

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Schedule of Divine Services

SUNDAY OF THE RADIANT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 5 9:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

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Web Liturgy for Week of April 5

In honor of the hardworking volunteers of St. John's, living & deceased, past & present

Sanctuary Candle is lit from April 5 - April 18

+Anna M. Borsh by Agnes Borsh

Bright Monday, April 6 9:00 AM +Michael Gula by Srsic & Lutte Family

THOMAS SUNDAY

Saturday, April 11 5:00 PM +Joseph & +Melissa Organiscak by

MM Nicholas S. Havrilla & Family

40th Remembrance of +Valerie Valko

Sunday, April 12 9:00 AM +Anna Contenta & +Sarah & +Nick Galzerano

by Chekan Family

+Marguerite Seigler by Staci & Ron Szybowicz & Jack Varhola

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

Regular Offertory	\$6,778.00
Maintenance Fund	669.00
Holy Day	235.00
Flowers	60.00
Easter	5,215.00
Candles	72.00
Loose Cash	85.00
TOTAL	\$13,114.00

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6 Gabriel Bovee

6 Michael & Dorothy Moyta

7 Timothy Erney

In person Attendance: *Saturday, March 28: 64; Sunday, March 29: 99*

Friday, March 27 Pre-sanctified: 34

Great & Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 34

Great & Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 25

Great & Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 54

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, March 28: 20; Sunday, March 29: 51*

Friday, March 27 Pre-sanctified: 23

Great & Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 17

Great & Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 20

Great & Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Gifts: 30

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.*

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.

“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.** Frozen *Potato/Cheese, Kraut, Cottage Cheese, Lekvar, pirohi* for \$10 per dozen. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew.

“Glorious is our Paschal Festival and truly splendid this great assembly of the Christian people. And within this holy mystery are contained things both old and new. The celebration of this week, or rather its joyfulness, is shared by such a multitude, that not alone does man rejoice on earth, but even the powers of heaven are united with us in joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection. For now the angels, and the hosts of the archangels, also keep holiday this day. And stand waiting for the triumphant return from this earth of Christ Our Lord, Who is King of heaven. And the multitude of the blessed likewise rejoice, proclaiming the Christ Who was begotten before the daystar rose (Ps. 109:3). The earth rejoices, now washed by divine blood. The sea rejoices, honored as it was by His feet upon its waters. And ever more let each soul rejoice, who is born again of water and the Holy Spirit; and at last set free from the ancient curse!

With such great joy does Christ fill our hearts this day by His Resurrection, not alone because He gives us the gladness of this day, but because He has also given us salvation through His Passion, immortality through His Death, healing for our wounds and resurrection from our fall!”

St. Proclus of Constantinople "On the Holy Pasch"

"This is the Day of the Resurrection; and for me a fitting beginning. Let us be all united in heart, and let us give glory to God on this solemn festival (Is. lxvi. 5). Let us address as brothers even those who hate us, as also those who love us, and have helped us, and have suffered anything on our behalf. Let us forgive all things in the Resurrection.

Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become God's because of Him, since He for us became man. He took upon Himself a low degree that he might give us a higher one. He became poor, that through His poverty we might become rich (II Cor. viii. 9). He took upon Himself the form of a servant (Phil. ii. 7) that we might be delivered from slavery (Rom. viii. 21). He came down that we might rise up. He was tempted that we might learn to overcome. He was despised that we might be given honor. He died that He might save us from death. He ascended to heaven that we who lie prone in sin may be lifted up to Him ... and may we all ever be one in Jesus Christ, both now and in the peace of that life beyond. To Him be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen."

By St. Gregory Nazianzus



Attentive to the Word

Feast of the Radiant Resurrection

Acts 1: 1-8

John 1: 1-17

Christ descended into hell to liberate its captives. In one instant he destroyed all record of our ancient debt incurred under the law, in order to lead us to heaven where there is no death but only eternal life and righteousness.

By the baptism which you have received, you now share in these blessings. Your initiation into the life of grace is the pledge of your resurrection. Your baptism is the promise of the life of heaven. By your immersion you imitated the burial of the Lord, but when you came out of the water you were conscious only of the reality of the resurrection.

Believe in this reality, of which previously you saw but the outward signs. Accept the assurance of Paul when he says: If we have been united to Christ in a death like his, we shall be united to him also in a resurrection like his. Baptism is the planting of the seed of immortality, a planting which takes place in the font and bears fruit in heaven. The grace of the Spirit works in a mysterious way in the font, and the outward appearance must not obscure the wonder of it. Although water serves as the instrument, it is grace which gives rebirth. Grace transforms all who are placed in the font as the seed is transformed in the womb. It refashions all who go down into the water as metal is recast in a furnace. It reveals to them the mysteries of immortality; it seals them with the pledge of resurrection.

These wonderful mysteries are symbolized for the newly-enlightened, even in the garments you wear. See how you are clothed in the outward signs of these blessings. The radiant brightness of your robe stands for incorruptibility. In your hand you hold the sign of your victory over the devil. Christ is showing you that you have risen from the dead. He does this now in a symbolic way, but soon he will reveal the full reality if we keep the garment of faith undefiled and do not let sin extinguish the lamp of grace. If we preserve the crown of the Spirit the Lord will call from heaven in a voice of tremendous majesty, yet full of tenderness: Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you since the beginning of the world. To him be glory and power forever, through endless ages, amen.

By Basil of Seleucia

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!

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.