

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

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

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Web Liturgy for Week of November 10, 2024 sponsored by
David & Lisa Sakmar

Sanctuary Candle is lit from November 3 – 16
Special Intentions of John & Joanne Organiscak by Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla

26thSUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, November 16 **5:00 PM +Eleanor Chekan by Mary (Racho) Drosdack**
Sunday, November 17 **9:00 AM +Janet Ducar by Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola**

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

Regular Offertory	\$11,766.00
Maintenance Fund	1,385.00
Holy Day	155.00
Loose Cash	43.00
Candles	137.00
Archdiocesan Charities	215.00
Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$13,736.00

Special Donation: **\$20 by Edith Hudson**

*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

- 12 Basil Wahal
- 14 Andrew Fedoris, Sr.
- 14 Edward Stasko
- 15 Phyllis Petrone
- 16 Steven & Lorraine Dumblosky (Anniversary)

In person Attendance: *Saturday, November 2: 42; Sunday, November 3: 84*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, November 2: 24; Sunday, November 3: 52*

MANY YEARS

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Emma Katherine Beers** who received the Mysteries of Initiation on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Emma Katherine is the daughter of Matthew and Katherine (Janosko) Beers. *May God grant to Emma Katherine peace, health and happiness for many years!*

PHILIP'S FAST ALMSGIVING

This year for our Philip's Fast Almsgiving we will be assisting a local family and personal care facility. We are seeking monetary donations that we will use to purchase the essential household items for the family and gifts for them and the residents of the personal care facility. Donation envelopes are available at each of the entrances to the church. If you enclose a check, please make it payable to St. John Cathedral.

Please **return** any donations **no later than Sunday, December 8**. Thank you in advance for considering this as part of your Philip's Fast Almsgiving to help these families in need.

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.**

SARRIS’ CANDY ORDERS

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

KOLACHE ORDERS

We are now accepting Kolache orders for Christmas. 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. ***Remember: Thanksgiving pick up is November 22 from 3 – 5 PM. 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.

HOLIDAY KOLBASSI SALE

Ss. Peter & Paul Men’s Club, Duquesne is once again selling kolbassi. Cost is \$7/lb. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances. ***Please order by December 1, 2024*** and DELIVERY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15	Christmas Concert by East Winds Symphonic Band
December 22	Parish Christmas Brunch

Whatever you do in word and deed, do all the name of the Lord

Jesus!



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Luke 10: 23-37

Salvation can not be explained in legalistic terms of acquittal and justification, for salvation is much more than simply being forgiven and getting into heaven. The close tie between faith and works, when it comes to the *Eastern Christian* view of salvation, is not about being "saved" by our works, for this is impossible. Works do not save us, but when placed in the context of a relationship, works do indeed have an eternal component.

Our "works" do not supplant the place of grace and faith with God, but are part of the whole experience in our relationship with God. Saint John Chrysostom (349-407), one of the greatest of the Church Fathers, and perhaps the greatest preacher in the history of the Church, wrote, "For Scripture says that faith has saved us. Put better: Since God willed it, faith has saved us. Now in what case, tell me, does faith save without itself doing anything at all? Faith's workings themselves are a gift of God, lest anyone should boast. What then is Paul saying? Not that God has forbidden works but that he has forbidden us to be justified by works. No one, Paul says, is justified by works, precisely in order that the grace and benevolence of God may become apparent."

The purging fire of God's presence is only a warmth for the one already purified with the good works done in this life. Yet the one who wastes this life, and does nothing to enhance his relationship with others through his good works, will have sacrificed a loving relationship with the God Who has called us into communion with Him. This person will experience the fire on judgment day as painful, for he who has not done good works in this life, will have done nothing to promote a sound relationship with the God Who has called us into a life of transformation. It is God's intent that this life bring us into holiness, preparing us for an eternity in the presence of God's holiness. If we have not been made holy, eternity in the presence of God, will be as a burning fire.

Our works do not earn us salvation, but neither are works unimportant. According to the Fathers, works make our communion with God fuller, and more complete. Our good works help us gain God's "likeness" in this life, and bring us into a joyful

communion with Christ. The more we become like Christ, the more joy we will experience. Pain and suffering are the end result of our being less of God's likeness.

By Abbot Tryphon

NATIVITY (PHILIP'S) FAST

November 15 begins the period of fasting in preparation for the feast of the Birth of Our Lord. Traditionally, this penitential season is called the Philip's Fast, because it begins on November 15, the day after the Feast of St. Philip and 40 days before the Nativity of Our Lord.

During this fast no particular penitential acts are required by law, but the faithful are encouraged to keep this season holy. By tradition Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are especially observed by abstinence from certain foods, most notably meat. In the very least, you are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays.

A period of penance, of course, means more than just abstaining from food. More time should be allowed for prayer, attending pre-Nativity services, and for acts of charity to others.

The "Christmas Spirit" will have a special meaning for believers, especially if our celebration of Christ's birth marks a time of growth in spirit, a permanent improvement in our life of faith and love for others. This holy season, above all, should be a time of kindness and joy, marked by abstinence from hurting others, from deceit, gossip, anger, quarrelling, and all other vices which arise from the tongue. It was also the custom for the faithful to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation during this Fast to purify themselves for the great Feast. You are encouraged to do so.

It may seem difficult to keep this fast today. The pre-Nativity time is a period of merriment and parties. Yet, the Church points to a deeper spiritual meaning of Christmas, that on this day God the Son and Word emptied Himself to take flesh as a man. As St. Paul said, "He made himself poor though He was rich, so that you might become rich by His poverty." (1 Corinthians 8:9). This penitential season, then, is an invitation by the Church to humble ourselves in some small way, in imitation of Christ so that we might receive on Christmas Day God's greatest gift – His Only-begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

VETERANS DAY

On November 11 our country honors all our military personnel, deceased or alive, who have served our country in war and peace. So today, our Parish Family pays tribute to all our veterans who have served and serve our country.

Living

Clement Berovik	Navy
Robert E. Bodnar	Navy
Martin Bovee Sr.	Air Force
Chance Champion	Coast Guard
Andrew Deskevich, Sr.	Army
Joseph Filko	Marines
Nicholas Havrilla	Air Force
Andrew G. Hornyak	Army
William Hosni	Navy
William Ondo	Army
Raymond Perhach	Army
Nicholas Pieper	Army
Michael Pochron	Air Force
John Raget	Army
William Sabo	Army
Nicholas Sowko	Army
Michael Suray	Army
Michael Tima, Jr.	Navy

Deceased

+Louis Balazs	Army
+Norman Beavers	Army
+Edward Berovik	Army
+Joseph Berovik	Marines
+Albert Bodnar	Army
+Edward C. Borsh	Army
+Robert L. Cosgrove	Navy
+Joseph Evans	Army
+Stephen Evans	Army
+John Filko	Air Force
+Michael Filko	Army
+Michael Hayducko	Navy
+William Edward Hilla	Army
+Andrew Hornyak	Army
+George Kardell	Army
+Kenneth Kardell	Air Force
+Richard Lesko	Army
+Michael Mihalchik, Jr.	Navy
+Donald Ondo	Army
+John Ondo	Army
+Robert Ondo	Air Force
+Andrew Perhach	Army
+Michael Savko	Army
+Michael Tima, Sr.	Army
+Steve Tima, Sr.	Navy
+Paul Tima	Army
+Michael Totin, Sr.	Army

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!

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.