

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, October 14 **5:00 PM** +Joan Bodnar by MM Nicholas S. Havrilla & Family  
 Sunday, October 15 **9:00 AM** +Nancy Matijak

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Web Liturgy for Week of September October 15, 2023 sponsored by  
**Andrea Guthrie**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from October 8 - 21  
 sponsored by Nancy Cifrulak in Memory of +Mark Cifrulak

**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Saturday, October 21 **5:00 PM** +Carol Serechin by Agnes Borsh  
 Sunday, October 22 **9:00 AM** +Michael & Anna Szerbin by Michele May

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,697.00
Maintenance Fund	767.00
Holy Day	37.00
Candles	70.46
Loose Cash	20.00
Cemetery	225.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,816.46</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, 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 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 15 John Heddleston
- 17 Patricia Belfiglio
- 19 Basil & Barbara Wahal (Anniversary)
- 21 Ruth Ondo
- 21 William & Ruth Ondo (Anniversary)

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, October 7: 52; Sunday, October 8: 73*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, October 7: 20 (WS); 11 (FB)*  
*Sunday, October 8: 55 (WS); 32 (FB)*

**Special Donations:** **In Memory of +Joan Bodnar: \$100 by Holly Erosenko & Heidi Suppa; \$20 by Drew Porvaznik; \$50 by Anna Marie Wargo**

**Special Donation:** **In Memory of +Mark Cifrulak: \$40 by Paronish Family**

**Special Donation:** **In Memory of +Richard Vatra: \$50 by Beverly Vatra**

**Special Donation:** **\$80 given anonymously**

**Parking Lot:** **\$80**

## **COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

Please join your parish family for a Coffee & Donut Social after the 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy on October 15, 2023.

## **CRAFT SHOW**

Our Parish will conduct our Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, October 21, 2023** from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will be **60** crafters/vendors. We will be selling Stuffed Cabbage, haluski, pirohi and other foods, eat-in or take-out, as well as our kolache and other baked goods.

## **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.

## **“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”**

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

## **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**

We will hold our Basket Extravaganza on Sunday, November 12, 2023. We are in need of completed baskets or items to complete a basket. You can contact Diane Pochron at 412-303-6534 for any information or ideas for basket items. Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

## **ROAST BEEF DINNER**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 4 – 6:30 PM; Anne Ashley Church, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Munhall. TAKE OUT ONLY. Tickets sold at door, \$12.



# Attentive to the Word

*Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

*Hebrews 13: 7-16*

*John 17: 1-13*

Among the four holy Gospels and in the writings of Saint Paul as well as the other authors of the New Testament texts, the Gospel selection for this week's observance commemorating the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council is unique in that it contains the words of a beautiful prayer used by our Lord Himself (John 17:1-18). This prayer was said as Jesus sat at the table in the upper room for the Mystical (Last) Supper and it is a prayer specifically that His followers remain united. It is a powerful petition asking for the holiness of those who were to assume leadership of the Church, and it is framed in the love, which exists between God the Father and His Son.

We know that since Christ established the Church, even from its earliest years, the unity for which he prayed so fervently has often been threatened and ruptured by heresy and schism. Two of the most notable breaks were the separation of West from East in the mid-eleventh century and the (Protestant) Reformation in the 16th century. Other major problems before those times tailed for the leaders of the Church to assemble in council to discuss and settle the arguments over the issues confronting the Church at the time. One such issue was the question of whether or not it is proper to venerate images of Christ, His Blessed Mother, or the Saints.

This controversy became so intensely heated that the Emperor in Constantinople ordered the destruction of such works. Those who perpetrated such deeds were termed iconoclasts, a word formed from the Greek language, meaning "image-breakers". They were very successful in this campaign because they had the sanction of legal authority. This destructive activity went on for about 100 years until a council was convened in the city of Nicaea in the year 787 ruling against the iconoclasts and establishing the doctrine which allows the making and veneration of holy images.

Every year on the Sunday following October 10th, our Byzantine Church celebrates a commemoration of the 350 Fathers who assembled in council at Nicaea to settle the question of iconoclasm. In doing so, the Church reminds us of our obligation to seek out the truth and follow it. The prayer of our Lord taken from Saint John's Gospel was not only for the first Church leaders; it was for us as well. We are the beneficiaries of the struggles endured by those who preceded us and who have set the example of remaining faithful to the truths of our holy faith. Our consuming task is not only to learn and believe those truths but more importantly to live them.

The preaching of the apostles and the teaching of the Fathers established in the Church a single and united faith: wherefore, this Church, robed in the truth of a theology inspired by heaven, explains and declares with certitude the great mystery of Christ. (Kontakion of the Divine Liturgy for the Sunday of Nicaea II.)

*By Msgr. John T. Sekellick, JCL*

## **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.*

## **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.

## **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.

## 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.