



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
Sick Calls: As scheduled,
or anytime in case of an emergency
Readings and Music June 16:
Rom 6:18-23; Matt 8:5-13
Tone 3

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 JUNE 16-23

Sunday June 16 - *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day*

NO MATINS

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, for all the living fathers, and Panachida for all the deceased fathers

Thursday June 20 - *Methodius Bishop-Martyr*

11.00am - Divine Liturgy, +John Sembrot, Sr., by John Sembrot, Jr.

Saturday June 22 - *Eusebius Bishop-Martyr*

3.00pm - The Office of the Ninth Hour

3.10pm/5pm - Confessions

Sunday June 23 - *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, parish family

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

June 9, 2024 attendance - 75; collections - \$1,826.00

According to the expenses of 2023, it costs \$2,512.00 each week to fund ordinary operations at St Johns. Thank you for your faithful attendance and very generous support of your parish, may God bless you abundantly!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Father's Day. "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed" (Psalm 112:1-2). Many greetings and blessings to all our fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers. May the good Lord always protect you, give you strength and wisdom, and guide you by his mighty hand through the path of your lives. Many happy and blessed years!

The **Ladies Guild** will meet on Sunday, **June 23rd**, following Divine Liturgy.

Weekday Liturgy Schedule July/December. The weekday liturgy in the second half of the year (July/December) will be on Fridays at 11am (instead of Thursdays), beginning **July 5th**.

Wedding Jubilarians The New England & New York Byzantine Catholic Syncellate is making a survey if we can organize the wedding jubilarian celebration with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the banquet to follow. This would be for couples beginning their fifth anniversary and every fifth anniversary thereafter during 2024. If someone is interested in this celebration, please let the Father know. Thank you!

Donation. Joe Oravetz has made a donation of \$2,000.00 in honor of his father Lawrence Oravetz as well as all the fathers of St John's Parish. Thank you so much for your generosity and may God reward it abundantly!

Opportunity to Serve the Needy. We will be starting up St Johns volunteer group at Thomas Merton Family center in Bridgeport, CT whose mission is "to help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives". The help would consist in volunteering one day a month during the week that makes lunch for the poor and street people. We currently seek for 4/6 volunteers. For more details, please talk to our coordinator, Jim Faber, tel. 516 406 1217 or James.faber@optimum.net.

Additional Help with Lawn Needed. We humbly ask your help to be one of our church volunteers to cut the grass during summer time. This would consist in offering 2/3 hours of your time a week, or once every two weeks, or even once a month to cut the grass. It can be done any day of the week when you are available, except Sundays and major holiday when hard work has to be avoided. The church would be very grateful for this important service. Thank you for your kind consideration!

Special Anniversary for the Byzantine Church in US. May 8, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary since the establishment of the Ruthenian Exarchate in the United State and arrival of the first Bishop Basil Takacz. All the faithful of the Eparchy are invited to St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in New York City for an evening of celebration on Tuesday **August 13th**. 7pm Symposium on the arrival of our first Bishop, presented by Fr Christopher Zegger, historian. 7.45pm Moleben of Thanksgiving celebrated by Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Eparch of Passaic. 8.30pm reception.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage. Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the people of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a Pilgrimage to Italy from May 5 to 15, 2025, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. This pilgrimage costs \$4,829 per person, which covers airfare from Newark Liberty International Airport, accommodations in first class/select hotels based on double occupancy, most meals, the services of an English tour director, comprehensive sightseeing all admission fees and hotel service charges and airport transfers in Italy. Everyone is invited to come share during this time of prayerful celebration. With the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other services, our pilgrimage will be a joyful journey designed to highlight our Byzantine Catholic faith, help us appreciate its historical past, and view the art inspired by the Church. Use this link for the brochure:

<https://stmarybccnyc.org/files/Brochure/Italy-Jubilee-2025-Metropolitan-Church-of-Pittsburgh.pdf>