

Dear SSJC Members and Friends,

Please check out our updated website:

Photos, Programs, Chronology 2021 and Necrology!

Thank you Steve Puluka for assistance!



Society of St. John Chrysostom

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Youngstown – Warren Chapter

See Link:

[Society of St. John  
Chrysostom](#)

FYI! Future events are being planned for August - December & beyond (2023). They will be announced in future emails!

# **I. Lent and Pascha:**

## **Lent:**

**"Lent" starts on Ash Wednesday (2/22/23) for the Roman Catholic Church and other Western Churches; and on Monday, (2/20/23) for many Eastern Catholic Churches. While "Great Lent" will begin on Monday (2/27/23) for the Orthodox Churches.**

## **Pascha:**

**Gregorian Calendar: Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**Julian Calendar: Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**FYI: Both the Gregorian and Julian Calendars will celebrate Pascha on the same date - Sunday, April 20, 2025.**

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## II. Our Spiritual Father St John Chrysostom Feast days

**Western Calendar - SEPTEMBER 13** See

Link: [September 13th - St. John Chrysostom](#)

**Eastern Calendar - NOVEMBER 13**

See Link:

[November 13 - St. John Chrysostom](#)

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### **III. Executive Board and Auxiliaries:**

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Fr. Shawn Conoboy, Ph. D. (Roman Catholic) - Diocese of Youngstown  
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Vince Talley (Roman Catholic) - Programs and PR

Steve Puluka (Byzantine Catholic) - Webmaster

#### **IV. Please pay your 2022 dues - send your check to:**

**SSJC (Youngstown – Warren) Chapter**

**c/o Richard Mattiussi**

**[4656 Driftwood Lane](#)**

**[Austintown, Ohio 44515](#)**

**Please (remit) your check to the “**SSJC (Y-W) Chapter**” and NOT TO RM. Thank you!**

#### **Dues:**

Current dues are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family membership. For membership inquiries, contact Rich Mattiussi at (330) 573-8653 or via email at [mattiussi52001@yahoo.com](mailto:mattiussi52001@yahoo.com).

#### **Treasurer’s Report:**

Balance as of August 3, 2022

\$3,542.05

#### **2022 (Current) Paid Members:**

Fr. Ken Bachofsky (2021-2024), Msgr. Robert Siffrin (2021-2024), Deacon Michael Stabilla, Thomas Batten, Fr. Bob Bonnot, Br Dominic Calabro, Bice & Lio Comichista (Family), Greg Ulrich, Beri Berardi, Christopher Berardi, Lou and Geri Jacquet (Family), Fr. Dan Rohan, Richard & Dominic Mattiussi (Family), Fr. Kevin Marks, Fr. Joe Hilinski, Fr. Shawn Conoboy, Jim and

Kylie Shipsky, Lori Demiduk, O.F.S. (Family: Alexander and Liz Rubino), Vince Talley, Bob Domoko, Anthony Nakley, Raymon Nakley Jr. (2022-2023) with (Family: Souad Nakley and Dominic Nakley, Deacon Mark Izzo, Chris Brocious, Kenneth Stanislaw, Michael Vasilchek, Will Sleever

**THANK YOU for your Dues and Donations !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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**Honorary Members:**

Donna Carchedi, Fr. Anthony Salim, Fr. George and Preoteasa Juliana Gage, Chorbishop Michael Kail, Bishop John Michael Botean, Jack Figel, Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa & Steve Puluka

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**Friends of the Society (non-voting)**

\*\*\*The following individuals have been either former dues paying members and /or have assisted in the mission of our SSJC (Y-W) Chapter in some way. We definitely will keep them on our mailing list. THANK YOU for all your support! If you would like to be a MEMBER with full voting rights, please pay 2022 dues. God bless.

Jim Basista, Fr. Mel Rusnak, Fr. John Schmidt (resides in Indiana), Fr, Chidi Ogbuagu (resides in Florida), Michael Tsarnas, George Mansour, Fr. David Misbrener, Jim and Ester Dershaw (reside in Akron-Canton area), Y.T. Chiu, Joan Binsley, Steve Majetich, Thomas McGiffin, Fr. Ivan Tchopko (resides in N.J.), Fr. Lubomyr

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## **V. Updated Necrology:**

### **MEMORY ETERNAL!**

Rev. Gregory Becker - March 28, 2022  
Sr. Agnes Helen Knapik, O.S.B. (Byzantine) - April 7, 2021  
Norma Grace Kopko - April 3, 2021  
Ruth Ann Billcheck - March 21, 2021  
Thomas Joseph Nakley - February 18, 2021  
Dr. Agnes Martinko - December 1, 2020  
Pauline A. Sarantopoulos August 18, 2020  
Archpriest George Hutnyan - May 12, 2020  
Rev. William Loveless - April 28, 2020  
Br. Peter Scalise, S.S.P. - Oct 08, 2018  
Dr. Costas Sarantopoulos - Aug 15, 2018  
Rev. Kenneth Rick - Mar 21, 2018  
Ted Perantinides - Feb 08, 2018  
Rev. Joseph Fata - Aug 01, 2016  
Vito Rosario Carchedi - May 06, 2016

Dr. Dean J. Lambert - Oct 15, 2015  
Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko - Mar 18, 2015  
Ernest Zavatsky - Nov 28, 2014  
Rev. Andrew Kolitsos - Oct 07, 2014  
Margaret McCarthy - Apr 12, 2013  
Sr. Mary John Semon, O.S.B. (Byzantine) - Dec 20, 2012  
Deacon Nicholas Boccieri - Jun 11, 2011  
Aaron Kent - Jul 14, 2010  
James A. LaRiccia February 28, 2007  
Br. Mark Simon Zavatsky, O.S.B. (Byzantine) - Jul 08, 2005

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## **VI. SSJC sister Chapter in Pittsburgh (Contact Steve Puluka**

**See Link below:**

[SSJC Pittsburgh](#)

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## **VII. Please Suggest Future Program Topics:**

**Please offer your suggestions!!!**

- 1. Non-canonical books and the Book of Enoch**
- 2. Angels and Demons**
- 3. The Old Testament Canons**
- 4. Deaconesses**
- 5. Catholic - Orthodox Teachings on: Marriage & Divorce**
- 6. Transgenderism**
- 7. Developments in Catholic - Orthodox Dialogue**



- 7. East and West: What are Synods?**
  - 8. The Cultural Changes in Western Society**
  - 9. Christian Anthropology**
  - 10. The Pastoral Challenges of Today**
  - 11. Russia and Ukraine**
  - 12. Polarization in our Churches and Society**
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## **VIII. Looking Back - 2021**

Compiled by SSJC (Y-W) Chp. Trustee Thomas Batten --- THANK YOU!

\*Executive Board Meeting (Zoom) - Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7pm-8pm  
-Agenda: Future programs and topics, Secretary's report, Treasurer's report, Necrology, Officers  
stay the same for 2021, plans to commemorate 20th anniversary.

\*Executive Board Meeting (Zoom) - Monday, March 22, 2021 7pm-8pm

\*SSJC sponsored Chorbishop Seely Beggiani Presentation (Zoom) - Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6pm  
--"The Maronite Church: Witness to the Ancient Traditions of the Churches of Antioch and Edessa"

\*Executive Board Meeting @Holy Trinity Serbian Hall Fish Dinner - Friday, May 28, 2021

\*SSJC (Y-W) Chp - social gathering @Holy Trinity Serbian Hall Friday Fish Dinner - Friday, June 4, 2021

\*SSJC (Y-W) Chp - social gathering @Holy Trinity Serbian Hall Friday Fish Dinner - Friday, June 11, 2021

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## **IX. Special Prayers:**

### **Health and Blessings**

Bishop John Michael Botean (National and Local Patron of the SSJC)

Jack Figel (National President - SSJC)

#### **Grant Strength Prayer**

My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, You came down from heaven to live as man, You died on the cross for our salvation, and through Your love and compassion. You healed people of sickness and affliction. Visit (name) now, Lord, and grant strength and healing from this sickness with which he is afflicted. We trust Your loving care; You are the only true source of life and healing. Father, Son, and Spirit, we give You praise and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Pax et bonum,**

**Rich Mattiussi**

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adherence to the Roman Primacy from the Orthodox  
Churches tha...