Weekly Bulletin May 23, 2021



## 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 May 23** Acts 2:1–11; John 7:37–52; 8:12

Festal Tone

## 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 MAY 23-30

Sunday May 23 - Pentecost Sunday

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy for the intentions of the Ladies Guild

**Monday May 24** – Pentecost Monday

11.00am - Divine Liturgy, +Ivan, by Fr Gregory

Friday May 28 - Nicetas Bishop

5.30pm - Outside Prayer Service (Moleben) to the Mother of God

Saturday May 29 - Theodosia Venerable Martyr

10.00am - Outside Prayer Service (Moleben) to the Mother of God

3/5.00pm - Confessions and Private Prayer

**Sunday May 30 –** Sunday of All Saints

9.00am - Matins

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, +John Pida, w Panachida, by the Pida Family

COLLECTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Sunday May 16, 2021: Collections - 2,000.00; Attendance - 58

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Happy Anniversary to the Ladies Guild!** The year 2020 marked the 75th anniversary since the foundation of the Ladies Guild at St Johns. Thank you for your long term service at the parish. We truly appreciate what you do for the parish and may God bless you and your beloved ones abundantly!

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- **St John's Picnic.** The parish picnic will be held on Sunday **June 13**th. Let us pray for the good weather and for all those who will organize this event.

- **Food Drive** Second Saturday of the Month, June 12, 9am-12pm there will be food drive at St Johns: you are welcome to drop the non-perishable foods that will be used for the local charities. Please advertise this with whom might be willing to bring the non-perishable food and do this act of charity.
- 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>
- Last month to contribute to the Bishop's Appeal 2020. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 is almost over and the contributions will be accepted through June 1. So far 36 families have pledged 5,770.00 toward our goal of 15,440.00. If the parish reaches the goal, it will receive back %40 of the whole amount. Although this past year has been difficult for many, yet if you can, please consider a donation made payable to the Eparchy of Passaic to support the this very worthy mission of the Bishop of the Eparhy of Passaic. You can also pledge and pay online at the Eparchial website: <a href="https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com">www.eparchyofpassaic.com</a>
- **Please Subscribe to Our YouTube channel!** St Johns has now a YouTube channel where the celebrations are livestreamed and also the formation classes (Bible Study) 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>
- **ByzanTeen Virtual Night Out in June**. ByzanTeens, join us for a Virtual Evening Out on **June 13**th: Saints for All Time and in All Time Soaring Like Eagles. If you have any questions please email Deacon Tom Shubeck at <a href="mailto:frdeacontom@gmail.com">frdeacontom@gmail.com</a> for registration: <a href="mailto:https://form.jotform.com/201673768553060">https://form.jotform.com/201673768553060</a>
- Online Church Singing Classes. The Metropolitan Cantor Institute offers an online, 2-year program in church singing for both new and experienced cantors. Tuition is \$75 for each eight-week class, which includes feedback to help to improve singing and cantorial skills. Initial classes on liturgy and church singing. For details: mci.archpitt.org/classes or call Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski at 412 735 1676
- **Altar Server Congress** is being held Sunday, August 8 through Thursday August 12, 2021 at the Carpathian village in Canadensis PA. For registration please fill out the following form by clicking on: https://www.cognitoforms.com/EparchyOfPassaic1/AltarServerCongressCamperRegistration2021



## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

The Position of the figures in the icon of the Pentecost represents harmony in which all the apostles are equal: no apostle is better than another. The inverse perspective prevents the apostles who are near the back of the semicircle from being painted as smaller, which would happen in the rendering of most normal paintings. In actuality, they are depicted slightly larger, particularly Peter and Paul as the chief apostles. But even then, they are among equals. There is also no discord or chaos. There is no sign of appearing drunk, which they were accused of that morning. The apostles are touched by the Holy Spirit: everything is sober and harmonious – a beautirful image of the beginning Church.