

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 Sept 7: Gal 6:11-18; John 3:13-17

Tone 4

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 SEPTEMBER 7-14

Sunday September 7 –Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

9.30am – Matins

10.00am – Divine Liturgy, parish family

Special blessing of children in the occasion of the beginning of the school year

Monday September 8 – Birth of the Theotokos

6.00pm - Divine Liturgy, +Henrietta Grosdidier, by Debbie and Jack Fahey

Saturday September 13 – Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

3.00pm - The Office of the Ninth Hour

3.15/5.00pm - Confessions

Sunday September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.00am – Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, health & blessing for Eileen Miano, by Nick and Martine Bove

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

August 31, 2025 attendance - 68; collections - \$2,521.00

We are very grateful for your faithful attendance and generosity. Your generous and continuous support keeps our parish running. May God bless you in many ways

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Basket Prize Drawing. Today is the last day to purchase tickets for basket prize drawing that will take place at picnic. Baskets are dispaled in the coffee room. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Calling all kids. Our children will receive a special blessing today after Divine Liturgy.

ECF classes. We will be starting the ECF for the year 2025/2026 in September. Please consider enrolling children in our catechetical program. We would like to offer a simple journey of faith to our little parishioners, teach them about our traditions and icons, and make them part of our community. Sept 7th the children's backpacks will be blessed and Sept 14th we plan on having a field trip after church.

The **presence of children** at liturgy is a gift to the Church and to our parish! They remind us that our parish is healthy and growing. Please welcome our children and be encouraging to their parents. Please be patient and understanding if the little ones get fidgety or don't pay attention, as they learn and are reminded about that. Someone once had to be understanding and patient when we were little, right? And, as Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not prevent them." Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they and their parents respond to the Church, to God, to one another, and to our parish. Let them know that they are at home in this House of God.

Fishing Boat Trip Inquiry. Today is the last chance to sign up (in the vestibule) for fishing boat trip. Please consider this initiative offered for the men of our parish. The fishing trip will take place on one of Saturday mornings.

Faith Formation Series/Bible Study. Please join us for the faith formation series on the Book of Genesis. It will run monthly on October 12, November 2, November 30, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 12, May 3. Coffee and pastries will be served. Please join us to learn more about the word of God

Leave a Legacy. Please remember St John the Baptist Church in your Will. Doing so is a meaningful way of leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations in our parish community.

Liturgies Book 2026. We are ready now to receive your liturgy intentions for 2026. Having a Divine Liturgy said for a loved is a noble and ideal way to honor a deceased person. The Liturgy is also offered for the health and blessing of a person or family. If you wish to schedule the liturgy, please fill out the white envelope with the details and drop it in the basket. Thank you!

Couples' Group. We will be starting couples' group at our parish. Its main goal is to offer time and space for the journey of faith for couples where different topics can be discussed such as prayer in family, question of faith, relationship, etc. This is meant to strengthen and support the Catholic couples in their journey together as man and woman of faith, and as such, it is one of the means to better serve spiritual needs of our parishioners. The couples of all ages are welcome to join the group. It will meet monthly and the first two meetings are scheduled on October 26 and Nov 23. Two of our parish couples, Nick and Martine Bove, and Tim and Anne Marie Kearns, will lead the group discussion.