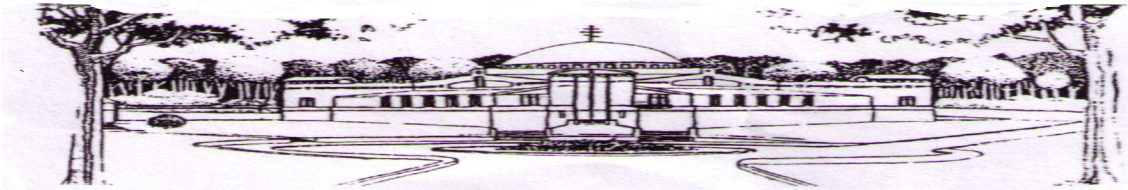
St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 1, 2026**

Schedule of Divine Services

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

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Web Liturgy for Week of November 1 is sponsored by
Patricia Evans

Sanctuary Candle is lit from November 1 - 14
In memory of +Frank Wahal by Steve, Janine & Rachel Tima

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Saturday, November 7 **5:00 PM Health & well-being of Nicholas & Lorraine Havrilla by Lorraine Brock & Joseph Havrilla**
Sunday, November 8 **9:00 AM +Frank Wahal by Steve, Janine & Rachel Tima**

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

1 Martin Bovee
6 John & Betsy Raget
7 Matthew Bovee

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 24:* **45***; Sunday, October 25:* **49**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 24:* **28***; Sunday, October 25:* **54**

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

Regular Offertory	2,875.00
Maintenance Fund	614.00
Candles	88.01
Loose Cash	74.00
Cemetery	40.00
TOTAL	**$3,691.01**

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.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL – NOVEMBER 8

Please join your parish family for a Coffee & Donut Social after the 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy on November 8, 2026.

SARRIS' CANDY ORDERS

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

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.

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.

Attentive to the Word

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 2: 4-10
Luke 10: 25-37

The idea this gospel is addressing is fear. Jesus comes to the land of the Gerasenes and casts out a legion of demons from a possessed man. The gospel of Luke is succinct on this point and only notes that he lived among the tombs (that is, among the dead). In the gospel of Matthew, we read the detail that "they were so savage that no one could travel by that road. (Matthew 8:28)" Jesus' cure is like a resurrection to life, making him free from the tombs. The demons are sent into unclean animals, the pigs, and this evil is promptly destroyed. The townspeople come out to see what had happened, and rather than welcoming Jesus as a healer and the conqueror of evil, the gospel says "they were seized with fear," and St. Luke repeats, they "asked Jesus to leave them because they were seized with great fear. (Luke 8:35.37)" Of what were they afraid, that their commodity (the pigs) had been destroyed, or that the demoniac man was still possessed by demons? We often "demonize" and "dehumanize" what we fear. We, too, are God-fearing, when we approach Holy Communion the deacon warns, "Approach with the fear of God and with faith." The townspeople were afraid and asked Jesus to leave, but a true "fear of God," which is expressed in faith and love, draws us nearer to God in Communion. The Lord can free us from evil, so approach and receive him who told us, "Take courage, for I have conquered the world. (John 16:33)"

By Archpriest David M. Petras

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).

"CATHEDRAL KITCHEN"

The "Kathedral Kitchen" is restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Chicken Noodle, Chicken Gnocchi, Stuffed Pepper, Pasta Fagioli, Beef Vegetable, Beef Barley, Mushroom, Potato/Green Bean soup* for $7. **Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for *$20* and 1 dozen for *$36***. Frozen *Potato/Cheese, Kraut, Cottage Cheese, Potato/Jalapeño, Cheddar Bacon, Levkar* **pirohi** for $10 per dozen. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew.