

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, March 28 **5:00 PM +Eleanor Chekan by Mary Lou & Tom Kobis**
40th Day Remembrance of +Frank Wahal

Sunday, March 29 **9:00 AM +Mike, +Sophie & +Ed Zavada by Kathleen Zavada**
+Corinne “Deanie” Bilock

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Web Liturgy for Week of March 29 sponsored by
John Varhola

Sanctuary Candle is lit from March 22 - April 4

**Deceased members of the Cosgrove (+Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith, & +Keily), Mihalchik
(+Michael & +Helen) & Suchta (+Dolores) Families**
by Kim & Kristie Cosgrove

Great and Holy Monday, March 30

6:30 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Great and Holy Tuesday, March 31

6:30 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 1

1:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing (Duquesne)

6:30 PM – Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing

Great and Holy Thursday, April 2

6:30 PM – Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil

Great and Holy Friday, April 3

9:00 AM – Royal Hours

7:00 PM – Entombment Vespers and procession with the Holy Shroud

Great and Holy Saturday, April 4

7:00 PM – Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy

The Radiant Resurrection, April 5

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

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, Barbara Sowko, George Janocsko, Betty Lou Karch
Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins. Other names are submitted prayer requests.

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 29 Aidan Munsie
- 30 Jeannie Pasternak
- 31 Paige Giglione
- 31 Andrea Harhai
- 1 Leonard Simko
- 2 Justin Cosgrove
- 2 Nathan Simko
- 3 Joshua Wincko

In person Attendance: *Saturday, March 21: 47; Sunday, March 22: 75*
Friday, March 20 Pre-sanctified: 25
Wednesday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos: 49

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, March 21: 26; Sunday, March 22: 55*
Friday, March 20 Pre-sanctified: 25
Wednesday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos: 24

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,567.00
Maintenance Fund	479.00
Holy Day	122.00
Flowers	70.00
Easter	25.00
Candles	147.00
TOTAL	\$3,410.00

*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.*

ETERNAL MEMORY

On March 22, 2026 +Sr. **Petronilla Puhak**, of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Uniontown, passed from this life to the next during her 76th year of religious life. She taught at our Cathedral School. May she rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed servant +Sr. Petronilla in His Kingdom forever!*

EASTER KOLBASI SALE

DELIVERY IS PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2026. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

There are still a number of our Easter Raffle tickets that have not been returned. The first drawing will be determined on April 5, 2026. Please return your ticket(s) by Sunday, March 29, 2026. Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

SHARING IN THE JOY OF PASCHA

As we did last year, once again we will plan for this year, that following the blessing of the baskets on Holy Saturday evening you are invited and encouraged to stay and partake of the blessed food from your basket at the Cathedral Center. Tables will be set with plates and utensils for you. In addition, the Cathedral will provide wine and beverages. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibules to indicate how many people plan on staying so that we can have enough tables set. We encourage you to stay after for some fellowship and share in the joy of Pascha.

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

The “Kathedral Kitchen” is restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Stuffed Cabbage, Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Chicken Gnocchi, Stuffed Pepper, Pasta Fagioli, Beef Vegetable, Beef Barley, Spinach Orzo, Spinach Bean, Vegetarian Vegetable, Mushroom soups and Chili* for \$7. *Seafood Creole* for \$16/quart. **Bold denotes meatless.** Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for \$20 and 1 dozen for \$36. Frozen *Potato/Cheese, Kraut, Cottage Cheese, Lekvar, Potato/Jalapeño pirohi* for \$10 per dozen. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew.

CRAFT SHOW

Our Spring Craft Show will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 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.*



Attentive to the Word

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 12: 1-18

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity. Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, who no limits can contain, will be within us. In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens—the proof, surely, of his power and godhead—his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven. So let us spread before his feet, not garments of soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.

By St. Andrew of Crete

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On *Monday* we recall Blessed Joseph of the Old Testament who was beaten by his brethren, left for dead, and enslaved by foreigners. While his father, Jacob mourned for his son, Joseph was gloriously reigning as a lord of Egypt, and later saved his father and his people. This prefigures the salvation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sold for 30 pieces of silver, arrested, condemned and suffered His bitter Passion for us . . . then rose gloriously having granted life to those in the tombs!

On *Tuesday* we recall the Lord's parable regarding the wise and foolish virgins. The wise virgins continually awaited the coming of their Master with alertness, their lamps burning through the darkness. The foolish ones went to sleep, assuming they would have enough time to prepare at the last minute. But the Bridegroom came in the midst of the night, rewarding those who kept watch for Him and casting out those who wasted the opportunity to prepare to meet him.

On *Wednesday* the Church gives us the example of the adulteress who, once she met the Lord, realized the gravity of her sins, fell down before Him and washed His feet with her tears and precious perfumes. The hymns this morning urge us to imitate the sinful women by confessing our sins and turning away from them. Holy Anointing in remembrance of this tremendous act of love brought about by one who was sinful, the Church brings forth for us on this night the holy oils, and celebrates the Sacrament of Anointing for health of body, mind and spirit.

On *Thursday* - Divine Liturgy of the Lords Supper. On this day we recall how Our Lord, preparing to offer Himself as Priest and Victim, revealed to His holy apostles the Sacred Mysteries: His Body and Blood, broken and poured out for the life of he world. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated in conjunction with Vespers, with special prayerful remembrance for the gift of the holy priesthood.

On *Friday* the Office of the Holy Passion is the Matins service for Great and Holy Friday. During this service the full account of the Passion and Death of Our Lord is read solemnly and the holy cross is brought our for the veneration of the faithful. The Burial of Christ is the night office during which the Lamentations are sung at the tomb of the Lord and the holy Shroud is carried in procession and venerated by the faithful.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Kearns Spirituality Center. *“Resilience through Hope & Prayer.” (John 2:11) **Pre-registration is required by April 13, 2026, \$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.

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.