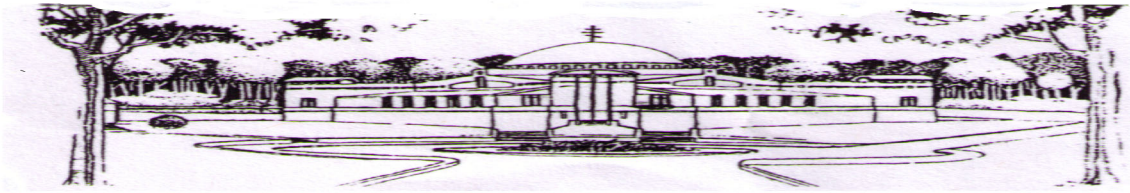
St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 25, 2026**

Schedule of Divine Services

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

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Web Liturgy for Week of October 25 is sponsored by
Edward & Judith Kisailus

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

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, October 31 **5:00 PM +Michael Totin, Jr. by Anna Marie Wargo**
Sunday, November 1 **9:00 AM +William Basalla by Jackie Basalla**

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

31 David Banyas

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 17:* **50***; Sunday, October 18:* **84**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 17:* **21***; Sunday, October 18:* **49**

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

Regular Offertory	$2,824.00
Maintenance Fund	444.00
Candles	132.00
Loose Cash	10.00
Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	**$3,445.00**

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.

SARRIS' CANDY ORDERS

Order forms for Sarris' Candy are located in the vestibules of the church. Please return order forms by **November 15, 2026**.

SEMINARY BENEFIT RAFFLE

In conjunction with the annual St. Nicholas Banquet, a raffle is being conducted that benefits our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Each ticket cost $10 and is based on the PA Daily 3-digit Number. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please see Fr. Andrew.

ETERNAL MEMORY

+Geraldine "Geri" Walter, wife of Fred Walter, passed from this life to the next on October 20, 2026. 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 Geraldine in His Kingdom forever!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following functions: 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.***

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.*

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Club, Duquesne is sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 1-5 PM. Adults: $13; Children 6-10; $6 Children 5 & Under; free, with purchase of adult ticket. Take-out available. Raffles & baskets.

Attentive to the Word

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 6: 11-18
Luke 16: 19-31

This parable is Jesus' way of teaching about the "two ways". Because he is poor, Lazarus cannot look to his own resources for his sustenance. God is his only source. (The name Lazarus is a hellenized form of the Hebrew Eliezar, "God has helped.") The rich man can "afford" to ignore God because of his wealth. The focus of Jesus' teaching on the two ways is not so much a comparison between the two as it is an urgent call to repentance in view of the finality of judgment. Jesus teaches that on the day of judgment there will be a great reversal of fortunes. Those who have the best of everything now will find that in the world to come their position and possessions mean nothing if they have not acted on the words of Moses and the prophets (16:31). On the other hand, those who suffer now can expect to find a place of comfort and peace in the world to come (16:22). Jesus' point is that people ought to assess the state of their relationship with God and take decisive action to improve its quality before it is too late. Jesus transforms the traditional teaching about the two ways into an urgent call to repentance. More is at stake than happiness and fulfillment in this life. Unless people respond soon they can expect to face a fate like that of the rich man. Jesus is certain that his listeners do not have an unlimited time to repent. They have to decide now before it is too late.

By Fr. Leslie Hope O.F.M.

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

On *Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th* our Parish will honor in a special way our Veterans and Military Personnel. This celebration will include prayerful supplications and a blessing at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you served in the armed forces of our country and are planning to attend this celebration, please notify the parish office. We ask that you please submit to the parish office by **Wednesday, November 4th** the names of Veterans in your families (deceased and living).

"SPRING AHEAD – FALL BACK"

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1st.
Just a reminder to set your clocks back one hour.