



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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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 Feb 22:

Heb 11:24–26.32–12:2; John 1:43–51

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WELCOME TO ST JOHNS

“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 FEBRUARY 22–MARCH 1

Sunday February 22 – *First Sunday of the Great Fast*

9.00am – Matins

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

Wednesday February 25 – *Tarasius Patriarch*

5.00pm – Divine Liturgy of St Gregory Pope of Rome, for the growth of the parish

Friday February 27 – *Procopius Venerable Confessor*

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

Confessions

Saturday February 28 – *Second All Souls Saturday*

10.00am – Divine Liturgy with Panachida and Reading of Hramoty

2.45pm – The Office of Vespers

3.15/5.00pm – Confessions

Sunday March 1 – *Second Sunday of the Great Fast*

9.00am – Matins

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, +Joseph and Mary Tiritia, w Panachida, by daughters

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

February 15: attendance: 72; collections: \$2,962.00

We are very grateful for your faithful attendance and generosity. Your giving helps us live out our mission of love and service in our community. May God bless you in many ways!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing and Celebration of the Icons. To commemorate the traditional reestablishment of the worship of icons on the first Sunday of Lent, we will have the blessing of the icons following the Divine Liturgy.

The next **catechetical Sunday** will take place on Sunday, March 1. We are pleased to offer ECF classes for the children and a Bible study session for the adults along with the social.

Parish Lenten Retreat and Choral Divine Liturgy. One of the most significant ways to live the Great Lent is to attend a spiritual retreat. We will hold a retreat at St. John's on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25. The day will include a Choral Divine Liturgy with Fr. Al Forlano preaching, the opportunity for Lenten confessions, and a social to follow. Please consider attending this special moment of blessing.

Easter Candy Sale. The Ladies Guild is holding its annual Easter Candy fundraiser featuring Fascia's Chocolates. The fundraising catalogue can be found in the vestibule and it is attached to the bulletin too. The orders will be accepted through March 15. Thank you for your participation and continued support of this initiative.

Bishop's Appeal Update. To date, 29 families have pledged \$5,665.00 toward our parish goal of \$15,400.00. Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the Bishop's eparchial and charitable initiatives.

Pysanky Class. We are also excited to offer a pysanky workshop this year as a Lenten activity reflecting our Eastern Christian heritage. The workshop will be led by Denise and Lisa and will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 10am to 2pm. Please note that spots are limited due to space requirements for the workshop. We will share more details soon, but in the meantime, you can reach out to Denise or Lisa for more information.

Hramoty. As we have entered the Great Lent, we continue to commemorate our departed loved ones through the celebration of five Divine Liturgies and Panachidas. As we celebrated the first All Souls early in February, the upcoming services for the deceased will take place on February 28, March 7, March 14, and May 23. In blessed repose, grant O Lord to the souls of your departed servants eternal rest and remember them forever.

Praying For Those We Love. You may honor a family member or friend by requesting a Liturgy to be celebrated for their intentions. This is a wonderful gift for birthdays or anniversaries, as well as a traditional commemoration for the deceased. To make a request, please fill out the provided envelope and drop it into the collection basket.