

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, July 22 **5:00 PM** +Joanne Smoley & Alexander Scripp
by Steve & Lorraine Dumblosky

Sunday, July 23 **9:00 AM** +Donald Bajus by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

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Web Liturgy for Week of July 23, 2023 sponsored by
Michael & Kimberly Lupichuk Family

Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 16 - 29
+ **Edward Borsh** by Agnes Borsh

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 29 **5:00 PM** +Christine Colorito by Mary Ellen Totin

Sunday, July 30 **9:00 AM** +Richard Lesko by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,984.00
Maintenance Fund	446.00
Holy Day	115.00
Peter’s Pence	150.00
Loose Cash	25.00
Candles	79.00
Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3,824.00</u>

*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

24 Peter & Kristy Giglione (Anniversary)

25 Kristie Cosgrove

25 Ernest Varhola

29 Austin Banks

29 Martin Bovee, Jr.

In person Attendance: *Saturday, July 15: 41; Sunday, July 16: 74*
Feast of the Holy Prophet Elias: **6**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, July 15: 22 (WS); 13 (FB)*
Sunday, July 16: 53 (WS); 41 (FB)

MANY YEARS 2023 GRADUATES

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to our graduates. May they grow in faith and be protected under God's wings. May God bless their future endeavors, and may God grant to each of them many blessed years!

Nicole Pavasko graduated from University of Pittsburgh with a Doctorate of Pharmacy.

Andrew Glaid V graduated from Penn State University with a PhD in Chemistry.

Tyler Nicholas Neffield, grandson of Paulette Winowich, Greensburg Central Catholic High School

Evan Poklot, grandson of Marge Kardell, Belle Vernon High School

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.

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.

Attentive to the Word



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 14: 14-22

Today, we wish to reflect on the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. At the beginning of Matthew's account (cf. 14:13-21), Jesus has just received the news of John the Baptist's death, and He crosses the lake in a boat, seeking "a deserted place by himself" (v. 13). The people, however, caught on and went ahead of Him on foot, so that "When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." (v. 14). Jesus was like this: always with compassion, always thinking of others. The determination of the people who feared to be left alone, as though abandoned, is impressive. John the Baptist, the charismatic prophet, being dead, they entrust themselves to Jesus, of whom John himself had said: "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Matthew 3:11). So, the crowds follow Him everywhere, to hear Him and to bring the sick to Him. And, seeing this, Jesus is moved. Jesus is not cold; He does not have a cold heart. Jesus can be moved. On one hand, He feels bound to this crowd and does not want them to go away; on the other, He is in need of moments of solitude, of prayer, with the Father. He spends many nights praying with His Father.

So, that day also, the Master dedicated Himself to the people. His compassion is not a vague sentiment; instead, it shows all the strength of His will to be close to us and to save us. Jesus loves us so much and wants to be close to us.

When it was evening, Jesus was concerned to feed all those tired and hungry people, and He takes care of all those who follow Him. And He wants to involve His disciples in this. In fact, He says to them: "you give them something to eat" (v. 16). And He showed them that the few loaves and fish they had — with the strength of faith and prayer —, could be shared by all those people. Jesus wrought a miracle, but it is the miracle of faith, of prayer, aroused by compassion and love. So Jesus "broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (v. 19). The Lord goes

to meet men's needs, but He wants to make each one of us concretely participant of His compassion.

Now, we pause on Jesus' gesture of blessing: He took "the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them" (v. 19). As can be seen, these are the same signs that Jesus carried out in the Last Supper; and they are also the same that every priest carries out when he celebrates the Holy Eucharist. The Christian community is born and reborn continually of this Eucharistic Communion. To live communion with Christ, therefore, is altogether other than remaining passive and estranged from daily life; on the contrary, it inserts us increasingly in our relation with the men and women of our time, to offer them a concrete sign of mercy and of Christ's care. While nourishing us with Christ, little by little the Eucharist we celebrate also transforms us into the Body of Christ and spiritual food for brothers. Jesus wants to reach everyone, to bring to all the love of God. Therefore, He renders every believer a servant of mercy. Jesus saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them and He multiplied the loaves; He does the same with the Eucharist. And we believers, who receive this Eucharistic bread, are driven by Jesus to bring this service to others, with His same compassion. This is the way.

The account of the multiplication of loaves and fish ends with the verification that all were satisfied and with the gathering of the left over pieces (cf. v. 20). When, with His compassion and His love, Jesus gives us a grace, He forgives us our sins, He embraces us, He loves us, He does not do things by half, but completely. As happened here, all are satisfied. Jesus fills our heart and our life with His love, with His forgiveness, with His compassion. Hence Jesus allowed His disciples to carry out His order. Thus they know the way to follow: to feed the people and keep them united; to be, that is, at the service of life and of communion. Therefore, we invoke the Lord, may He always render His Church capable of this holy service, so that every one of us is able to be an instrument of communion in our own family, at work, in the parish and in groups of memberships, a visible sign of the mercy of God, who does not want to leave anyone in solitude and in need, so that communion and peace and men's communion with God descend among men, because this communion is life for all.

By Pope Francis

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.