

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 28 5:00 PM +Joseph Deskevich by Robert & Madeline Martinazzi

Sunday, October 29 9:00 AM 40th Day Remembrance of +Michael Matus

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Web Liturgy for Week of September October 29, 2023 sponsored by
Gertrude Chingwa in memory of Sr. Cornelia

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 22 – November 4
sponsored by **Joseph Onoffrey in Memory of +George & +Catherine Onoffrey**

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, November 4 5:00 PM +William Basalla by Jacqueline Basalla

Sunday, November 5 9:00 AM 40th Day Remembrance of Joan Bodnar

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,377.00
Maintenance Fund	584.00
Holy Day	45.00
Archdiocesan Charities	45.00
Candles	67.28
Loose Cash	80.00
Cemetery	65.00
TOTAL	\$3,263.28

Special Donations In Memory of +Joan Bodnar: \$25 by Greg & Anna Marie Chekan; \$25 by Andy & Marjorie Glaid

Special Donation \$80 given Anonymously

Cemetery Donation \$100 by Donna Tomasic

*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: *Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, Teri Phares, Raymond Petro, Jr., Luke Pasternak, Marissa Stout, Tara Seman, Patrick Singer, 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

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

31 David Banyas

1 Martin Bovee

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 21: 56; Sunday, October 22: 57*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 21: 30 (WS); 17 (FB)*
Sunday, October 22: 57 (WS); 40 (FB)

ETERNAL MEMORY

+Ronald Lutka passed from this life to the next on October 21, 2023. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed servant Ronald in His Kingdom forever!*

SAINT NICHOLAS CHARITY EVENT

The Annual “*St. Nicholas Celebration*” benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius **at St. John Cathedral** is Sunday, December 3, 2023. A Moleben will be celebrated at 3 PM in the Cathedral followed by a social hour and dinner in the Center. **Adults tickets are \$45 and children (12 and under) are \$20. All families and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please see Fr. Andrew for more information. Deadline to order tickets is November 12, 2023.**

SARRIS' CANDY ORDERS

Order forms for Sarris' Candy are located in the vestibules of the church. Please return order forms by November 12, 2023.

"CATHEDRAL KITCHEN"

The "Kathedral Kitchen" has been restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Chili, Wedding, Tomato Basil, Potato/Green Bean, Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper and Stuffed Cabbage soups* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle trees at the 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.

KOLACHE ORDERS

We are now accepting Kolache orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Deadline to order Kolache for Thanksgiving is November 5, 2023. Deadline to order Kolache for Christmas is November 26, 2023. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church. *Kolache price will remain \$15.00 each.*

BOBALKI ORDERS

Once again, we will be taking orders for bobalki in 1 pound bags. Each 1# bag will cost \$7. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church.

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA BASKETS

Sunday, November 12, 2023, 12-4 PM, Cathedral Center. There will be 30+ baskets, a variety of vendors, eat in or take out pork chop dinner, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please call Diane at 412-303-6534. Your place for Christmas gift ideas.

ETHNIC FESTIVAL

St. John the Baptist Church, 201 East Main St. Uniontown, Sunday, October 29, Noon to 5 PM. The afternoon includes ethnic foods, baked goods, entertainment, presentations, craft sales, raffles and more. Everyone is welcome, admission is free.

STEELER TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 11:30 AM to end of Game. St. John Chrysostom Church, 506 Saline Street. Adults - \$15; Children (age 5-12) - \$8 includes food and non-alcoholic beverage. Additional Football Pools, Raffles and Basket Auctions. **PRESALE ONLY – NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** If you are interested in attending, please call John Niskach at 412.209.8397.



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 6: 11-18

Luke 8: 26-39

There was a movie out entitled, "The Contender." A morally conservative congressman tries to derail a senator's vice-presidential nomination. While cast as the hero in the original script, the conservative congressman was vilified by the time the movie finished its final edit. Someone who might have been seen as trying to do good, was made out to be bad. There's been a trend in Hollywood, particularly bold this year, to belittle Christianity and Christian values, and to glorify its own ideas. What we might see as "bad" is being portrayed as "good," and what we see as "good" is being portrayed as "bad." A not too different situation occurred in today's Gospel reading.

We heard the account of an isolated, tormented man who was possessed by demons. The townspeople nearby were afraid of him; they stayed away for the most part. Jesus came upon this man, who begged Jesus not to torment him. The demons in the man, knowing their time in him was over, pleaded Jesus to send them into a herd of swine that were feeding nearby. And Jesus made it so. The man healed from the years of torment was thankful to Jesus, and wanted to follow Him. But Jesus insisted the man go home to the village, and tell others what God had done for him. The swine, invaded by the demons, went charging over a cliff into a lake. Meanwhile, the townspeople caught wind of the whole thing from the herdsmen who saw it all, became frightened, and, amazingly, asked Jesus to leave.

First the demon-possessed man, then the townspeople, saw Jesus as bad (for them) and wanted nothing to do with Him. People more often hate Christ because He disturbs their lifestyle than for any other reason. So now that we live in a "post-Christian" world, the voices of mass communication strike out at Christianity and Christian values boldly. It would be easy, of course, to continue in a diatribe of condemnation for "evil" Hollywood; we, after all, would never reject Christ--or would we?

The Apostle Peter could not imagine that he would denounce Jesus, until after it happened. The demon-possessed man had very real demons within himself--he knew he was possessed. We normally don't come into contact with anything so dramatic in our daily lives. What we do experience, however, is demonic influence of a more subtle nature.

From various sources, we become exposed to ideas and influences that are not of God, and to the degree that we buy in to those ideas and influences, we become "possessed," in a manner of speaking. And when we feel comfortable with those ideas and

influences, we may find ourselves asking Christ to leave us, as the townspeople in today's Gospel did. In all likelihood, we're probably not aware this happens. We become self-assured of our faith and that we really know what's right. We become convinced that God's on our side; and no one can challenge us. The problem is that the grace of God, mentioned in today's Epistle reading, cannot be abundant in us as long as we maintain these false self-assurances. The Evil One becomes a contender for our souls.

We must be willing to acknowledge where our thoughts and actions stray from the Gospel. May we recognize the subtle ways which we, in fact, ask Christ to leave us alone. And may we act on that knowledge. And then, being rid of those demons, God's grace can work more abundantly in us.

By John Dixon

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES

The Annual Marian Moleben for the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our Four Saintly Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops: Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Theodore G. Romzha; Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Paul P. Gojdich, OSBM; Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Basil Hopko, and Alexander Chira on **Sunday, October 29, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.** at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, 225 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks. You are cordially invited. Information on the lives of these holy prelates, along with refreshments will be served following the liturgical service. Please help us by your prayers and presence to advance their Causes.

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

On *Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th* our Parish will honor in a special way our Veterans and Military Personnel. This celebration will include prayerful supplications and a blessing at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you served in the armed forces of our country and are planning to attend this celebration, please notify the parish office. We ask that you please submit to the parish office by **Wednesday, November 8th** the names of Veterans in your families (deceased and living).

SEMINARY BENEFIT RAFFLE

In conjunction with the annual St. Nicholas Banquet, a raffle is being conducted that benefits our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Each ticket cost \$10 and is based on the PA Daily 3-digit Number. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please see Fr. Andrew.

VA PITTSBURGH DONATION WISH LIST

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System depends on the goodwill of benefactors and volunteers who wish to give something back to America's heroes, and they accept material donations to provide enhanced services to Veterans receiving treatment at their facilities. As part of our Parish Philip's Fast almsgiving, we will be collecting items to donate to the Vets. Below is a list of items they could use:

Personal Care Items:

- *Body Wash*
- *Denture Adhesive & Cleaner*
- *Roll-on Deodorant*
- *Combs, Toothpaste*
- *Tooth Brushes*
- *Shaving Cream*
- *shampoo & conditioner*
- *disinfectant wipes*
- *hand sanitizer*
- *tissues*
- *reading glasses*
- *gloves*

Refreshments:

- Chips, pretzels, snack crackers, and granola bars (single serve sizes)
- Sugar in a can
- Soda (two-liter bottles of regular and diet, caffeine free is preferred)
- Raisins
- Pudding cups
- Slim Jims

- Soup Cups
- Coffee (regular or decaf) and coffee creamers
- Grocery gift cards

Assorted Items:

- Disposable cups, napkins, plates, forks and spoons
- Gift Cards for outpatient programs
- Markers for art projects
- Chess and checkers sets
- Books (for the Canteen)
- Puzzle Books
- Large, flat-screen TV (for Wii bowling)
- Karaoke Machine
- Headsets for dialysis patients

NO USED ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

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.