

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 NOVEMBER 21-28

Sunday November 21 – *Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost* 9.00am – Matins 9.30am – Divine Liturgy, parish family

Thursday November 25 – *Clement and Peter Pope and Bishop* 8.30am – Divine Liturgy, in thanksgiving and for vocations

Saturday November 27 – *James the Persian Martyr* 3/5.00pm – Confessions and Private Prayer

Sunday November 28 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
9.00am – Matins
9.30am – Divine Liturgy, +Robin Murray, by Eileen Murray

COLLECTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Sunday November 14, 2021: Collections - \$3,007.00; Attendance - 53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philip's Fast. November 15th marks the beginning of six-week fast, called Philip's fast, that prepares us for the Christmas Birth of Our Lord. Every fast is a special occasion for a Christian to reflect more on the faith, personal relationship with the Lord by reading Scripture, meditation, fasting, and acts of mercy, and by many other ways. May this holy season be another special time when to deepen our faith and reflect on the great mystery of the Nativity.

Trumbull Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service. You are invited to attend this annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 21 November 2021, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Road, Trumbull at 3pm. There is no admission charge, but nonperishable food items or cash donations will be accepted for the benefit of local charities.

Bishop's Appeal 2021. Due to the printing issues, the Bishop's Appeal was late this year, yet everyone should have received the forms by now. If one makes a donation by December 31st, it will be counted for this year's taxes. However, the appeal will continue through June 2022. Please support these Bishop's initiatives by making a contibution to the eparchy. Thank you very much for your generosity and may the Lord reward it abundantly!

St Nicholas. The Feast of St Nicholas is coming soon and at St Johns we are organizing an event for our children and teenagers: age 0 through 18! Sunday December 5th, after the Divine Liturgy, there will be the visit of St Nicholas who will spend some time with children and give them gifts. There will be also refreshments in the classes for both children and adults. We are grateful for cookies, pastry, and sodas for this event.

Donation. The Oravetz Family has donated \$2,000.00 to St Johns for the purchase of the new refrigerator for the rectory. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and may God reward your generosity abundantly!

Pre-Christmas Reflection. On Saturday December 18th at 10am there will be an online reflection "St Joseph from the Byzantine Perspective". Our speaker will be Fr Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D., a priest of the Eparchy of Parma who holds the doctorate in the Patristics, is author of several articles, and an excellent speaker. It will be available on St Johns YouTube channel and via zoom, the link will be sent to the email listing prior to this talk. This reflection is meant to help us to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of Our Lord and we are grateful to Fr Andrew for his availability!

Liturgy Intentions. If you wish to schedule the Liturgy for the alive or deceased for the upcoming year 2022, please write a note with the day when you would like the Liturgy to be celebrated. We will try to schedule it on the day you request or on another close day. A letter with the date when the liturgy is scheduled will be sent too. Since June 2021, the Council of Hierarchs of our Metropolitan Church agreed to set the official stipend for a Divine Liturgy at twenty dollars (\$20.00). This rule applies to the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, and the Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory the Dialogist and Pope of Rome. The approved stipend is the fixed amount when people ask for a set amount or when it is published. Priests are always free to accept other stipneds, smaller or largfer, when they are offered, or celebrate the Liturgy without the stipend.