

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, August 3 5:00 PM +Clarence & +Irene J. Hornak by Sandy Hornak
Sunday, August 4 9:00 AM +Raymond Perhacs by Jeanine

Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: 130 - 132

Web Liturgy for Week of August 4, 2024 sponsored by
Birthday blessing for Paulette Winowich by Terri Casey

Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 28 – August 10
In memory of +Thomas Bunty by Paulette Winowich

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Monday, August 5 6:30 PM Birthday blessings for Paulette Winowich by Terri Casey
Tuesday, August 6 9:00 AM +Thomas Perhach by Mary Copo & Jan Zeremko

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 10 5:00 PM Deceased members of Cosgrove (+Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith & +Keily; Michalchik (+Michael & +Helen); Suchta (+Dolores) Families by Kim & Kristie Cosgrove
Sunday, August 11 9:00 AM +Richard Lesko by Family

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,305.00
Maintenance Fund	462.00
Holy Day	45.00
Loose Cash	31.00
Peter’s Pence	90.00
Candles	96.00
Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	\$3,054.00

*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, Roy Ruggieri

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 5 Margaret Condon
- 6 Nicholas Havrilla
- 8 Linda Stofko
- 8 Anna Bovee
- 9 Paulette Winowich
- 9 Steve & Janine Tima (Anniversary)
- 10 David & Lauren Pavasko (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, July 27: 39; Sunday, July 28: 50*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, July 27: 29 ; Sunday, July 28: 61*

Special Donations:

In memory of +Martha Wincko: \$50 by Nancy Duleba; \$25 by Drew Porvaznik;
\$100 by Jack & Tammy Smith

Live Stream: \$50 by Joe Onoffrey

Special Donation: \$50,000 from the estate of +Ann Havrilcsak

ETERNAL MEMORY

+**Robert Myers**, father of Meg Condon, passed from this life to the next on July 29, 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 Robert in His Kingdom forever!*

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

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday, September 7, 2024 6 pm – 10 pm. St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 506 Saline Street, Pittsburgh. \$20 per person includes dinner, snacks & non alcoholic drinks. BYOB. Doors open at 5:30 PM/Dinner at 6 PM. Races at 7 PM. For more information contact Beverly Rebovich – bevr5255@hotmail.com or Barb Rebovich – Barbara.rebovich1@verizon.net.



Attentive to the Word

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 9: 2-12

Matthew 18: 23-35

In Matt 18:21-35, Jesus' teaching concerning the kingdom of God extends to the theme of forgiveness. In this parable we read about a servant who begged his king for forgiveness of his debts but in turn would not hear the pleas of those who owed him money. One debtor is sent to prison by the inflexible servant. Other servants, distressed at seeing one of their company imprisoned, brought this to the attention of the king, who had recently forgiven his servant. Confronting the hypocrite, the king scorns him and orders him jailed. Jesus concludes on the somber note: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive one another from your heart."

This parable reiterates the logic of both Sirach and Romans. On the one hand, forgiveness is the means of saving oneself, the choice of those who act wisely. In a more profound sense, forgiveness is not simply enjoined by frightening alternatives. Forgiveness becomes the basis of the Christian community, which is servanthood. The true servant defers not merely to the superior, to whom one obviously is accountable. The true servant considers the good of those who are equals and those who are indebted. The true servant acts for the welfare of others and thus enforces the strength of the whole. Such considerations are more than selfish calculation or opportunism. They proceed from the heart. Forgiveness bands Christians to each other and to God. One might also say that the way in which people approach one another bespeaks how they actually approach God. In turn, God responds to us in our actions toward each other. Forgiveness is our most secure bond.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

And in this Transfiguration the foremost object was to remove the offense of the cross from the disciple's heart, and to prevent their faith being disturbed by the humiliation of His voluntary Passion by revealing to them the excellence of His hidden dignity. But with no less foresight, the foundation was laid of the Holy Church's hope, that the whole body of Christ might realize the character of the change which it would have to receive, and that the members might promise themselves a share in that honour which had already shone forth in their Head. About which the Lord had Himself said, when He spoke of the majesty of His coming, "Then shall the righteous shine as the sun in their Father's Kingdom," (Matthew 13:43) while the blessed Apostle Paul bears witness to the self-same thing, and says: "for I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the future glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18): and again, "for you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. For when Christ our life shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:3) But to confirm the Apostles and assist them to all knowledge, still further instruction was conveyed by that miracle.

(Excerpt from homily of St. Leo the Great)

BLESSING OF FRUIT



On the Feast of the Transfiguration it is customary in the Eastern Church to bless **GRAPES AND FRUITS**. This blessing will take place following the Divine Liturgies for the Feast Day. Grapes are indicative of wine which is “transfigured” into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don’t forget to bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with 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.