

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

***SUNDAY OF THE RADIANT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST***

**Sunday, April 20      9:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family**

**Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: Pages 164 - 171**

Web Liturgy for Week of April 20 sponsored by

**Kim & Kristie Cosgrove in memory of Deceased of Cosgrove (+Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith & +Keily); Mihalchik (+Michael & +Helen); Suchta (+Dolores) Families**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from April 20 – May 3

**In memory of +Donald Bajus by Family**

**Bright Monday, April 21      9:00 AM +Michael & +Olga Chromulak by Cathy & George**

**Bright Wednesday/Feast of the Great Martyr George, April 23**

**9:00 AM +Metropolitan Judson**

**THOMAS SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 26      5:00 PM +Ron Smoley by Anna Marie Wargo**

**40<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance of +Father Simeon Sibenik**

**Sunday, April 27      9:00 AM +Corinne Bilock by Bob & Janet Druga**

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

Regular Offertory	\$7,185.00
Maintenance Fund	609.00
Holy Day	45.00
Flowers	265.00
Easter	3,545.00
Candles	146.00
Loose Cash	126.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,921.00</b>

*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, Patty Schneider, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Paul Cherep, Andrew & Linda Deskevich, William Sabo, Nick & Marion Mamula, Barbara Sowko, Bernadette Thorwart

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

## **NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING**

Betty Martin

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

20 Marsha Hrabik

21 Barbara Hrapchak

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, April 12: 88; Sunday, April 13: 97*

*Friday, April 11 Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 30*

*Great & Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 25*

*Great & Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 21*

*Great & Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 48*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, April 12: 22; Sunday, April 13: 52*

*Friday, April 11 Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 21*

*Great & Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 16*

*Great & Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 19*

*Great & Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 28*

**Special Donation:** \$100 in memory of +Marguerite T. Seigler by Staci & Ron Szybowicz & Jack Varhola

## **MANY YEARS**

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes and welcome to **Taylor Paige Mcgugin Miller** who has become a member of our parish through the Mysteries of Initiation on Saturday, April 19, 2025. *May God grant to the newly enlightened Taylor Paige peace, health and happiness for many years!*

## **CRAFT SHOW**

Our Spring Craft Show will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will over 30 crafter/vendors. We will be selling our ethnic food (eat in or take out) as well as our kolache and other baked goods. *If you are able and willing to help, please let Fr. Andrew know.*

## HOLY GREAT MARTYR GEORGE

St. George the Great Martyr was an officer in the Roman army who, himself a Christian, was killed for refusing to enforce the Emperor's edict against the Church. As is the case with his fellow martyr, St. Dimitri, St. George is depicted in iconography as engaged in battle with a dangerous foe. In St. George's case, the foe is a dragon. The Scriptures often associate the devil with dangerous animals: The Serpent in Eden (Gen. 3), The Lion roaring about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5: 8), The Wolf stalking the sheepfold (In. 10: 7-14). In the same way, the icon of the martyr depicts him in combat with the Evil One, signified by the dragon. Victorious in his struggle, St. George, thus defends and protects the Church of Christ, signified in many icons by a royal maiden. The Saint's lance is surmounted by a cross, and in many icons the blessing hand of Christ extends from the clouds over the martyr's struggle. This indicates the presence of divine grace as George's strength and support in the conflict. Like Christ, Who' 'by death trampled upon Death," George, by his struggle and martyrdom, overcame the enemy and strengthened the Church. We celebrate George's victory and the witness that he gives to us in following Christ.

*God With Us Icon Study*

## “CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

The “Kathedral Kitchen” has quarts of *Halushki*, *Chicken Gnocchi*, *Pasta Fagioli*, *Beef Vegetable*, *Beef Barley*, *Stuffed Cabbage*, and ***Tomato Basi***, soups for \$7; ***Seafood Creole*** for \$14/quart. **Bold denotes meatless.** If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew.

## RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

We will be holding another Rummage Sale on May 30 & 31, 2025. Please put aside any items you no longer want or need for our rummage sale.

As in the past, we cannot accept TV's, computers, shoes and clothes. Small boxes may be left in the church vestibules. Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May/June. Thanks for your donations.

## TWENTIETH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Kearns Spirituality Center. “*Do Whatever He Tells You.*” (John 2:11) ***Pre-registration is required by May 3, 2025, \$40 includes lunch (no refunds).*** Registration forms can be found in the vestibules. For more information call 412-322-8773 or email [ore@archpitt.org](mailto:ore@archpitt.org).

We call this Day “*The Great Passover.*” The day when Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, thereby giving us New Life. When things become “new” or “Re-newed” they are changed. For this reason, everything in our lives is changed because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the way we pray, our posture in Church, the Church building itself, everything .....

**THERE IS NO KNEELING...**  
from Easter until Pentecost Sunday. We are a resurrected people and we stand in the glory of Christ’s Holy Resurrection.

**THE BELLS ARE RUNG...**  
over and over again on this day as we proclaim to all that Christ has trampled down death for us.

**THE GOSPEL IS READ IN AS MANY LANGUAGES AS POSSIBLE...**  
announcing that the Resurrection is for ALL peoples. Aside from the Gospel being read in English, portions will be read in Slavonic, Greek, Latin, Spanish and Slovenian.

**BRIGHT VESTMENTS AND PROCESSION DECORATIONS...**  
are used to constantly remind us that we celebrate the Feast of Victory.

**THE RESURRECTION ICON...**  
shows Christ coming from the tomb and raising up Adam and Eve. We, too, are raised up with Him.

**THERE IS NO FASTING...**  
during the entire Bright Week in honor of the Resurrection of Christ.

**THE DOORS OF THE ICON SCREEN...**  
remain open during this entire week – even when no services are celebrated. The tomb is empty and Heaven is open to all of us!

**BRIGHT MONDAY**  
proclaiming the Gospel and Good News to the four corners of the World, to all people of every nation.

**Paschal Greetings**

<u>English:</u>	Christ is Risen!	Indeed He is Risen!
<u>Church Slavonic:</u>	Christos Voskrese!	Voistinnu Voskrese!
<u>Rusin:</u>	Christos Voskres!	Voistinu Voskres!
<u>Greek:</u>	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
<u>Hungarian:</u>	Feltamadt Kristus!	Valoban feltamadt!
<u>Arabic:</u>	Al Masee Kam!	Hakku Kum!
<u>Italian:</u>	Cristo e risorto!	In verita e risorto!
<u>Spanish:</u>	Cristo es resucitado!	En verdad es resucitado!



# Attentive to the Word

*Feast of the Radiant Resurrection*

*Acts 1: 1-8*

*John 1: 1-17*

We are soon going to share in the Passover, and although we still do so only in a symbolic way, the symbolism already has more clarity than it possessed in former times because, under the law, the Passover was, if I may dare to say so, only a symbol of a symbol. Before long, however, when the Word drinks the new wine with us in the kingdom of his Father, we shall be keeping the Passover in a yet more perfect way, and with deeper understanding. He will then reveal to us and make clear what he has so far only partially disclosed. For this wine, so familiar to us now, is eternally new. It is for us to learn what this drinking is, and for him to teach us. He has to communicate this knowledge to his disciples, because teaching is food, even for the teacher.

So let us take our part in the Passover prescribed by the law, not in a literal way, but according to the teaching of the Gospel; not in an imperfect way, but perfectly; not only for a time, but eternally. Let us regard as our home the heavenly Jerusalem, not the earthly one; the city glorified by angels, not the one laid waste by armies. We are not required to sacrifice young bulls or rams, beasts with horns and hoofs that are more dead than alive and devoid of feeling; but instead, let us join the choirs of angels in offering God upon his heavenly altar a sacrifice of praise. We must now pass through the first veil and approach the second, turning our eyes towards the Holy of Holies. I will say more: we must sacrifice ourselves to God, each day and in everything we do, accepting all that happens to us for the sake of the Word, imitating his passion by our sufferings, and honoring his blood by shedding our own. We must be ready to be crucified.

If you are a Simon of Cyrene, take up your cross and follow Christ. If you are crucified beside him like one of the thieves, now, like the good thief, acknowledge your God. For your sake, and because of your sin, Christ himself was regarded as a sinner; for his sake, therefore, you must cease to sin. Worship him who was hung on the cross because of you, even if you are hanging there yourself. Derive some benefit from the very shame; purchase salvation with your death. Enter paradise with Jesus, and discover how far you have fallen. Contemplate the glories there, and leave the other scoffing thief to die outside in his blasphemy.

If you are a Joseph of Arimathea, go to the one who ordered his crucifixion, and ask for Christ's body. Make your own the expiation for the sins of the whole world. If you are a Nicodemus, like the man who worshipped God by night, bring spices and prepare Christ's body for burial. If you are one of the Marys, or Salome, or Joanna, weep in the early morning. Be the first to see the stone rolled back, and even the angels perhaps, and Jesus himself.

*From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

## 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.