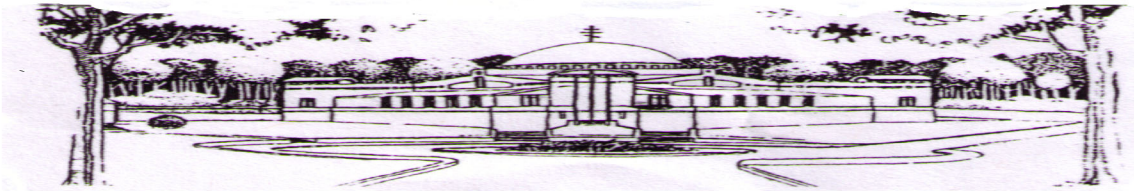
St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 18, 2026**

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 17 **5:00 PM +Michael Stofko by Linda Stofko & Kovatch Family**
Sunday, October 18 **9:00 AM +Paul & +Eleanor Chekan by Chekan Family**

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Web Liturgy for Week of October 18 is sponsored by
Richard & Barbara Gomolak

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 18 - 31
+George & Catherine Onoffrey by Joe Onoffrey

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, October 24 **5:00 PM Anniversary Intentions of Steve & Joann Ostheim**
Sunday, October 25 **9:00 AM +Anna Mae & +Andy Harhai by Andrea Harhai**
+Michael & +Anna Szerbin by Michele May

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, Nancy Cherep, Brian Cherep, Andrew Deskevich, Sr., William Sabo, Marion Mamula, Edward Salsgiver, Bob Stein, Dave Scott, Betty Lou Karch, Nicholas Sowko, Joe Volkay, Joel Stein, Francine Votedian, Lorraine Havrilla, Darlene Minydzak

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

19 Basil & Barbara Wahal (Anniversary)
21 Ruth Ondo
21 William & Ruth Ondo (Anniversary)
22 Leonard & Felicia Simko (Anniversary)
23 Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla (Anniversary)
24 Steven & Joann Ostheim (Anniversary)
24 Mary Ann Seman

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 10:* **54***; Sunday, October 11:* **65**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 10:* **26***; Sunday, October 11:* **55**

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

Regular Offertory	$5,152.00
Maintenance Fund	3,539.00
Holy Day	10.00
Candles	82.00
Loose Cash	5.00
Cemetery	180.00
TOTAL	**$8,968.00**

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

There are openings for the Sanctuary Lamp intentions from November 1-14 and November 29 - December 12, 2026. Please contact the parish office if you would like to offer the intention for one of the opening dates.

MANY YEARS

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Beau Michael Smith** who was received into our Church through the Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist, October 18, 2026. He is the son of Tyler and Emily (Wahal) Smith. *May God grant to Beau Michael peace, health and happiness for many years!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following functions: Ss. Peter & Paul, Braddock, Parish Anniversary, October 25; Munhall 125th Anniversary Dinner, November 7; Basket Extravaganza, November 15. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibules of the church. We are in need of kitchen help, servers, dishwashers, etc. If you are able to help, with any or all of these functions please indicate on the sign-up sheets. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. These fund raisers are helping to pay for repairs to the Cathedral complex.

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, November 15, 2026, 12-4 PM, Cathedral Center. There will be 30+ baskets, a variety of vendors**, eat in Beef Tips over noodles, Vegetable, salad, roll and butter served at 1 PM**, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please call Diane at 412-303-6534. Your place for Christmas gift ideas.

KOLACHE ORDERS

We are now accepting Kolache orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Deadline to order Kolache for Thanksgiving is November 1, 2026; pick up is November 20 from 3–5 PM. Deadline to order Kolache for Christmas is November 29, 2026; pick up is December 18 from 3–5 PM. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church. **PLEASE NOTE: *Kolache price will be $18.00 each.***

CHORAL CONCERT

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir (PBCAC) invites you to a celebration of Our Lady as they convene at St. Elias Church in Munhall to present a concert of Marian Hymns on Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 2:30 pm.

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 6, 2026**. A Moleben will be celebrated at 3:30 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 8, 2026.*

Attentive to the Word

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 2: 16-20
Luke 8: 5 -15

The Gospel gives us the parable of the seed. This parable was a great comfort to the early church. We all live, at times, with an unshared vision. We see things and futures that others are unable or refuse to see. It puzzles us as to why they can be so blind. So, it was for the early Church. The Gospel of life and love which they lived and experienced was not accepted by everyone. Some became Christians and then dropped away. Others left during persecution. All of this puzzled the early Church. For them, St. Luke recounts the Lord's parable of the seed.

In reality, all we can do is our best to sow the seed widely. Where it lands and how it grows depends on the soil. Through this parable, the Christians were assured that failure to find unanimous acceptance of the Word of God was not necessarily their fault but the result of factors beyond their immediate control. Even the failures of the early Church fell within God's design. This Gospel lesson is also very comforting to us.

In our pluralistic American society, there are many who do not follow the Gospel message. There are many areas where we can get frustrated, such as someone leaves the Church after years of faithful attendance, children who abandon the faith we have tried to share with them, people who do not return our opening hands and hearts for forgiveness and reconciliation and so forth. It is important in all this that we continue to sow the seed of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

2026 HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

GCU will once again be sponsoring a Holiday Food Bank Donation Program. In an effort to increase the amount donated to our local Food Bank and to get parishes more involved, we are once again asked to participate by having a collection in our parish during the month of October. Money collected by our parish will be matched up to $500. Envelopes for food donations are located in the vestibules of the church.