

Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, January 10 **5:00 PM** +Michael & +Mary Miskovitch by Millie & Annie
Sunday, January 11 **9:00 AM** +Deceased Members of Hornak Family by Margaret
(Hornak) & J. Vincent Madden

Pages for Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: Tone 6 page 152 & pages 316 - 318

Web Liturgy for Week of January 11 sponsored by
Theresa A. Casey

Sanctuary Candle is lit from January 11 - 24
Health & well-being of Sue Bodziach by Anna Marie Wargo

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Saturday, January 17 **5:00 PM** +John Organiscak by Robert Bodnar & Family
+Clarence & +Irene Hornak by Sandy Hornak
Sunday, January 18 **9:00 AM** +Michael Matus by Joanne Ezak

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

Regular Offertory	\$3,054.00
Maintenance Fund	1,394.00
Holy Day	356.00
Christmas	100.00
Candles	71.00
Loose Cash	5.00
Cemetery:	100.00
TOTAL	\$5,080.00

Live Stream: \$25 by Leonard & Felicia Simko

TOTAL CHRISTMAS 2025 PARISHIONER OFFERINGS: \$20,680.00

*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, 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 Deskevich, Sr., William Sabo, Nick & Marion Mamula, Edward Salsgiver, Bob Stein, Dave Scott, Bernadette Thorwart

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 11 Riley Munsie
- 11 Ian Munsie
- 13 Evelyn Allan
- 13 Samuel Tima
- 14 Joyce Lesko
- 17 Kristine Janocsko
- 17 Paul Remack, Jr.

In person Attendance: *Circumcision of Our Lord: 26*
Saturday, January 3: 53; Sunday, January 4: 75
Royal Hours for Theophany: 4
Theophany evening: 50; morning: 32

Live Stream Viewing: *Circumcision of Our Lord: 33*
Saturday, January 3: 32; Sunday, January 4: 52
Royal Hours for Theophany: 9
Theophany evening: 22; morning: 16

NEWLY SANCTIFIED JORDAN WATER

On the Feast of Theophany we celebrated the Great Sanctification of Water. You are encouraged to take some water home for your sanctification, so don't forget to bring your Holy Water containers.

FRONT STEPS AND RAILING

As you can see the front steps are complete with the installation of the railing. I have been advised that during the first year not to use ice melt on the new cement. So depending on the weather and condition of the step, they may be closed from time to time during the winter months. Thank you for your understanding during the snowy days. Just want everyone to be safe and to protect our investment in the new steps.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL – JANUARY 11

Please join your parish family for a Coffee & Donut Social after the 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy on *January 11*.

PARKING LOT STEPS

During the snowy weather, the steps leading to the church from the upper parking lot will be closed because it is nearly impossible to keep them clean and passable when it continuously snows. Please use the parking lot entrance. Thank you for your understanding during the snowy days. Just want everyone to be safe.

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

The “Cathedral Kitchen” is restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Stuffed Cabbage, Pasta Fagioli, Beef Vegetable, Beef Barley, Mushroom, Tomato Basil soups and Chili* for \$7. **Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for \$20 and 1 dozen for \$36.** Frozen *Potato/Cheese, Kraut, Cottage Cheese, Potato/Jalapeño pirohi* for \$10 per dozen. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew.

THEOPHANY-EPIPHANY CONCERT 2026

Mark your 2026 calendar for the first uplifting event of the New Year! Join your Catholic neighbors as they present the 4th annual Theophany-Epiphany Community Churches Concert on Sunday, January 11 at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair.

St. Gregory’s Chant Group will be joined by the Schola Cantorum of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Parish and the Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church Choir in a program of seasonal choral and chant music in celebration of the Nativity and Baptism of Jesus Christ. Each group will sing selections and stage festival scenes from their respective traditions in Latin, Ruthenian, Arabic, Syriac and English.

The concert will be presented on Sunday, January 11, at 3:00 pm at St. Gregory Church, 2005 Mohawk Road, Upper St. Clair 15241. All are welcome to attend this gathering of joyous voices, which will be followed by a hospitality reception in the church hall.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

The first All Souls Divine Liturgy is Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM. We come together to pray for our deceased loved ones. They are by no means forgotten nor a nameless mass of people, for by name we mention them, we perpetuate their memory and we pray that our loving and merciful God will be pleased to bring them into His saving presence.

PLEASE USE THE ALL SOULS ENVELOPE AND ATTEND THE DIVINE LITURGIES FOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES.



Attentive to the Word

Sunday after Theophany

Ephesians 4:7-13

Matthew 4:12-17

All the preaching of Christ and His Church can be summed up in only one word: repentance. As we heard in today's Gospel reading, Christ began his preaching with repentance and he ended it up also with repentance. After His Resurrection, He commanded the Apostles to proclaim repentance in His name to all the nations. Jesus began His preaching in Capernaum of Galilee, and said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mat. 4:17). Of course, in the beginning, repentance was preached to the peoples who did not know the true God and worshiped the creation, such as idols, the sun, the moon, the stars, the fire and demonic spirits. However, the Church of Christ continues to this day to call upon its baptized members to repent. And this is because "we all stumble in many things"(James 3:2). "For who shall be pure from uncleanness? No one. Even if his life is but one day upon the earth" (Job 14:4). And "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Even the Great Apostle of Christ, St. Paul, comes to the point of saying that he is the first among the sinners, whom Christ has come to save (I Tim.1:15). My brothers, if the Apostle Paul had this opinion of himself, despite the fact that he succeeded in going up to the third heaven while he was alive on earth, then we can easily understand how much more we ought to feel our sinfulness!

There are many types of sins. We should know, however, that all sins, regardless of how serious they may be, they are forgiven by God. There is only one type of sin that is not forgiven: that is, unrepentance. Christ described this type of sin as a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (see Matthew 12:31). This is because unrepentance hinders the Grace of the Holy Spirit to act. Let us, therefore, make sure that we will never fall into this sin. Unrepentance is death and loss. He who does not repent, he does not understand neither his fault nor his sin, therefore he does not ask for God's grace and he is not forgiven. Because God forgives those who feel their mistakes, and ask for divine grace. In other words, these are the persons, who repent.

Repentance is precisely this: to regret and be sad about all that you have done against God's will, in deeds, in words and with your feelings, and ask for forgiveness for your faults, trying with all your strength not to repeat them. Thus, by the grace of God and your spiritual struggle you will become a new man, you will rejuvenate spiritually and you will find salvation.

Unrepentance reveals a reckless person, while repentance characterizes a man who is really smart and sensible, who knows what his own eternal interest is.

Jesus Christ came down to earth in order to make us new men. Free of the devil's passions and bonds. To be liberated from "miserable sin" and to be "fragrance of Christ" (2 Cor. 2:15). That is why He calls us to repentance. Let us therefore, repent, in order to approach Him more and more closely, so that we may become spiritually renewed and "put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4: 23- 24).

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.