

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, August 26 **5:00 PM** +Michael & +Ann Totin by Mary Ellen Totin

Sunday, August 27 **9:00 AM** +Helen Braszo by Family

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Web Liturgy for Week of August 27, 2023 sponsored by  
**Kathleen Zavada**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from August 27 – September 9  
sponsored by **Nicholas & Barbara Sowko**

**BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

9:00 AM +John, +Susan & +Mary Dragosh by Family

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Saturday, September 2 **5:00 PM** +Rudy Arnoldi by Srsic & Lutte Family

Sunday, September 3 **9:00 AM** In Thanksgiving of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
**Nicholas & Barbara Sowko**

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

Regular Offertory	\$1,910.00
Maintenance Fund	561.00
Holy Day	613.00
Loose Cash	25.00
Candles	83.02
Cemetery	295.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,487.02</b>

*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, Patty Matus

*Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins.* Other names are submitted prayer requests.

**NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING**

Elsie Urban, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 27 Kimberly Simko
- 27 Richard & Barbara Gomolak (Anniversary)
- 28 Chris Neri
- 28 David & Kathleen Wincko (Anniversary)
- 30 Audrey Hinkle
- 30 Kenneth & Diane Lobaugh (Anniversary)
- 31 Etta Bovee
- 31 William Hosni
- 1 Michael Scott

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, August 19: 45; Sunday, August 20: 56*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, August 19: 24 (WS); 15 (FB)*  
*Sunday, August 20: 49 (WS); 32 (FB)*

**2024 DIVINE LITURGY AND SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS**

We have received our 2024 desk calendar and are now accepting requests for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Candle intentions. Remember they are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT SAINT MACRINA**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great are pleased to announce that the Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina on Friday, September 1 through Monday September 4, 2023.

## **METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY**

Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. A laity tract will occur from Friday to Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://byzantineassembly2023.org) and the email is [byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com).

## **STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER**

We will be having a take-out only Stuffed Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday September 10. The dinner includes: Stuffed Cabbage, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll & butter. **Price is \$12.00 per dinner. Dinners can be picked up on Saturday, September 9 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, September 10 from 10 AM – 1 PM.** In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski and soup, our kolache and other baked goods as well as raffle tickets.

## **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**

October 21	Fall Craft Show
November 12	Basket Extravaganza

## **GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS**

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle trees at the Craft Show & Basket Extravaganza, please put them in an envelope in the collection basket and mark it "Lottery Tree." Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.



# Attentive to the Word

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*1 Corinthians 16: 13-24*

*Matthew 21: 33-42*

The parable of the wicked tenants also appears with some variations in Mk 12: 1-12 and Lk 20: 9-18. In Matthew's gospel it is the second in a trilogy of judgment parables, preceded by the parable of the Two Sons and followed by the parable of the Marriage Feast.

Jesus addresses the parable to the chief priests and elders of the people. Using the vineyard image of Isaiah 5:1-7, he tells the story of a landowner who leases his vineyard to tenants, and goes on a journey. At harvest time, when he sends servants to obtain his produce, the tenants maltreat and even kill his servants. The landowner finally sends his son. The evil tenants kill the son, hoping thereby to acquire his inheritance.

After finishing the story, Jesus asks his hearers what they think the owner of the vineyard will do. They answer that the evil tenants will be put to death, and the vineyard will be leased to other tenants who will give him the produce at harvest time. Jesus then turns their own judgment against themselves: in the same way, the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people who will produce good fruit.

As Brevard S. Childs points out in his book *Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*, the key to recognizing the life implications of the parable lies in its link to the Old Testament. It is a "juridical parable" in which a prophet tells a story with the intention of drawing its hearers into bringing their judgment back upon themselves. The classic example is the story Nathan told King David about the rich man who took a poor man's only ewe lamb to make a meal for a visitor. Nathan, like Jesus, waits for the hearer of the parable to make a judgment. David, of course, declares that the man who did the evil deed merits death. The prophet Nathan, alluding to David's sinful taking of Uriah's wife, says to the king: "You are the man" (2 Sam 12:1-12).

This Sunday's homily will work if we are drawn into the extended meaning of the parable which Matthew develops. The tenants entrusted with God's vineyard, no longer in parable, but in reality, have killed many of his prophets and finally have killed his son, Jesus. What judgment will God make against these tenants? Our common sense readily makes the judgment that divine justice demands punishment for these evil deeds.

The crucial point of the homily is that Jesus, the now-vindicated Risen Lord, addresses each of us as tenants of God's vineyard today. He turns our judgment upon those who rejected him and the prophets before him back upon ourselves. Have we in fact produced the good fruit of justice and love? Do we at times forget that we are only tenants, and imagining ourselves as owners, we do as we please? Do we amass more of its fruit than we could possibly use while others die of starvation? Do we also act with violence against our fellow human beings, sons and daughters of God?

The prayer of our liturgy today is that we will receive the grace to open our hearts to the prophetic voice of Jesus and become a people who produce abundant good fruit in accord with God's will.

*By Rev. Campion P. Gavalier, OSB*

### **FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Two men and two women feature in this morning's gospel reading, John the Baptist and Herod, and Herodias and her daughter. Of the two men, Herod was a man of power and authority, whereas John was powerless; Herod had the freedom of an autocrat to do whatever he liked, whereas John had no freedom, being locked up in prison. Yet, at another level, John the Baptist had an authority and freedom that Herod did not have. John had a moral authority that Herod lacked, and he had the freedom to speak out of his convictions, whereas Herod lacked the freedom of his convictions; he had John beheaded against his better judgment. You could say that John had the authority of the person who was completely open to God's Spirit and that he had the spiritual freedom of the children of God. The gospels suggest that this is the only authority and the only freedom worth having, and very often it is to be found in people who might appear on the surface to have very little freedom or authority. The most authoritative and the freest person of all was Jesus, because he was full of the Spirit, and he was at his most authoritative and his freest at the very moment when he appeared to have no authority or freedom, as he hung from the cross. The more our lives are in tune with the movements of God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the more we will share in the Lord's own authority and freedom, and the more we will begin to taste here and now that glorious freedom of the children of God that awaits us in the next life.

*By Fr. Martin Hogan*

## 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 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.