

## St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church

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Very Rev. Salvatore Pignato – Administrator Rev. Frank Hananick – a Priest of the Eparchy for today's Divine Liturgy Fr. Deacon Michael Opalka Mr. Fred Wilson – Cantor & Office Manager

## SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

Divine Liturgy Schedule for September 9, 2023

EPISTLE Gal. 6: 11-18 GOSPEL Jn. 3: 13-17

Sat. 11:00 am Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Alyssa and Michael Bentivegna by Sr. Margaret and Papa Joe



Directives for COVID-19 safety. These Directives must be strictly followed. Please make note of the following Directives which have already been placed in previous bulletins: Keep distancing in the pews now that there are no barriers. Do not kiss the icons. Respect each other and the safety for each other is absolutely important.

O Lord our God, bless and strengthen our soldiers, police, medical and fire responders. Grant them a heart of courage. Save, defend, protect, purify, and fill them with spiritual joy. Be the protector of their souls and bodies.

Confessions today from 10 – 10:30 a.m.

## "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Mt. 21:22



Please remember in your prayers the sick and suffering of the parish, their relatives and friends especially George Stojkovic, Joseph Fedyszak, Mateo Stojkovic, Serena Behofsits and Michelle Bentivegna. May God hear our prayers, heal them and grant them many happy years.

## SEPTEMBER LITURGY SCHEDULE

SAT. SEPT. 16 – Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

SAT. SEPT. 23 – Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

SAT. SEPT. 30 – No Divine Liturgy. We refer you to Our Lady of the Sign

Please make note that the schedule for weekend Services is always printed on St. Basil's website, and in the bulletin for each month. There really is no need for you to call anyone about Services or have anyone call you. All you have to do is go to the website, or for those who do not have a computer or do not know how to use one, it is important for you to take a bulletin. We publish on the website and in the bulletin to avoid human error, which always happens when the schedule is conveyed by word of mouth. We make every effort to keep you informed with correct information, trying to eliminate human error, and you should take advantage of it. I would also encourage you again that everyone needs to take a bulletin because it has information in it for your spiritual health and welfare.

**CONSCIENCE BROKEN AND RESTORED:** Due to the fall of Adam and Eve, our innate guidance system has been damaged. We do not automatically recognize what is good according to God or necessarily choose it when we do not acknowledge it. In striking out on its own, humanity lost the likeness to God and, as a result, that clarity of conscience which comes from being in communion with God. We are confused about what is truly good because we have lost that original intimacy with the One who alone can indicate what true goodness and righteousness is to us. Yet, because our humanity has been renewed in Christ, our conscience too has been affected. Because the spirit has been given in baptism, our guidance system is no longer simply a question of our own independently functioning self-consciousness of right and wrong. Rather, the spirit of the believer is in communion with the Spirit of God, guiding and leading it to fulfill the Father's will. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as a Paraclete or Guide, precisely because the Spirit was being sent to guide the Church and each believer onto the path of righteousness and truth. (More to come)