

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, May 18     **5:00 PM +Leona & +Albert Bodnar by Tom, Al & Dave**  
 Sunday, May 19     **9:00 AM +George Havrilcsak by Ann Havrilcsak**

**Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: 203 – 208**

Web Liturgy for Week of May 19, 2024 sponsored by  
**Michael & Kimberly Lupichuk**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from May 19 – June 1  
**In memory of +George Havrilcsak by Ann Havrilcsak**

**Pentecost Monday, May 20 9:00 AM - 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls' Remembrance**

**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

Saturday, May 25     **5:00 PM +Nancy Lebedda by Drew Porvaznik**  
 Sunday, May 26     **9:00 AM +Paul & +Helen (Macko) Mihalco by Rebecca Mihalco**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,741.00
Maintenance Fund	637.00
Holy Day	380.00
Seminary	325.00
Loose Cash	80.00
Candles	187.53
Cemetery	185.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,535.53</b>

**Live Stream Donation: \$25 by Joana Dizak; \$25 by Leonard & Felicia Simko**

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

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

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

Elsie Urban

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

19 Mary Ann Varhola

20 Sandy Hornak

22 Arthur Snyder

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, May 11: 47; Sunday, May 12: 70*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, May 11: 26; Sunday, May 12: 47*

## **RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS**

We will be holding another Rummage Sale on **May 31 and 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 will continue the process of sorting the donated items on Tuesday, May 21, Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23 also, Tuesday, May 28, Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30 at 6 PM. If you could give us a helping hand it will greatly be appreciated. Volunteers will be needed on the days of the sale, Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 from 7:30 AM to 1 PM. No matter what time or for how long your help will be greatly appreciated.*

## **BAKED GOODS**

We are in need of baked goods to sell at our upcoming Rummage Sale bake Sale. If you are able and willing to donate baked goods, please drop them off any set up day after 6 PM.

**EVENING SERVICES TIME**

I have been asked if weekday evening Divine Services could be celebrated earlier than 7 PM. So I am taking this survey to see when you are able to attend services in the evening on weekdays.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 PM

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 PM

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 PM remains the best time for me to attend

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your preference to the parish office by May 26, 2024

-----  
Preliminary Arrangements  
Centennial Pilgrimage/Celebration of the Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh  
1924-2024  
October 12 and 13, 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024  
Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Welcome of Pilgrims in the Great Upper Church by Monsignor Vito Buonanno, Director of Pilgrimages  |
| 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy celebrated by Archbishop William and Bishops Kurt and Robert<br><i>(Depending on the number of people, this will be in either the Great Upper Church or the Crypt Church)</i>           |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch in the cafeteria<br>Visits to Gift Shop and Book store   |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Moleben to the Theotokos at the beautiful Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel celebrated by the Archbishop and Bishops  |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Time for touring Basilica and its Chapels, Sacrament of Penance, Personal Prayer<br>Panachida for departed Bishops, Priests, Monastics, Religious and Faithful<br>Conclusion of events at the Basilica |

Epiphany of Our Lord, Annandale, Virginia  
6:00 p.m. Festive Banquet at the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Center

- Sunday, October 13, 2024  
Epiphany of Our Lord, Annandale, Virginia
- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| 10:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, celebrated by the Archbishop and Bishops |
| 11:30 a.m. | Brunch at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Center  |

**If there is enough interest, a bus will be chartered to attend the celebrations.**



# Attentive to the Word

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Acts 2: 1-11*

*John 7: 37-52 & 8: 12*

In describing the mission that the Holy Spirit would have in the Church, Christ used the significant words: "He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." And he added: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ... he will declare to you the things that are to come." The Spirit is thus promised to the Church and to each Christian as a Teacher who, in the secret of one's conscience and one's heart, makes one understand what one has heard but was not capable of grasping: "Even now the Holy Spirit teaches the faithful," said Saint Augustine in this regard, "in accordance with each one's spiritual capacity. And he sets their hearts aflame with greater desire according as they progress in the charity that makes them love what they already know and desire what they have yet to know." Furthermore, the Spirit's mission is also to transform the disciples into witnesses to Christ: "He will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses." But this is not all. For Saint Paul, who on this matter synthesizes a theology that is implicit in all of the New Testament, it is the whole of one's "being a Christian," the whole of the Christian life, the new life of the children of God, that constitutes a life in accordance with the Spirit. Only the Spirit enables us to say to God: "Abba, Father." Without the Spirit we cannot say: "Jesus is Lord." From the Spirit come all the charisms that build up the Church, the community of Christians. In keeping with this, Saint Paul gives each disciple of Christ the instruction: "Be filled with the Spirit." Saint Augustine is very explicit: "Both (our believing and our doing good) are ours because of the choice of our will, and yet both are gifts from the Spirit of faith and charity." Growth in faith and the maturing of Christian life towards its fullness, is consequently a work of the Holy Spirit, a work that he alone can initiate and sustain in the Church .... Consequently, it is clear that the Church-and also every individual Christian devoting himself to that mission within the Church and in her name-must be very much a ware of acting as a living pliant instrument of the Holy Spirit. To invoke this Spirit constantly, to be in communion with him, to endeavour to know his authentic inspirations must be the attitude of the teaching Church and of every Christian.

*By Pope St. John Paul II, Catechesis in Our Time, no. 72*

## **KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST**

Father Alexander Schmemmann writes: We are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fullness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation. All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God. In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love. The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory. Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost" — and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches — for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit - "the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life - comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope. The Prayers In these Kneeling Prayers there's actually seven different prayers, done in three sets of kneeling: two in the first set, two in the second set, and three in the third set. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God. In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. In the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of love.

## 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.