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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: half an hour befor after each service or by appoints Sunday Liturgy: 9.30AM Sick Calls: As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emerge: Readings and Music July 18:

1 Corinth 1:10–19; Matt 14:14–21

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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 JULY 18-25

**Sunday July 18**<sup>th</sup> – *Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Council* 9.00am – Matins 9.30am – Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday July 20** – *Elijah Great Prophet* 5.00pm – Divine Liturgy

**Saturday July 24**<sup>th</sup> – *Boris and Glen Martyr* 3/5pm – Confessions and Private Prayer

**Sunday July 25**<sup>th</sup> – *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost* 9.00am – Matins 9.30am – Divine Liturgy, +Tim Vrklan, by the Bove Family

COLLECTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Sunday June 27, 2021: Collections – \$1,903.00; Attendance – 52 Sunday July 4, 2021: Collections – \$2,082.00; Attendance – 48 Sunday July 11, 2021: Collections – \$1,235.00; Attendance – 42

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **New Guidelines for Covid**. Bishop Kurt sent the letter regarding the new guidelines for our churches in the light of the lifting of many restrictions by the government. The letter is in the vestibule of the church and it is also published on the parish website and Facebook page. Please read these guidelines as they concern the lifting of several restrictions and restoration of the Sunday obligation.
- **Blessing of the Vehicles.** According to our tradition, we bless the vehicles on the Feast of St Prophet Elijah. There will be two possibilities to bless them: Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> after the liturgy of 5pm and Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pilgrimages Summer 2021.** Sister Servants in Sloatsburg will have their annual pilgrimage on Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Sisters of St Basil scheduled Uniontown pilgrimage this year on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Vacation with God.** A series of brief online gospel reflections will be **resumed** starting the next week. The purpose of this pastoral initiative is to offer some reflections on the gospel also during the summer time. The videos will be published on the parish Facebook page as well as the YouTube channel.
- Ave Maria University Eastern Catholic Scholarship. Ave Maria University is offering a generous \$28,000 scholarship exclusively for Eastern Catholic students! This is a life-changing opportunity for young men and women to study at an authentically Catholic university endorsed by The Newman Guide! It's not too late to receive this scholarship for the fall 21' semester! For more details: <a href="link.avemaria.edu/eastern-catholic">link.avemaria.edu/eastern-catholic</a>
- Please Subscribe to Our YouTube channel! St Johns has now a YouTube channel where the celebrations are livestreamed and also the formation classes are published. Please support this multimedia presence of your parish by subscribing to it. Here is the link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvCdzeKRzwbkX444vt0uTfg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvCdzeKRzwbkX444vt0uTfg</a>

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



On Sunday between July 13 and 19 the Byzantine Churches commemorate the Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils that took place from 324 through 680 A.D. The teaching of these councils constitutes partly what we call the Tradition in the church. The Fathers of gathered for the Councils to resolve important theological disputes that concerned Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, and the Theotokos. They contain the important theological issues for our Byzantine theology and are a unique theological heritage of the Church. in the first seven centuries. They bear witness to what is known as *lex* credendi lex orandi: we pray what we believe. One of the most known contributions of these councils is the Symbol of Faith that we recite during each Divine Liturgy. Although it might seem as merely historical events, these Councils left indelible fingerprint and shaped in many ways our theology and liturgy.