

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

**Saturday, July 20 5:00 PM 40th Day Remembrance of +Barbara Toborg
by Mary Ellen Totin**

Sunday, July 21 9:00 AM +Josephine Stagon by Family
The blessing of vehicles will follow each weekend Divine Liturgy.

Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: 161 - 163

**Web Liturgy for Week of July 21, 2024 sponsored by
Michael and Kimberly Lupichuk and Family**

Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 14 - 27
In memory of +Edward Bosh by Agnes Borsh

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Saturday, July 27 5:00 PM Special Intention of Thomas & Richard Kollar
by Maureen Kollar**

Sunday, July 28 9:00 AM +Irene Resetar by Sowko & Timko Families

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,428.00
Maintenance Fund	371.00
Holy Day	50.00
Loose Cash	29.00
Peter's Pence	70.00
Candles	182.00
Cemetery	10.00
TOTAL	\$3,140.00

*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

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

21 Kim Cosgrove
21 John Ducar
24 Peter & Kristy Giglione (Anniversary)
25 Kristie Cosgrove
25 Ernest Varhola

In person Attendance: *Saturday, July 13: 50; Sunday, July 14: 51*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, July 13: N/A; Sunday, July 14: 48*

Live Stream: \$75 by Leonard & Felicia Simko

ETERNAL MEMORY

+**Martha Wincko** passed from this life to the next on July 15, 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 Martha in His Kingdom forever!*

MANY YEARS

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Bishop Teodor Matsapula** I.V.E. (Institute of the Incarnate Word). He was ordained the bishop of Mukachevo in Uzhorod, Ukraine on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Metropolitan William, along with Bishop Kurt and Bishop Robert, participated in the ordination. The Eparchy of Mukachevo is one of our mother eparchies from where our ancestors immigrated to the United States. It is also the home eparchy of 9 of the European priests presently serving the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. *May God grant to the newly ordained Bishop Teodor peace, health and happiness for many years!*

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to celebrate the centennial of the Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh and the 50th 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. Registration forms are located in the vestibules of the church or can be downloaded at <https://archpitt.org/centennial-pilgrimage-2024/>. **The bus trip is limited to 48 people on a first come, first serve basis.**

GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle trees at the Craft Show & Basket Extravaganza, 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.

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA BASKETS

We will hold our Basket Extravaganza on Sunday, November 10, 2024. We are in need of completed baskets or items to complete a basket. You can contact Diane Pochron at 412-303-6534 for any information or ideas for basket items. Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21/22	Stuffed Cabbage Dinner
October 19	Fall Craft Show
November 10	Basket Extravaganza
December 8	St. Nicholas Banquet-Seminary Benefit
December 15	Christmas Concert by East Winds Symphonic Band

“In the **Eucharist**, Jesus nourishes us; he unites us with himself, with his Father, with the Holy Spirit and with one another. This network of unity that embraces the world is an anticipation of the future world in our time.

Precisely in this way, since it is an anticipation of the future world, communion is also a gift with very real consequences. **It lifts us from our loneliness, from being closed in on ourselves, and makes us sharers in the love that unites us to God and to one another.**” -Pope Benedict XVI



Attentive to the Word

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 3: 9-17

Matthew 14: 22-34

People often wonder “why didn’t God help me?” “why didn’t God answer me?” “Where was God when I needed him?” Often the answer to these questions is that we allowed ourselves to become distracted.

Some may say, No not me...”I prayed”, “I sought after God”, “I did what I was supposed to do” and nothing changed. Well then I would like to ask the questions what made you stop praying? What made you stop seeking God? What made you stop doing what you were supposed to do? Could it be it was because you saw no results taking place, in other words you were distracted by what was not happening.

Blessings, faith, and answers are often missed because of distractions. You start out strong and mighty. Your mind is made up that I’m going to wait on God until my change come. But then you realize time is moving on and it seems like nothing still is happening. In fact, it seems like things are getting worse and the small thought “maybe this is not God’s will for me” or “maybe God is not with me” creeps in.

Once the first distraction takes root, it causes you to take your eyes off of the Lord God Almighty that you are waiting on and instead place your eyes on the situation which seems all so wrong. The more you look at it the more it grows until it now seems bigger than God.

Don’t be fooled, a distraction does not always have to be a problem or a situation that seems to be getting worse. Sometimes it can be a situation that seems all so right. “I know this job is going to keep me from church but I’ll now be able to pay all of my bills” or maybe it’s “I know I shouldn’t be hanging around those old friends but I’m tired of being by myself”. These distractions are going to cause you to miss out on the things God

has for you and leave you asking yourself why didn't God help me? God was helping you, but you became distracted before it became manifested.

Let's look at the book of Matthew the fourteenth chapter. We find the disciples in a ship that was caught in a storm. They see Jesus walking on water towards them. Peter yells out Lord if this is you let me walk on the water and come to you. He receives the answer "come". Now let's focus on the 30th verse. But when he (Peter) SAW the wind boisterous, he was afraid: and beginning to sink, he cried, saying Lord save me. The 29th verse tells us that Peter actually walked on the water until he began to look at the boisterous winds and waves. His eyes were taken off of Jesus, he became afraid and then started to sink. Peter became distracted with what was going on around him instead of continuously focusing on Jesus.

It's only when you truly come to trust God that you will be able to overcome distractions. However many of us never take the time to learn how to trust God. We see him as a genie in the bottle that's supposed to grant us our every desire. We must learn how to develop faith in the bible and come to know him as the God who is there. The question should not be how can I trust God but rather a strong acclamation-it's God I Trust! No matter what I see, hear or feel I will trust God. What blessings are in stored for the person that comes to the place of fully trusting God.

The storms of life will surely come but let me ask another question-Who is God to you? Is he a god who runs from problems or does he hide himself because he doubts himself? Is he a god that does not know how to help you or maybe your situation took him by surprise and he must now figure out what to do. Of course not, remind yourself that there is nothing impossible with God and no good thing will he withhold from you.

We can't afford to get distracted, but if we do remember this-God's mercy endures forever. God gladly waits to put you back on the right path. God wants to bless you, he wants to help you, he wants to heal you and he longs to answer you. God has so much in stored for you. So don't let distractions cause you to miss out on the things God has just for you.

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.