

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, July 13 **5:00 PM** +Magdaline Ostheim by Family

Sunday, July 14 **9:00 AM** +Kurtz+Bich Family by Mary Plesniak

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Web Liturgy for Week of July 14, 2024 sponsored by
Raymond Perhach

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

FEAST OF THE GREAT PROPHET ELIAS

Friday, July 19 6:30 PM +Nicholas Stiliha by Fran & Jean Dinco

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 20 **5:00 PM** +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.

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

Regular Offertory	\$3,445.00
Maintenance Fund	1032.00
Holy Day	60.00
Loose Cash	120.00
Peter's Pence	50.00
Candles	140.00
TOTAL	\$4,847.00

Special Donation: \$200 given anonymously

*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

16 Mary Ann Martin
16 Drew Porvaznik
18 Douglas Duda
19 Arden Bovee
19 Robert & Claire Hildenbrand (Anniversary)
20 Elizabeth Martin

In person Attendance: *Saturday, July 6: 50; Sunday, July 7: 52*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, July 6: 24; Sunday, July 7: 56*

ETERNAL MEMORY

On July 10, 2024 +**Sr. Theodosia Alishofski**, of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Uniontown, passed from this life to the next during her 75th year of religious life. 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 +Sr. Theodosia in His Kingdom forever!*

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.

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. **The trip is limited to 48 people on a first come, first serve basis.**



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 14: 14-22

Hebrews 13: 7-16; John 17: 1-13

Today's reading of the Gospel recounts a powerful display of compassion and provision by Jesus. The passage begins with Jesus encountering a large crowd of people who had followed Him on foot from various towns. Despite His need for solitude following the news of John the Baptist's death, Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the multitude. He healed their sick and ministered to them, pouring out His love and care. As evening approached, the disciples urged Jesus to send the crowd away so they could find food in nearby villages. However, Jesus had a different plan. He instructed the disciples to give the crowd something to eat. The disciples, perplexed by the seemingly impossible task, could only find five loaves of bread and two fish among them. Undeterred, Jesus took the meager offering, looked up to heaven, blessed it, and then miraculously multiplied it to feed the entire crowd of over five thousand people. Not only were they all satisfied, but there were even twelve baskets of leftovers. This passage showcases Jesus' divine power, compassion, and provision. It reminds us that when we bring our meager resources to Him, He can multiply them beyond our wildest expectations. It also highlights the importance of serving others and meeting their needs, even when our own resources seem insufficient.

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

As the Church progressed through history it was faced with many difficult decisions. The Church always settled difficulties and made decisions by reaching a consensus of opinion among all the believers inspired by God who were led by their appointed leaders, first the apostles and then the bishops.

The first church council in history was held in the apostolic church to decide the conditions under which the gentiles, that is, the non-Jews, could enter the Christian Church, (see Acts 15). From that time on, all through history councils were held on every level of church life to make important decisions. Bishops met regularly with their priests, also called presbyters or elders, and people. It became the practice, and even the law, very early in church history that bishops in given regions should meet in councils held on a regular basis.

At times in church history councils of all of the bishops in the church were called. All the bishops were not able to attend these councils, of course, and not all such councils

were automatically approved and accepted by the Church in its Holy Tradition. In the Eastern Church only seven such councils, some of which were actually quite small in terms of the number of bishops attending, have received the universal approval of the entire Church in all times and places. These councils have been termed the Seven Ecumenical Councils. The dogmatic definitions (dogma means official teaching) and the canon laws of the ecumenical councils are understood to be inspired by God and to be expressive of His will for men. Thus, they are essential sources of our Christian doctrine.

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

FEAST OF THE HOLY PROPHET ELIAS

Elijah of great fame was from Thisbe or Thesbe, a town of Galaad (Gilead), beyond the Jordan. He was of priestly lineage, a man of a solitary and ascetical character, clothed in a mantle of sheep skin, and girded about his loins with a leathern belt. His name is interpreted as "Yah is my God." His zeal for the glory of God was compared to fire, and his speech for teaching and rebuke was likened unto a burning lamp. From this too he received the name Zealot.

Therefore, set aflame with such zeal, he sternly reproved the impiety and lawlessness of Ahab and his wife Jezebel. He shut up heaven by means of prayer, and it did not rain for three years and six months. Ravens brought him food for his need when, at God's command, he was hiding by the torrent of Horroth. He multiplied the little flour and oil of the poor widow of Sarephtha of Sidon, who had given him hospitality in her home, and when her son died, he raised him up.

He brought down fire from Heaven upon Mount Carmel, and it burned up the sacrifice offered to God before all the people of Israel, that they might know the truth. At the torrent of Kisson, he slew 450 false prophets and priests who worshipped idols and led the people astray. He received food wondrously at the hand of an Angel, and being strengthened by this food he walked for forty days and forty nights. He beheld God on Mount Horeb, as far as this is possible for human nature. He foretold the destruction of the house of Ahab, and the death of his son Ohozas; and as for the two captains of fifty that were sent by the king, he burned them for their punishment, bringing fire down from Heaven.

He divided the flow of the Jordan, and he and his disciple Elisseus passed through as it were on dry land; and finally, while speaking with him, Elijah was suddenly snatched away by a fiery chariot in the year 895 B.C., and he ascended as though into heaven, whither

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.



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Assembly 2025 – Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh

July, 10, 2024

Preparations are underway for our Church – Bishops, Clergy, Monastics, Religious, and Laity - to come together in Assembly next year - from July 16-20, 2025. The gathering will convene at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana under the name and calling, "Come let us worship and bow before Christ"

Worship of the Lord includes our personal prayer and our liturgical prayer life. It is reflected in our relationships with each other and in the ways we live our faith as Byzantine Catholics of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh.

The goal of the Assembly is to together discern ways to live our worship of Christ today in a real and practical manner while learning from the past and looking to the future. The Assembly will include formal presentations, interviews, panel discussion and round table exercises.

Special emphasis will be given to the distinctive contributions Byzantine Catholic have made to their Metropolitan Church.

The Assembly is a time to celebrate the unique contributions of each region and Eparchy while at the same time acknowledging the unity of the Byzantine Catholic Church in North America.

More information will appear in your parish bulletins and online at the Assembly website: byzantineassembly.org

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+William C Skurla

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D. D.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh