

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, August 5 **5:00 PM** +George & +Anna Bodnar by Danscak Family

Sunday, August 6 **9:00 AM** +Diane (Braszo) Brannen by Family

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Web Liturgy for Week of August 6, 2023 sponsored by
Shirley Oblinsky

Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 30 – August 12
Anniversary Intentions of Marcus & Beth Neffield
by Paulette Winowich & Tyler Neffield

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 12 **5:00 PM** +Irene J. & Clarence Hornak by Sandy Hornak

Sunday, August 13 **9:00 AM** +Margaret Kostovny by Dolores Zoretich

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,065.00
Maintenance Fund	582.00
Holy Day	20.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
Loose Cash	40.00
Candles	120.24
Cemetery	10.00
TOTAL	\$2,847.24

Parking Lot: \$80

*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 Havrilscaak*, 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 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 8 Linda Stofko
- 9 Nicholas Oriss
- 9 Paulette Winowich
- 9 Steve & Janine Tima (Anniversary)
- 10 David & Lauren Pavasko (Anniversary)
- 12 Jean Repine

In person Attendance: *Saturday, July 29: 43 ; Sunday, July 30: 55*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, July 29: 33 (WS); 22 (FB)*
Sunday, July 30: 49 (WS); 40 (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.

- ❖ The word Liturgy literally means “the common work” or “the work of the people.” Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” Theosis is union with God in heaven.
- ❖ Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles, it takes away today’s peace.
- ❖ One of the important lessons to learn in the spiritual life is that the language of God is silence. In Psalm 46 God says: “Be still and know that I am God!” Silence keeps us humble and available to God.

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. **Food will be served beginning at 1 pm.** 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



Feast of the Transfiguration

2 Peter 1: 10 - 19

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

There is one reason that the story of the Transfiguration is recorded in the gospels - to confirm our faith in Jesus as the Son of God. The Kontakion proclaims: “your disciples beheld as much of your glory as they could bear, that when they would see you crucified, they would understand that you suffered willingly; so they would preach to the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.” When the glory of God shone through our Lord, Moses and Elijah appeared at his side. Moses, because on Mt. Sinai he asked to see the glory of God, the Lord replied, “You cannot see my face, for no man can see my face and live. (Exodus 33:20)” Yet now Peter, James and John could see the glory of God in the face of Jesus. Elijah experienced the glory of God on Mt. Horeb, but not in the power and violence of the wind, the earthquake and the fire, but in the gentle, whispering, quiet breeze (2 Kings 19:12)” incarnate in the Lord who would not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking ember. (Matthew 12:20)” The disciples misunderstood the revelation, yet recorded it for our faith. The Father’s voice proclaims, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him!” The gospel today tells us what it means to be Christian, to hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to follow him in his gentleness, kindness, glory and love. And so we pray: “Master, Jesus Christ our God, lead us upon the all-holy mountain of love.” (Ambon Prayer)

Psalm 8 reads: “What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. (vv 5-6)”

The Transfiguration tells us what the human being is from the viewpoint of God. Today, belief in God is challenged by many. To do this, however, we need to say that the only reality there is is the material world, what we can see and hear and touch and feel. Faith, though, goes beyond these limitations. Yet the mystery we celebrate today, breaks

into the material world, and the body of Jesus is visibly transformed by the Lord's divinity. The Gospel tells us, "he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Matthew 17:2)" The sun is the sign of wisdom and knowledge, the white clothes a sign of perfection and purity. Moses and Elijah appear, for in the Old Law they both saw God's glory on a mountain, Moses on Mt. Sinai and Elijah on Mt. Horeb. The three disciples see God's glory now shining forth from a human body, a sign of our deification. In the later Second Letter of St. Peter, the author tells us that we become "sharers in the divine nature (1:4)" because " ... he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Today, we hear the Father's voice, we see the glory of God in his only-begotten Son, we see the cloud which represents the Holy Spirit. This appearance is to strengthen our faith, as the Kontakion proclaims, "your disciples beheld as much of your glory as they could bear, that when they would see you crucified, they would understand that you suffered willingly; so they would preach to the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father." The foolishness of the atheists is revealed, and St. John tells us, "what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life - for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us (1 John 1:1-2)" St. Paul also teaches us, "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:12-13)" Perhaps we do not see God as clearly as the disciples did on Mount Tabor, but I believe there is a moment of Transfiguration in each of our lives, that moment when we realize that we have been transformed by faith, by hope and by love through the grace of God. In truth, we probably all have mystical moments, but God speaks very quietly, as to Elijah on Mt. Horeb, and the noise of the world can easily drown them out.

By Archpriest David M. Petras

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.