

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!***Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, March 23	5:00 PM	+Joanne Smoley & Alex Scripp by Anna Marie Wargo
Sunday, March 24	9:00 AM	+Mary & Joseph Novak by Daughter, Pat Kabo 40th Day Remembrance of +Patricia Matus

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Web Liturgy for Week of March 24, 2024 sponsored by
Michael and Mary Novak

Sanctuary Candle is lit from March 24 – April 6
Birthday remembrance of +Michele Kacik &
Birthday intention of Robert Kacik by Judy Kacik

Monday,	March 25	<i>Feast of the Annunciation</i> 7:00 PM	Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	March 26	<i>Great and Holy Tuesday</i> 7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Wednesday,	March 27	<i>Great and Holy Wednesday</i> 7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Anointing of the Sick
Thursday,	March 28	<i>Great and Holy Thursday</i> 7:00 PM	Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Friday,	March 29	<i>Great and Holy Friday</i> 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Royal Hours Entombment Vespers
Saturday	March 30	<i>Great and Holy Saturday.</i> 7:00 PM	Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE RADIANT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 31 **9:00 AM** **Intention of the Parish Family**

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, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, *Betty Martin*, Patty Schneider, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Paul Cherep

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

24 Judah Bovee
26 Michael Moyta
26 Elaine Savko
26 Anna Marie Wargo
29 Aidan Munsie
30 Jeannie Pasternak

In person Attendance: *Saturday, March 16: 52; Sunday, March 17: 65*

Friday, March 15 Presanctified: **32**

Wednesday, March 20 Presanctified: **33**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, March 16: 25 ; Sunday, March 17: 61*

Friday, March 15 Presanctified: **29**

Wednesday, March 20 Presanctified: **25**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,600.00
Maintenance Fund	599.00
Holy Day	10.00
Easter Flowers	105.00
Easter	635.00
Loose Cash	86.00
Candles	22.15
TOTAL	\$4,057.15

Live Stream

\$25 by Leonard & Felicia Simko

\$25 by Anonymous

\$200 by John & Beverly Woessner

PIROHI SALE

We have homemade potato/cheese pirohi available for \$10/dozen. First come, first served.

EASTER BASKET OF CASH RAFFLE

Don't forget to return the Easter Basket of Cash Raffle tickets **TODAY**. If you are unable to sell or buy them, please return them, because we have people asking for tickets. All tickets not turned in by Sunday night, March 24, 2024 become the property of the Cathedral.

EASTER KOLBASI PICK-UP

DELIVERY IS PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND March 23 & 24, 2024. Thank you.

"CATHEDRAL KITCHEN"

The "Cathedral Kitchen" has been restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Chili, Wedding, Beef Onion, Chicken Noodle, Chicken Gnocchi, Pasta Fagioli, Stuffed Cabbage, Stuffed Pepper, Mushroom, Potato/Green Bean, Tomato Basil, Vegetarian Vegetable, Spinach Orzo, Cheddar Broccoli and Vegan Onion soups* for \$7; *Seafood Creole* for \$13/quart. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew. ***Bold denotes meatless.***

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

We will be holding another Rummage Sale on June 1, 2024. Please put aside any items you no longer want or need for our rummage sale.

As in the past, we cannot accept TV's, computers, shoes and clothes. Small boxes may be left in the church vestibules. Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May/June. Thanks for your donations.

GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle tree at the Spring Craft Show, 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.

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

April 13	Spring Craft Show
May 4/5	Breaded Chicken Dinner
June 1	Rummage Sale



Attentive to the Word

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 12: 1-18

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, who no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens—the proof, surely, of his power and godhead—his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments of soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.

By St. Andrew of Crete

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Just imagine a fourteen-year-old girl having an angel stand before her and say, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." How does it feel to be addressed by an angel? But she answered simply, directly, regally, without any false modesty. She said, "Let it be done to me

according to his will." Incredible! Here is this little girl accepting God's will. The world's existence depends upon it. I think of how she was betrothed to Joseph and his wonder at it all. Did she question it? As her pregnancy became more obvious, and she felt the child move within her, what did she think? It's almost incredible because she was just like you and me! She was a person, a human being; she had certain graces given to her, but she wasn't God. And she didn't understand many things. It was not understanding, but a plunge into faith! When we have difficulties with faith, we should turn to her and bow low before this little girl-woman, who is truly the mother of all who believe. She showed a faith beyond our understanding. Right now, this very moment, I invite you to enter into that solitude of faith, as Mary did. Cast your mind inward, and open your heart. Do you really believe? All you have to do is enter this solitude of faith, as Mary did, and say yes! - That's all.

By Catherine Doherty

MYSTERY OF DIVINE FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

This Lenten season gives us the opportunity to look into ourselves to make a complete change of heart and repent of our sins. Let us make every effort to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ by coming before Him and asking forgiveness of our sins. *Fr. Andrew is available before and after every Liturgical Service, Monday-Wednesday, this week.*

SHARING IN THE JOY OF PASCHA

As we did last year, once again we will plan for this year, that following the blessing of the baskets on Holy Saturday evening you are invited and encouraged to stay and partake of the blessed food from your basket at the Cathedral Center. Tables will be set with plates and utensils for you. In addition, the Cathedral will provide wine and beverages. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibules to indicate how many people plan on staying so that we can have enough tables set. We encourage you to stay after for some fellowship and share in the joy of Pascha.

ETERNAL MEMORY

+**Irene Resetar**, sister of Nicholas Sowko, passed from this life to the next on March 16, 2024. May she 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 Irene in His Kingdom forever!*

NINETEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Cathedral Center. *“When you look for me, you will find me.” (Jeremiah 29:13) **Pre-registration is required by April 20, 2024, \$40 includes lunch (no refunds).*** Registration forms can be found in the vestibules. For more information call 412-322-8773 or email ore@archpitt.org.

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.