



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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Confessions: half an hour before/
after each service or by appointment

Sunday Liturgy: 9.30AM

Sick Calls: As scheduled,

or anytime in case of an emergency

Readings and Music December 11:

Col 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

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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 DECEMBER 11-18

Sunday December 11th – *Sunday of the Forefathers*

9.00am – Matins

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, health and blessings Father Jim Demko

Friday December 16th – *Haggai Prophet*

11.00am – Divine Liturgy, +Msgr. Nicholas Alishofski, Barbara Soltis

Saturday December 17th – *Daniel Great Prophet*

3/5pm – Confessions & Private Prayer

Sunday December 18th – *Sunday of the Forefathers*

9.00am – Matins

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, health and blessings Eileen Vrklan

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

December 4, 2022: Attendance – 70; Collections – \$1,693.00

Thank you for your faithful attendance and generous support, may God bless you abundantly!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philip's Fast Morning of Prayer. Saturday December 17th there will be the morning of prayer which aims at spiritually prepare us for Christmas. 10am th moleben, 10.30 - spiritual reflection, following time for confession and light lunch. Our guest speaker will be Father Al Forlano. Please come and spread out the word about this special moment of prayer during Philip's Fast.

Envelopes and Calendars 2023. The Church Budget Envelope, the company that produces envelopes for many churches throughout the country, has been experiencing delays wiht many orders. The envelopes for St Johns are still in the production department, and they will be placed in the church vestibule once they get to St Johns. The calendars can be found in the vestibule.

Liturgy Intentions 2023. If you wish to schedule the Liturgy for the alive or deceased for the upcoming year 2023, please fill out the white "Divine Liturgy Intention" envelope located in the vestibule and hand it to the Father, or simply leave it in the donation basket. We will try to schedule it on the day you request or on another close day. Thank you!

Eastern Christian Formation for Children. The next ECF meeting will take place on Sunday **January 8, 2023**, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for bringing your children to the church! May the good Lord bless our little ones in many ways and may their find St Johns as their spiritual home where they can meet Jesus.

Update Bishop's Appeal 2022. So far 14 households have pledged 2,760.00 toward our goal of 15,400.00. If we reach the goal, St Johns will receive %40 of the total. You can pledge by sending check made payable to the Eparchy of Passaic or online: <https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/bishopsappeal> If you can, please support the Bishop's mission for the Eparchy and beyond by sending this sacrificial offering. Thank you!

Epiphany House Blessing. To have a house/home blessing is a ancient tradition and a wonderful thing. It is a prayer for the Lord's presence and blessing for us and our beloved ones. It will be offered at St Johns around Epiphany time. Father Gregory will be available for house blessing starting January 9th on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2pm through 7pm. Please call the parish office, send us an email or simply talk to the Father so we can make arrangements and come to your house.

Weekday Liturgy Schedule January/July. As announced earlier this year, the weekday liturgy in the first half of the year (January/June) will be on **Thursdays** at **11am** (instead of Fridays).

Update Father Stepan's donation. Throughout the year St Johns has been supporting Father Stepan Samborskyi and his small parish in Chornotysovo, Eparchy of Mukachevo (South-Western Ukraine). Since the last update (April 3, 2022), we have sent to Fr Stepan four transfers (receipts can be found in the vestibule): 240.00, 580.00, 640.00, and 300.00, in total 1,760.00. Since the beginning of this collection (January 2022), the parish sent Fr the total amount in 3,460.00. Thank you all very much for your great generosity. May God reward it in many ways! *It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever*" (Psalm 112:5-6)