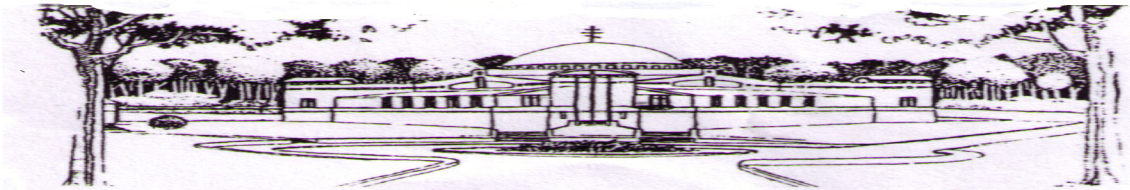
St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
October 11, 2026

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 10 **5:00 PM +Clarence Hornak by +Alice Lutka & +Ronald Lutka**
Sunday, October 11 **9:00 AM +Mary C. Perhach by Richard Perhach**
+Jeremy Bentz by Parents, Leslie & John Fradel

Pages for Sunday's Divine Liturgy: Tone Three Page 135 and pages 263 - 264

Web Liturgy for Week of October 11 is sponsored by
Harry Metenosky

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 4 - 17
+Mark Cifrulak by by John Bjalobok & Judy Martier

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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**

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

14 Rita Slava
14 Samuel & Elaine Cannon
15 John Heddleston
17 Patricia Belfiglio

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 10:* **48***; Sunday, October 11:* **61**

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 10:* **20***; Sunday, October 11:* **47**

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

Regular Offertory	$2,657.00
Maintenance Fund	979.00
Holy Day	320.00
Candles	81.00
Loose Cash	30.00
Cemetery	520.00
TOTAL	**$4,587.00**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following functions: Craft Show, October 17; Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Anniversary, October 25; Munhall 125th Anniversary Dinner, October 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.

CRAFT SHOW

Our Parish will conduct our Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, October 17, 2026** from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will be **60** crafters/vendors. We will be selling Stuffed Cabbage, haluski, pirohi and other foods, eat-in or take-out, as well as our kolache and other baked goods.

DEANERY PASTA DINNER

The Pittsburgh Protopresbyterate (Deanery) invites ALL our faithful to a Deanery Pasta Dinner which will take place at St. Elias Church on **Sunday, October 18**, from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This pasta dinner will be prepared and served by the priests and deacons in our Pittsburgh deanery. This is a free/free will offering event. ***If you are planning to attend, please use the sign-up sheet in the church narthex by Sunday October 11.***

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.

STEELER TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 11:30 AM to end of Game. St. John Chrysostom Church, 506 Saline Street. Adults - $20; Children (age 5-12) - $10 includes food and non-alcoholic beverage. Additional Football Pools, Raffles and Basket Auctions. PRESALE ONLY – NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. If you are interested in attending, please call John Niskach at 412.209.8397.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 4:00 - 6:30 PM Anne Ashley Church, 22nd Ave. Munhall. Eat in or Take out. Adults: $15; children: $7. Tickets sold at door.

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.

Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
2 Corinthians 9: 6-11/Hebrews 13: 7-16
Luke 7: 11-16/John 17: 1-13

This Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Thrasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine Empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the other extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophilles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Byzantine Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor, but not of real worship , which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands".