

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Schedule of Divine Services

SUNDAY OF THE RADIANT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

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

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Web Liturgy for Week of March 31, 2024 sponsored by

Kim & Kristie Cosgrove in memory of the deceased members of the Cosgrove (+Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith & +Keily), Mihalchik (+Michael & +Helen), and Suchta (+Dolores) Families

Sanctuary Candle is lit from March 24 – April 6

**Birthday remembrance of +Michele Kacik &
Birthday intention of Robert Kacik by Judy Kacik**

**Bright Monday, April 1 9:00 AM +Aaron Zini by Parents
40th Day Remembrance of +Helen Fialkovich**

THOMAS SUNDAY

Saturday, April 6 5:00 PM +Paul & +Eleanor Chekan by Elaine & Jane Savko

Sunday, April 7 9:00 AM +Elmer Pristas by Gloria Erney

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

Regular Offertory \$5,980.69

Maintenance Fund 376.00

Holy Day 169.00

BCW 14.00

Easter Flowers 120.00

Easter 2,715.00

Loose Cash 10.00

Candles 154.00

TOTAL \$9,538.69

Wonder of wonders! Marvels of marvels! We shall be absorbed in God's nature, we shall share and remain throughout eternity, forever and ever in His infinite beauty, infinite goodness, infinite love, infinite truth, infinite power and immortality - all because "Christ Is Risen!"

These are the thoughts that enable the Christian "to smile through tears," to bear the unbearable, to face the unfaceable, to love the unlovable, forgive the unforgivable, do the undo-able, and pass the breaking point, and not break!

This is the meaning of the greeting: "CHRIST IS RISEN!" This is why the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord surpasses all the other feasts in the liturgical Year, as the sun surpasses the stars, and why it is called in our Easter services, "The Feast of Feasts", "the Solemnity of Solemnities", "The Triumph of Triumphs", "the Day which the Lord has made", and the "The Passover", the day in which "He has brought us from death to life, from earth to heaven".

Yes, today is truly the "The Day the Lord has made." Let us therefore join the citizens of heaven and rejoice and be glad, as our Easter services exhorts, and "let us shout out with ecstatic joy and jubilation: "Holy, Holy, Holy are you, O Risen Christ, Lord God Almighty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Who was, Who is, Who is to come!"

"Great and Wonderful are your deeds! Praise, glory, honor and wisdom, power and thanksgiving be to you, O Risen Christ, now and ever and forever. Amen. Amen. Amen! CHRIST IS RISEN!

By Demetrius Wysochansky, OSBM

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, Paul Chervenak

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban

In person Attendance: *Saturday, March 23: 85; Sunday, March 24: 80*
Friday, March 22 Presanctified: **32**
March 25 Holy Monday -Annunciation: **30**
March 26 Holy Tuesday: **15**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, March 23: 27; Sunday, March 24: 55*
Friday, March 22 Presanctified: **29**
March 25 Holy Monday-Annunciation: **25**

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 31 Paige Giglione
- 31 Andrea Harhai
- 1 Leonard Simko
- 2 Justin Cosgrove
- 2 Nathan Simko
- 3 Joshua Wincko
- 6 Gabriel Bovee
- 6 Michael & Dorothy Moyta (Anniversary)

CRAFT SHOW

Our Spring Craft Show will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will over 30 crafter/vendors. We will be selling our ethnic food (eat in or take out) as well as our kolache and other baked goods. *If you are able and willing to help, please let Fr. Andrew know.*

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.

SS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported our Kolbasi project. We appreciate your support over the years.

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.

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.

We call this Day “*The Great Passover.*” The day when Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, thereby giving us New Life. When things become “new” or “Re-newed” they are changed. For this reason, everything in our lives is changed because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the way we pray, our posture in Church, the Church building itself, everything

THERE IS NO KNEELING...

from Easter until Pentecost Sunday. We are a resurrected people and we stand in the glory of Christ’s Holy Resurrection.

THE BELLS ARE RUNG...

over and over again on this day as we proclaim to all that Christ has trampled down death for us.

THE GOSPEL IS READ IN AS MANY LANGUAGES AS POSSIBLE...

announcing that the Resurrection is for ALL peoples. Aside from the Gospel being read in English, portions will be read in Slavonic, Greek, Latin, Spanish and Slovenian.

BRIGHT VESTMENTS AND PROCESSION DECORATIONS...

are used to constantly remind us that we celebrate the Feast of Victory.

THE RESURRECTION ICON...

shows Christ coming from the tomb and raising up Adam and Eve. We, too, are raised up with Him.

THERE IS NO FASTING...

during the entire Bright Week in honor of the Resurrection of Christ.

THE DOORS OF THE ICON SCREEN...

remain open during this entire week – even when no services are celebrated. The tomb is empty and Heaven is open to all of us!

BRIGHT MONDAY

proclaiming the Gospel and Good News to the four corners of the World, to all people of every nation.

Paschal Greetings

<u>English:</u>	Christ is Risen!	Indeed He is Risen!
<u>Church Slavonic:</u>	Christos Voskrese!	Voistinnu Voskrese!
<u>Rusin:</u>	Christos Voskres!	Voistinu Voskres!
<u>Greek:</u>	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
<u>Hungarian:</u>	Feltamadt Kristus!	Valoban feltamadt!
<u>Arabic:</u>	Al Masee Kam!	Hakku Kum!
<u>Italian:</u>	Cristo e risorto!	In verita e risorto!
<u>Spanish:</u>	Cristo es resucitado!	En verdad es resucitado!



Attentive to the Word

Feast of the Radiant Resurrection

Acts 1: 1-8

John 1: 1-17

Christ Is Risen! What a glorious greeting! Glorious because it speaks only of glory - our everlasting, unfading crown of glory! It speaks of the fulfillment of all that man longs for in this life!

The Easter, Paschal greeting: "Christ Is Risen!" was for the first time spoken by the angel to the women at our Lord's tomb, and the response: "Indeed, He Is Risen! It was first spoken by apostles when the news of Christ's resurrection reached them: "The Lord has been raised! It is true! He has appeared to Simon." (Lk. 24,34)

What joyful thoughts, what hope, what love, courage and strength should fill our hearts and minds upon hearing this greeting: "Christ Is Risen!"

For through His resurrection, Jesus Christ might "... free those who through fear of death had been slaves their whole life long" (Heb. 2,14); because of Christ's resurrection, our mortal bodies shall be clothed "with immortality" (d. 1 Cor. 15,52-54) and they "will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom" (Mt 13,43); because of Christ's resurrection the sufferings of the "present are as nothing compared with the glory (of the resurrection) to be revealed to us." (Rom. 8,18)

Through the resurrection of Christ we shall all enter into a new life of which St. Paul says: "Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what things God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor. 2,9); we shall enter into a new life where God will dwell with us, where we will be "his people and he will be our God... He will wipe away all tears from our eyes, there will be no more death, no more mourning, nor weeping or pain, for all these things will have passed away." (Apoc. 21,3)

The resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith for "if Christ had not risen," says St. Paul, "vain is our preaching and vain is your faith." (1 Cor. 15,14)

Finally, and above all wonders and marvels, through the resurrection, we will deified; we shall become divine as was decreed by the Holy Trinity from all eternity - we shall be made like unto God in whose image and likeness we were created, according to the words of our Lord: "O Father most holy, ... that they may be one even as we are one (John 17,11) ... that they may be one, even as we are one as you Father, are in me, and I am in you (John 17,21) ... that they may be one as we are one." (John 17,22) St. Peter said: "... he has bestowed on us the great and precious things he promised so that through these you who have fled a world corrupted by lust might become sharers of the divine nature." St. Paul said that we shall see him "face to face", (1 Cor. 13,12) and know God as we are known; St. John also said: "We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3,2)

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.