

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

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

Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: 211 - 213

Web Liturgy for Week of May 26, 2024 sponsored by
Andrew Bulazo

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

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27 9:00 AM *Deceased of the Armed Forces*
Weather permitting, we will meet at the cemetery for a Panachida
immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

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| Regular Offertory | \$1,988.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 372.00 |
| Holy Day | 632.00 |
| Loose Cash | 80.00 |
| Candles | 33.00 |
| Cemetery | 285.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,390.00 |

Special Donation: \$20 in memory of +Leona Bodnar by Darlene Chervenak

Live Stream: \$25 by Joana Dizak

*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 Havrilscaak*, 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

MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

27 Dylan Cannon
27 Martin & Patricia Bovee (Anniversary)
28 Richard Gomolak
28 Matthew & Jonelle Bovee (Anniversary)
28 Michael & Diane Pochron (Anniversary)
28 Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola (Anniversary)
29 David Pavasko
31 Michael B. Koval
1 Eve Bovee
1 Bernard E. Ducar
1 Joseph & Christine Godovchik (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, May 18: 52; Sunday, May 19: 51*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, May 18: 26; Sunday, May 19: 60*

ETERNAL MEMORY

+**Paul Chervenak** passed from this life to the next on May 22, 2024. May he 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 Paul 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*.

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

Our Rummage Sale will be next weekend, **May 31 and June 1, 2024**, 8 AM – 1 PM. We are no longer accepting items. Thanks for your donations.

Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May/June. *We will continue the process of pricing the donated items on **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.

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 *(Depending on the number of people, this will be in either the Great Upper Church or the Crypt Church)*
- 12:00 noon Lunch in the cafeteria
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
Time for touring Basilica and its Chapels, Sacrament of Penance, Personal Prayer
- 3:00 p.m. Panachida for departed Bishops, Priests, Monastics, Religious and Faithful
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



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2

Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30

This Sunday closes the Pentecostal season. On this day the Church celebrates the memory of the saints of God, our shining models of virtue and the benefactors of the human race. Every saint has his own proper feast at some time in the course of the year; but since the number of saints is ever increasing and will increase continually to the end of the world, the Church designates one day in the year on which the memory of all the saints may be celebrated. The liturgy exhorts us to pay honor to these models of virtue, asking them to intercede with God to have mercy on us. "Come, O believers, let us today stand in order and rejoice with true worship. Let us extol with praises the memory of the all-honored, all-revered saints, saying aloud: Rejoice, O glorious apostles, prophets, martyrs, and bishops! Rejoice, O company of the righteous and just! Rejoice, O rank of honored women ...!" (stichera of vespers).

By Fr. Basil Shereghy

THE APOSTLES' FAST

According to the ancient tradition of the Eastern Church there is a period of fasting before the celebration of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. This fast begins on the Monday after the Sunday of All Saints and continues until the feast itself. Since the celebration of All Saints depends on when Easter is observed, the fast for Sts. Peter and Paul varies from a couple of weeks to a month or more. *This year the fast starts on May 27 and is kept until June 28.*

Most people do not follow this fast since it is not obligatory now, but this does not mean that it is not observed. We may ask why should we fast especially now at the beginning of summer and school vacation time. Let us say, first, that this is not an easy

time to fast; but we should remember that fasting is never easy. The very purpose of fasting is to discipline ourselves and this requires hard work and sacrifices.

The discipline of fasting leads us to be open to God's Spirit and His Word. We look for consolation to today's problems and difficulties and we seek answers in many places. The only true and lasting place to find meaning to the crises that face us is to return to God; but it is only in silent waiting for God to speak to us through His Spirit that we can find this consolation.

The fasting and discipline asked of us by the Church during this period of preparation for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul can be a better teacher. We can learn how to free ourselves from the sway of convenience by fasting at the beginning of summer. The free avoidance of foods (meat products is the minimal fast) on Wednesdays and Fridays along with prayer can give us the strength and insights to see what things are really needful for our lives. The wisdom of this world can be met with a spiritual wisdom that can build our character and our relationship with God.

MEMORIAL DAY

We remember today all the brave soldiers, mostly men but also many women, who have fought for the United States out of love for their country. Our Lord said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)" I do not think he was speaking first of all of war and soldiers, but the saying can be applied to them in some way. I believe with all my heart that almost all of those who have died for America in battle were fighting for a just cause, to preserve human rights and dignity. In today's polarized political scene, we may have very different ideas on what constitutes human rights and dignity. However, we pause on this day to honor those who have died for what they believed is right, and we judge no one. In an ancient hymn, no longer in the liturgical books, but which is relevant, we pray, "Let us gather, O people of Christ, and praise the memory of our brothers and sisters who died in combat and in unendurable captivity. Let us give honor to them."

By Archpriest David M. Petras

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.