

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 12 **5:00 PM** +Jean Repine by Mark & Virginia Repine

Sunday, October 13 **9:00 AM** +Dorothy Ducar by MM Greg Chilkis

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Web Liturgy for Week of October 13, 2024 sponsored by
Dr. Victor R. Haburchak, Jr. in memory of +Anna Stupak

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 6 – 19

Special Intentions of Judy Kacik by Agnes Borsh

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, October 19 **5:00 PM** Special Intention of Lorraine Brock by
Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla

Sunday, October 20 **9:00 AM** +Michael & +Anna Szerbin by Grandchildren

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

Regular Offertory	\$3,569.00
Maintenance Fund	719.00
Holy Day	166.00
Loose Cash	115.00
Candles	104.00
Cemetery	450.00
TOTAL	\$5,123.00

Special Donations: \$1,500 in memory of +Martha Wincko by Friends and Family

*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: 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, Nick & Lorraine Havrilla, Andrew & Linda Deskevich.

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 14 Rita Slava
- 14 Samuel & Elaine Cannon (Anniversary)
- 15 John Heddleston
- 17 Patricia Belfiglio
- 19 Basil & Barbara Wahal (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 5: 43; Sunday, October 6: 63*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 5: 25; Sunday, October 6: 49*

CRAFT SHOW

Our Parish will conduct our Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, October 19, 2024** from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will be **60** crafters/vendors. We will be selling Stuffed Cabbage, haluski, pirohi and other foods, eat-in or take-out, as well as our kolache and other baked goods.

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.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL – OCTOBER 20

Please join your parish family for a Coffee & Donut Social after the 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy on **October 20, 2024.**

KOLACHE ORDERS

We are now accepting Kolache orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Deadline to order Kolache for Thanksgiving is November 3, 2024; pick up is November 22 from 3–5 PM. Deadline to order Kolache for Christmas is December 1, 2024; pick up is December 13 from 3–5 PM. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church.

PLEASE NOTE: Kolache price will be \$17.00 each.

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

The “Kathedral Kitchen” has been restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki*, *Chili & Wedding*, *Chicken Noodle*, *Chicken Gnocchi*, *Mushroom*, *Pasta Fagioli*, *Stuffed Cabbage*, *Tomato Basil*, *Stuffed Pepper* and *Beef Vegetable soups* for \$7; Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for \$18 and 1 dozen for \$30. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew.

“MARYFEST”

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir (PBCAC) invites you to a celebration of Our Lady as they convene at St. Elias Church in Munhall to present “MARYFEST” a song-filled homage to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

The choral program also will feature readings and reminiscences recalling Mary’s inspiration, Mary’s impact and Mary’s mercy.

A “pumpkin spice” hospitality reception will follow in the parish social hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10	Basket Extravaganza
December 8	St. Nicholas Banquet-Seminary Benefit
December 15	Christmas Concert by East Winds Symphonic Band

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Ascension Byzantine Church, 318 Park Ave. Clairton. Sunday, October 20, 2024 from Noon - 4 PM. Adults: \$12; Children 10 and under; \$5. Basket Raffle & bake sale.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Club, Duquesne is sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 1-5 PM. Adults: \$12; Children 6-10; \$6 Children 5 & Under; free. Raffles & baskets.



Attentive to the Word

*Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Galatians 2: 16-20/Hebrews 13: 7-16
Luke 8: 5-15/John 17: 1-13*

On our liturgical calendar, our Church prescribes between October 11-17, a solemn remembrance of the Seventh Ecumenical Council held in the city of Nicea in 787 during the reign of the devout Byzantine Empress, Irene, and her son, Constantine, when Patriarch Tarasius was on the patriarchal throne. This important council definitively decided the raging issue of iconoclasm by defining the doctrine concerning religious images and their veneration (not worship) and ordered the images restored to churches. The period between October 11-17 traditionally was the time most devoted to discussion on sacred images at the Council sessions.

The work of this Council was critical to the acceptance of and understanding about the veneration of images. The Fathers of Nicaea II underscored this teaching from Sacred Scripture, the witness of Tradition, the testimony of patristic writings and the examples of miracles in connection with holy icons.

One stirring account by the Cypriot bishop, Constantine, dramatized the respect due holy icons. According to the story, a shepherd from the city of Constantia, driving his flock out to pasture one day, saw a wayside shrine of the Mother of God adorned with flowers. "Why give so much honor to such an image?" the herdsman said, obviously influenced by iconoclastic teaching. He threw his heavy iron staff at the icon, damaging the right eye of the Mother of God. As soon as he started to walk away, he stumbled over the same staff and put out his own right eye. He returned thus blinded to the city and cried out tearfully that it was a punishment from the Mother of God.

The actual pronouncement by the Council Fathers declares: "With all certitude and accuracy that just as the figure of the precious and life-giving Cross, so also the venerable and holy images, both in painting and in mosaic as well as of other fit materials, should be set forth in the holy churches of God, and on the sacred vessels and on the vestments and on hangings and in pictures both in homes and by the wayside, to wit, the figure of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, of our spotless Lady, the Mother of God, of the honorable Angels, of all the saints and of all pious people. For by so much more frequently as they are seen in artistic representation, by so much more readily are men lifted up to the memory of their prototypes, and to a longing after them; and to these should be given due salutation and honorable reverence, not indeed that true worship of faith which pertains only to the divine nature, but to these, as to the figure of the precious and life-giving Cross and to the Books of the Gospels and to other holy objects, incense and lights may be offered according to ancient pious customs. For the honor which is paid to the image passes on to that which the image represents, and he who reveres the image reveres it in the subject represented."

This Council also stipulated that relics of martyrs be placed in the antimension. The deliberations of Nicea II today seem somewhat inconsequential because we have their insights and the passage of centuries from the time the correct teaching was set forth. However, without their clarification and pronouncement, we can only speculate what religious art forms, if any, would be found in our churches, homes and on our persons. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews in the verses set for this feast (13:7-17) aptly advises us, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider how they ended their lives, and imitate their faith."

By +Msgr. John T. Sekellick

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.