

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, November 2 **5:00 PM** +Allison Repine by Mark & Virginia Repine
Sunday, November 3 **9:00 AM** +John Hromyak by Joe Bilock

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Web Liturgy for Week of November 3, 2024 sponsored by
Helen Firment

Sanctuary Candle is lit from November 3 – 16

Special Intentions of John & Joanne Organiscak by Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Friday, November 8 **9:00 AM** +Carol Serechin by Mary Kurtz

25thSUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, November 9 **5:00 PM** +Magdaline Ostheim by Family
Sunday, November 10 **9:00 AM** +Abbot Leo Schlosser by Nicholas & Barbara Sowko

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

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| Regular Offertory | \$2,288.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 599.00 |
| Holy Day | 5.00 |
| Loose Cash | 138.00 |
| Candles | 115.00 |
| Cemetery | 125.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,270.00 |

*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: 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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 4 Michael Pcholinsky
- 6 John & Betsy Raget (Anniversary)
- 7 Matthew Bovee
- 9 Kalina Lazarov

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 26: 60; Sunday, October 27: 85*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 26: 21; Sunday, October 27: 47*

SAINT NICHOLAS CHARITY EVENT

The *Annual "St. Nicholas Celebration"* benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius at **St. John Cathedral** is Sunday, December 8, 2024. A Moleben will be celebrated at 3 PM in the Cathedral followed by a social hour and dinner in the Center. **Adults tickets are \$45 and children (12 and under) are \$20. All families and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please see Fr. Andrew for more information. Deadline, to order tickets, is November 10, 2024.**

SEMINARY BENEFIT RAFFLE

In conjunction with the annual St. Nicholas Banquet, a raffle is being conducted that benefits our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Each ticket cost \$10 and is based on the PA Daily 3-digit Number. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please see Fr. Andrew.

SARRIS' CANDY ORDERS

Order forms for Sarris' Candy are located in the vestibules of the church. Please return order forms by **November 17, 2024.**

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 12-4 PM, Cathedral Center. There will be 40+ baskets, a variety of vendors, ***eat in Beef tips over noodles dinner***, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please call Diane at 412-303-6534. Your place for Christmas gift ideas.

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.

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

On *Saturday and Sunday, November 9th and 10th* our Parish will honor in a special way our Veterans and Military Personnel. This celebration will include prayerful supplications and a blessing at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you served in the armed forces of our country and are planning to attend this celebration, please notify the parish office. We ask that you please submit to the parish office by **Wednesday, November 6th** the names of Veterans in your families (deceased and living).

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES

The Annual Marian Moleben for the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our Four Sainly Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops: Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Theodore G. Romzha; Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Paul P. Gojdich, OSBM; Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Basil Hopko, and Alexander Chira on **Sunday, November 3, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.** at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, 225 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks. You are cordially invited. Information on the lives of these holy prelates, along with refreshments will be served following the liturgical service. Please help us by your prayers and presence to advance their Causes.



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 2: 14-22

Luke 8: 41-56

Remember the woman who came up to Jesus saying to herself, "If I but touch His cloak I shall be healed"? (She had been suffering from hemorrhage for 12 years). "But Jesus turning and seeing her said: Take courage daughter. Thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was restored to health from that moment." (Mt. 9:22)

The Lord calls for faith above all else. He stressed it throughout His public ministry because He knows how we lack it, while not even knowing that we lack it. Faith is more than believing in the Creed. Many people believe in God, in Jesus as Divine Savior, in grace and the sacraments, in the communion of saints and life everlasting. But there is more to faith than simple assent to a formula. Faith comes alive when we feel in the depth of our soul the reality of God's Unchanging Love. Not to advert to this throughout life's trials and troubles is evidence of a lack of faith.

Let me tell you of a man who understood this very well. Charles de Foucauld, one of the spiritual giants of recent times, began his life as a rich and spoiled playboy. He describes himself,... at 17, I was all egotism, vanity, and impiety. I was made with desire of evil... of faith, not a trace remained in my soul." It was not until 1886, in his 30th year, that he felt touched by grace, and his life changed radically. He retired to a Trappist monastery in 1890 and was ordained a priest in 1901.

During his days of monastic seclusion he wrote, "I am wanting in faith.... because I keep my eyes too much on myself, and not enough upon God; I look too much on my unworthiness instead of fixing them on His goodness. His love, His sacred Heart open to receive me."

Most of us lack this kind of faith. Like Charles, even after his conversion, we are too impatient with ourselves. To please God we are challenged to believe mightily in His immense love for us. It was that love which motivated Him to endure such sufferings for each one of us. For God it is natural, sweet and pleasant to bestow blessings and forgiveness upon us. "The greater the blessing the sweeter it is to Him to give it for such is the nature of love." (Charles de Foucauld)

If you are weary of your own weaknesses, ashamed at your inability to keep even your recent New Year's resolutions, relax. Take a deep breath. Lift up your heart and have a new confidence. Faith in His love will teach you patience with self, which is really the only true humility.

By Fr. John Catoir

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The feast of St. Michael comes to us out of the Old Testament revelation about the holiness of God. The Hebrews viewed God in terms of their kings. Just as the king was surrounded by his court, so also God was surrounded by a heavenly court. Isaiah the prophet experienced this holiness of God' after praying in the temple. He tells us I his vision thus:

"I saw the Lord seated on' a high and lofty throne, with, the train of, his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings; with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft.

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!' they cried one to the other. All the Earth is filled with his glory.' At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

"Then I said, 'Woe, is me, I am' doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'" (Is 6; 1-5)

In this vision of Isaiah we also pray: "We thank You also for this liturgy ... even, though there stand before You' thousands of archangels, tens of thousands of angels, Cherubim and Seraphim ... singing, shouting, crying out and saying the triumphal hymn: holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, 'heaven and earth are full of. Your glory...." We proclaim the awesomeness and glory and majesty of God. Heaven and earth form one voice in praising the glory of God. In our worship we search to find words to express the power, the glory and the majesty of God. The Seraphim cover their eyes, they praise His glory, they bow down to God. We too recognize this awesomeness of God and back away, From Him. Our response is patterned on the exalted worship of the angels. We see our worship as being joined with the heavenly worship. Heaven and earth form a oneness of praising God.

In the fullness of revelation we approach God as His children – reborn - and renewed in Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ we have received a new relationship to the living God. Still we remain part of the fullness of all God's creation. We have a relationship to the angelic powers and look to them as God's messengers and servants. We pray on the feast of St. Michael and all the holy angels.

"O princes of the armies of God, servants of the divine glory, guardians of human creatures and leaders of the heavenly hosts, intercede for us that we may obtain what is good for us, and seek abundant mercy for us, for you are the princes of the heavenly armies." (Kontakion for the feast).

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.