

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, June 1    **5:00 PM** +Michael Totin, Jr. & +Christine Colorito by Mary Ellen Totin

Sunday, June 2    **9:00 AM** +Margaret Kostovny by Dolores Zoretich

**Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: 125 – 127**

Web Liturgy for Week of June 2, 2024 sponsored by  
**Debbie & Justin Cosgrove in memory of +Keith Cosgrove**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from June 2 – 15  
**In memory of +Father Dennis Bogda by Elaine Bogda**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Saturday, June 8    **5:00 PM** +Father Dennis Bogda by Mary Ann Urban

Sunday, June 9    **9:00 AM** +Michael Matus by Joe Bilock

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,032.00
Maintenance Fund	619.00
Holy Day	50.00
Loose Cash	109.00
Candles	61.00
Seminary	100.00
Cemetery	375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,346.00</b>

**Special Offering: \$2,000 in memory of +Paul & +Eleanor Chekan and +Sam & +Alice Egidi by Gregory & Anna Marie Chekan**

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

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

## **NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING**

Elsie Urban

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 2 Barbara Wahal
- 3 Larry Kryszinski
- 3 Dorothy Moyta
- 3 Bernard Zadrowski
- 4 Gregory & Anna Marie Chekan (Anniversary)
- 4 Steven & Jennifer Kovatch (Anniversary)
- 5 Teri Phares
- 5 David & Marsha Hrabik (Anniversary)
- 6 Bernadette Thorwart
- 7 Carol Oriss

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, May 25: 48; Sunday, May 26: 57*  
*Pentecost Monday: 9*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, May 25: 25; Sunday, May 26: 44*  
*Pentecost Monday: 8*

## **ETERNAL MEMORY**

+**Ann Havrilcsak** passed from this life to the next on May 24, 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 Ann in His Kingdom forever!*

## **CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

Our Parish Family would like to honor all of our 2024 graduates from High School, College, Graduate School, etc. on **Sunday, July 23**. Please inform us of the names of our graduates, high school/college of graduation, degree/major by dropping a note in the collection basket by *Sunday, July 16*.

## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PILGRIMAGE**

A pilgrimage to celebrate the centennial of the Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Byzantine Chapel in the National Basilica has been scheduled for the weekend of October 12 & 13, 2024. As was mentioned the celebration will take place at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. When we receive the specifics of the cost, we will start accepting reservations for a bus trip.

## **SUMMER CONCERT**

The *East Wind Symphonic Band* will hold a concert on **July 14, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM** in the Cathedral Center. Come on out to enjoy an array of popular tunes, uplifting marches, wind band arrangements and Broadway favorites! Invite your family and friends to join you.

## **A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or beyond years during this calendar year of 2023. The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, **8 September 2024** at 3 PM.

Please inform the Parish Office, by **July 28**, if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries this year, so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.

## ***HEAVEN IS NOT JUST SOME FUTURE PLACE OR STATE***

It's a big mistake to think of things like Heaven and sainthood as some future place and state. Too often we seem to fall into false thinking concerning the present and the future, and life and death. Death is often discussed (and portrayed in books, TV and movies) as liberation from the prison of the body; and that a future state is a goal that is more important than our present state. Both of these teachings are false according to our faith. The danger in adhering to this false thinking is that we can fall into the trap of thinking we have tomorrow to be doing what we should today – namely leading a prayerful life on a daily basis for our growth as human beings. The Pharisees and other people in the Bible missed the entire significance of Jesus' presence among them and that the kingdom of God was already here. They kept looking toward some future state of when God's kingdom would arrive not knowing it was among them already. People think and act like this today. Since God exists in the ever present now, the most important part of our lives is every present moment.

-Theosis

**Knowing that we can handle only one day at a time,  
God gives us one day at a time.**



# Attentive to the Word

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Romans 2: 10-16*

*Matthew 4: 18-23*

Our Lord had just begun His earthly ministry in Galilee. For forty days and forty nights the Lord had fasted in the desert. Afterwards, the devil tempted our Lord three times, but three times the Lord rejected the temptation and tells Satan: “Get away, Satan! It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.’” (Matthew 4:10)

Jesus had left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what the Prophet Isaiah had foretold: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.” (Matthew 4:15-16) Jesus had begun traveling to the towns and villages preaching: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

St. Matthew tells us that Jesus started in Galilee to preach about the Kingdom. One day as Jesus was walking along the seacoast of Galilee, He saw Andrew and Peter casting a net into the sea. Our Lord says aloud: “Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately, the two brothers who are fishermen by trade leave their nets and follow Jesus.

Walking further along the shore, Jesus sees two brothers, James and John, in a boat mending their nets along with their father, Zebedee. Jesus calls aloud to both brothers, who also are fishermen by trade, to come and follow Him. James and John likewise immediately respond. “They left their boat and their father and followed Him.” (4:21)

Jesus called a total of twelve Apostles to help Him in His ministry inviting all to repent for their sins, leaving behind their sinful past, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God present already here on earth. Christ’s call to discipleship goes out to us, to all the nations, to become His followers. We are all called to leave the worldly, material way of life. Instead, we are to seek the spiritual gifts, riches, and treasures, which last forever.

In today’s times, and somewhat also in the past, there are many whose time and effort is spent on the acquisition of non-spiritual, material goods of this passing world. For some, it is a quest of human knowledge or wisdom instead of the spiritual and eternal wisdom of God.

For some, it may be a fancy car or house or money or jewelry or fame, but none of these truly satisfy one's needs. Too often the individual constantly seeks more, a feeling of never enough. They do not bring good to the soul nor eternal salvation.

We all are called to love God first and foremost, above all else, any other person, any other thing. And truly there is no middle ground. We are either for or against the Lord God. We either accept or reject His Gospel message that leads to eternal salvation. And once we accept Christ and His way of life, the Christian way, we are to share the Good News with others. Through our words and our deeds, they will know that we are Christian by the way we love one another.

The call to discipleship is a call to all the children of God created in His image and likeness. God chooses the ordinary to do an extraordinary task. The Lord God chooses even today the simple, ordinary folk who may not be well-versed in human wisdom and knowledge, but are spiritually wise. He chooses the poor, the handicap, the “weak of this world” to shame those who consider themselves strong.

After the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, they went out to the nations to preach and teach the Gospel and to baptize the believer. The baptized believer thereby becomes a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. We the members of the Mystical Body of Christ invite the Holy Spirit into our daily lives and to dwell among us. The Holy Spirit, a spirit of Absolute Love and Truth, conquers all evil and safeguards us against error and corruption.

By walking in the footsteps of Christ, by following the Ten Commandments and practicing Christ's two commands of Love (God and neighbor), we continue Christ's mission of redemption. We shall fulfill our unique God-given mission in life, achieve our potential by cooperating with the divine graces and blessings sent our way. Nothing would be impossible, for with God all things are possible.

May we all individually and collectively as Church serve God and the People of God. Despite their limitations and human weakness, the Apostles heard the call of Christ and replied in the affirmative. Ordinary men called to do an extraordinary task. They possessed a deep love and trust in Christ Who would never abandon nor mislead any one of us. For Christ, Faithful and True, shall return one day to make all wrongs right and correct injustices and repay all according to their deeds, good or bad. May we be counted worthy to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, the place of Light where all the blessed and saints live for all eternity.

*By Father D. George Worschak*

## 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.