

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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June 25, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ...BIRTH OF JOHN BAPTIST

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 135, 334
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Peter C. Dubos by Brother, Bill

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy



THU. PETER & PAUL PREEMINENT APOSTLES Page 338
10:30 a.m. +Andrew Leson by wife, Jackie Leson

FRI. 10:30 am. +Patricia Kovachik by Family

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Martha Ilko by Nancy Mashiska & Haydu Family Page 141
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

Prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we honor you with love, we cannot give you worthy praise. Through your glorious and holy birth, your Mother was freed from barrenness and your Father from the loss of speech, and the incarnation of the Son of God is proclaimed to the world.

CHURCH DONATIONS June 18, 2023
Holy Day...\$25.00 Candles \$ 52.00
Monthly Dues..\$25.00 Seminary \$5.00
Cemetery \$10.00
Offertory..... \$824.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Sunday...Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on our Great Prizes and a FUN NITE out with Family & Friends.

SUPER BINGO

We will also hold a Super Bingo in our Center on Sept. 9, 2023.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR...You do not want to miss out.!

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Will be held Sept. 10, 2023 at St. Elias Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
Couples celebrating significant anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional will be honored. Please call our office to let us know by July 21st so they can send out the invitations.

GCU BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY

Will be held at Kennywood Park July 27th 11:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.
...RIDE ALL DAY. \$28.00 age 4 and up.
Contact GCU 1 800 722-4428 for tickets

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars...Feast of Dormition is Aug. 15th. Liturgy will be held Monday, Aug. 14th at 4:30 p.m. and dinner to follow.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord said to the Jews coming to Him: "I am the bread of Life. Your fathers's ate the manna in the desert and have died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that if anyone eat of it he will not die. I am the Living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews on that account argued with one another saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Jesus therefore said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has everlasting life and I will raise you up on the last day."

Trust in God's words and goodness; believe in all that He has revealed.

FEAST OF ST. PETER & PAUL



This feast is a tribute to the deaths of the two great Apostles; St. Peter, the first Vicar of Christ, who was crucified head down and to St. Paul, who because he was a Roman citizen, was beheaded. This feast is a day of triumph. On this day their generous effusion of blood for God conquered the earth.

The eternal wisdom arranged that the feast of Saints Peter and Paul should be celebrated on the same day. More than any other, St. Paul furthered the advance of Christianity by his preaching.

Bound together by faith and love, Saints Peter and Paul were inseparable. St. Paul accompanied St. Peter even in death. Both quit this earth and ascended to their eternal abode together. The association of the deaths of Saints Peter and Paul is purely liturgical. There is no evidence to show they died in the same year...let alone on the same day.

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul was observed soon after their death but it became common only in the sixth century.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION....THURSDAY

We celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul on June 29. It is a holy day of obligation. We owe to the Holy Apostles the priceless treasure of the Christian faith. They handed Christ's teachings down to us. From them, we received the Holy Gospel and the letters of the Apostles. They laid a firm foundation for the Church of Christ. All that we have we owe to their apostolic labors and their prayers.

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Among all the saints whom the Eastern Church venerates, St. John the Baptist holds a unique place. He alone, of all the Saints, except for the Mother of God, has a feast honoring his Conception, and another honoring his Nativity. The great esteem he enjoys in the Eastern Church is evident from the fact that during the Church Year as many as six feasts are celebrated in his honor: the feasts of his Conception, Nativity, Beheading, the First, Second and Third Finding of his head, and the Synaxis following the feast of Theophany. St. John the Baptist is outstanding because he stands on the border of two testaments: the Old and the New. He closes the doors on the prophets and opens them to the Apostles. He is not only a prophet, but also a precursor of Christ, a baptizer and a martyr. John, already cleansed of original sin while still in his mother's womb, is the only person given the privilege of baptizing Him Whose coming the other prophets had foretold but did not live to see.