

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: half an hour before/after each service or by appointment

Sunday Liturgy: 9.30AM

Weekday Liturgy: as scheduled in the

bulletin

Sick Calls: As scheduled,

or anytime in case of an emergency

Readings and Music March 2: Rom 13:11–14:4; Matt 6:14–21

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WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7) We welcome all visitors and new members to our parish family and hope you will become an active part of our parish community by participating fully in our spiritual and social life. We are delighted to welcome you! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together,

Fr Gregory and parish family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE MARCH 2–9

Sunday March 2 - Sunday of Cheesefare

9.00am – Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy (with the Baptism of Gregory Azariah Kearns), +Michael Shuck, w Panachida, by wife

Wednesday March 5 - Conon Martyr

5.00pm - Divine Liturgy of St Gregory Pope of Rome, +Nick and Eileen Vrklan, w Panachida, by Martine and Nick Bove

Friday March 7 – Basil and Others

12.00pm - Lenten Hours: The Office of the Sixth Hour

12.30pm - Confessions

Saturday March 8 – Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great Martyr Theodore

3.00pm – The Office of the Ninth Hour

3.15/5.00pm – Confessions

Sunday March 9 – First Sunday of the Great Fast

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, +Elizabeth Demko, by MaryAnn and Frank Lefferman

Weekly Bulletin

March 2, 2025

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

February 23, 2025 attendance - 56; Collections on Feb 9, 16, and 23 - \$6,749.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Service of Mutual Forgiveness will take place at the end of today's Divine Liturgy to begin the lent with a traditional practice in the Byzantine Church.

Catechetical Sunday. Today, following the Divine Liturgy, there will be ECF classes for the children and a Bible Study for the adults.

Great Fast. March 3rd marks the beginning of the Great Fast, a special holy season and time of grace that prepares us for the Resurrection of Our Lord. Traditionally, the Church invites us to reflect on the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It also helps us to look at our relationship with God and our neighbour. At our parish we will have several services such Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Lenten Hours, All Souls Saturday, and parish retreat that help us to live lent in more intense and deeper this lent. If you can, please consider attending these additional services and may the good Lord bless us during this time of the Great Fast.

Blessing of Icons on Sunday March 9th. Traditionally, the first Sunday of Lent is called Sunday of Orthodoxy that commemorates the reestablishment of the worship of icons. If you wish to bless icon/s you have home, please bring them on that Sunday and place them on the table set in front of the icon screen.

Parish Lenten Retreat. One of the significant ways to live the Great Lent is to attend a spiritual retreat. Wer will also have a retreat at St Johns on Saturday **March 29th** with a guest preacher. We will start with the time for confessions at 9am, All Sould Liturgy at 10am, spiritual reflection and time for prayer to follow. It will all conclude with a light lunch. Please consider attending their special moment of blessing.

Pysansky Workshop. This year, as a Lenten activity which reflects our Eastern Christian heritage, a pysanky workshop will be offered by Denise Sabol and Lisa Oberhauser. It will be held on Saturdays **April 5th** and **12th**, 10am/12pm. The spots are limited to 18 participants (because of the space limits in the class and need of space to do the workshop). Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule and ask more details from Denise and Lisa.

Wedding Anniversarians. There will be a special Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for Wedding Anniversarians this year as well. Marriage Jubilarians for Connecticut, New York and New Jersey parishes will have the celebration on Sunday October 19th, at St Mary's in Hillsborough, NJ, at 3pm. We invite couples celebrating a special anniversary – 5 years increment to submit their names to be included in this year's Jubilarian Celebration.

St Johns Summer Camp We will be organizing summer camp at St Johns for the children ages 4 and older again this year, on **June 23/26**. By doing this, we would like to offer something to our little ones, spend more time playing and praying, and continue to learn that we are children of God. More information to come in the next bulletins.