buffet can be made by e-mailing the choir at choir@archpitt.org or by sending a check to the Chancery (*please use the reservation form on this page or in the July BCW*), made payable to Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Any choir member would be happy to take your reservation as well. In keeping with the quarter-century theme, the cost per person is a nominal \$25. Deadline for reservations is Monday July 17.



Reservation Form - 25th Anniversary Buffet
July 23, 2023 St. John Cathedral Center

Name _____

phone _____

e-mail _____

of persons @ \$25 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Mail to:
PBCAC 25th | 66 Riverview Ave. | Pittsburgh, PA 15214

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.