



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 March 19:
Heb 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31
Tone 8

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 MARCH 19-26

Sunday 19th - *4th Sunday of the Great Fast/St John Climacus*

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, health & blessing for Dante Fazio, by Eileen Murray

Wednesday March 22 - *Basil of Ancyra*

5.00pm - Divine Liturgy of St Gregory Pope of Rome, +Nicholas Bove, Sr., w Panachida by Nick Bove, Jr.,

Friday March 24 - *Zachary Venerable*

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

Saturday March 25 - *Annunciation of the Theotokos*

10.00am - Divine Liturgy, +Joan Panchura, w Panachida, by Tom & MaryAnn Plavcan

3/5pm - Confessions & Private Prayer

Sunday March 26th - *5th Sunday of the Great Fast*

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, parish family

Bible & Coffee to follow

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

March 12, 2023: Attendance – 72; Collections – \$2,679.16

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Ladies Guild meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19th. Membership dues are now being collected. New members are welcome!

Easter Candy Sale. The Ladies Guild will hold its annual Easter Candy fundraiser featuring Fascia's Chocolates. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 19th in order to insure on time delivery. For information call Mary Ann Kowal @ 203-906-4357.

Bible and Coffee. The last Bible and Coffee session will take place on March 26, please come, and join us for this Lenten Scripture journey on the Gospel of Luke!

Eastern Christian Formation for Children. The next ECF meeting will take place on Sunday April 2, 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 they find St Johns as their spiritual home where they can meet Jesus.

Special Palm Sunday 2023. Please mark your calendars: April 2 will be a special Palm Sunday at St Johns: Easter Egg Hunt will be organized for the children and we will also be smoking kolbasy after the liturgy that will be distributed to each household. Each household will receive one kolbasa (sausage), and we kindly ask you to give a suggested donation of \$5.00 that will help to cover the cost of wood and meat to prepare the kolbasy. It is not a fundraiser: it aims at creating one more social moment for the parish. Approximately 40/50 kolbasy will be smoked: the first round during the liturgy, and the second after the liturgy. It only takes about 60 minutes to smoke. A light social will be served while waiting for kolbasy. All are welcome.

Poustinia Retreats for Young Adults. The Young Adult Outreach of the Eparchy continues to offer a series of Poustinia retreat. The next ones will take place on March 25 and April 29 at St Mary BCC in Hillsborough NJ. This is a great opportunity for young adults to meet other fellows Byzantine and share faith, spend time in prayer, and have excellent speakers. If you are interested, please email Father Tom Shubeck at FatherTomByz@gmail.com, check the FB page [facebook.com/theosisinaction](https://www.facebook.com/theosisinaction), or talk to the Father.

Metropolitan Assembly 2023: Metropolitan William has called for a Metropolitan Assembly for the Fall 2023 at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ, November 2-5. Please mark your calendars in anticipation of this Gathering of the entire Metropolia. More details to come.

The Book of Hours Pre-Order. Eastern Christina publications has recently published the Book of Hours that contain various prayers of the Byzantine Liturgical tradition, such as Vespers, Matins, Hours, Compline, etc. It is an excellent book that helps to pray in the Byzantine tradition. We collect the preorders: please refer to Eileen and Denise to ask more information. There is also one book to look at in the store.

Save the date for the two upcoming fun activities: Saturday, June 10th, Basket Bingo. Saturday, July 15th, Christmas in July Tea Party. More information to come.