

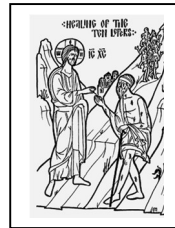
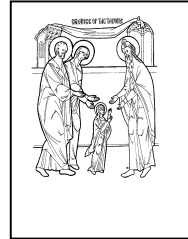
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
185 E. Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, November 28 **27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:00 a.m. **+Paul Bandish**
(Church) **Req. by Mother Patricia Bandish**

Saturday, December 4 **Barbara (Great Martyr), John Damascene**
5:30 p.m. **+Mary Zubovich**
(Church) **Req. by Grandson George and Hannah**

Sunday, December 5 **28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:00 a.m. **Sabbas (Venerable)**
(Church) **+Edward and Julia Schifko, Ed and Bud Schifko**
Req. by Dennis and Gloria Schifko



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 11-21-2021

Offering = \$1679.00 Candles = \$125.00 Holy Day = \$206.00 Pirohi = \$2670.00
 Thanksgiving = \$5.00 Bulletin Covers = \$400.00 Yearly Candles = \$468.00
 Loose Cash = \$38.00 R&B = \$397.00 TOTAL = \$5591.00

BAKED GOODS NEEDED – Anyone able to donate baked goods for the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, which will be held Saturday, December 4 from 12 noon - 5PM and Sunday, December 5 from 10AM – 1PM, would be most welcome. Baked items may be brought into the social hall on Thurs., Dec. 2 (9AM – 1PM), on Fri., Dec. 3 (9 AM – 12 NOON), or to the upstairs hall on Sat. Dec. 4 or (10AM through sale times listed above) Sun. Dec. 5 (Before Liturgy), or call 724-438-6027 M-F 9AM-3PM/ leave message) for other arrangements. Thank you for your generosity to our church fundraisers.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKET – St. John Social Ministry has put together a Christmas themed basket to be awarded on Sun. Dec. 19 at the monthly Birthday Coffee Social. This basket includes many food and decorative items for the upcoming Christmas season. Ticket sales will be at Pirohi making Dec. 2, 9 (Thursdays 9AM – 1PM) and Pirohi pickup Dec. 3, 10 (Fridays 9AM -12PM), as well as at the Christmas Craft/Bake sale on Sat.-Sun. Dec. 4-5. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$7 for \$5.00. To purchase tickets you may see a Social Ministry member. Proceeds benefit St. John Social Ministry. Thank you for you patronage.

PRAYER REQUESTS – +Fr. Ron, Kara, Cathy, Anita, Thomas, Michael, Karen, Joan, Shirley, Rachel, Shirley, Frank, Marsha, Cynthia, Linda, Annette, +Monte, Andrea, Connie, Chris, Melba, Jo Ann, +Tom, +Thomas, Mark, Bertie, Abbot Leo, Sr. Theodosia, Fr. Joe, Raymond, David, Kathleen, Vince, Gerry, Theresa, George, George Jr., Janet, Cathy, Louis, Jack, Monica, Charlotte, Sophia, Jamie, Chris, Cindy, Mike, Dianne, Bryan, Helen, Donna, Alice, Mason, Melanie, Melvin, Jean, Joyce, Jean, Dorothy, George, Hannah, Michelle, Michael, Faith, Sharlenne, Ruthann, Dolores, Patty, Ida, Barbara, Charlie, Louisa, August, Maryann, Donna, Linda, Christopher, Dianne, Melissa, Wanda, BA, Janice, Dan, Kay, Bonnie, John, Bill, Arlene, Tom, Melba, Chris, Connie, Joan, Sherry, Luckie, Debbie, Dan, Colleen, Mary Ann, Lisa, Mike, Delores, Dan, Gene, Toni, Butch, Phyllis, Mark, JT, Patty, Michael, Butch, Carl, Janet, Mickie, Ted, JA, Rose, Ann, Helen, Betty, Norma Jean, Louis, Dominic, Heather, Clancy, Otho, Kitty, Joan, Libby, Evelyn, Stanley, Kay, Josephine, Charlene, Paulette, Robin, Georgia, Margaret, George, Nadine, Robert, PJ, Cole, Ed, Lori, Diane, Robin, Troy, Traci, Trevor, Carolyn, Ray, Cherisse, Tanner, Bailee, Kylie, Carter, Cole, Cooper, Barb, Dave, Riley, Meghan, Riley, Paul, Rose, Charlotte, Paul, Margaret, Dave, Barb, Marcella, Tammy, James, Ashley, Chris, Jameson, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Barbara, Patty, Dolores, Dennis, Herb, Bernard, Bernie, Mike, Troy, Dan, Joan, Rita, Bill, Bob, Christopher, Lauren, Ian.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT/BAKE SALE – The Ethnic Craft Club of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church will be having its annual Christmas Craft/Bake Sale on Saturday, December 4 from Noon to 5 PM and Sunday, December 5 from 10 AM – 1PM in the upstairs hall. The sale will feature decorations, folk crafts, baked goods (including long rolls), candy, parish cookbooks, imported items and many other articles that would make fine Christmas gifts. Your patronage and support are greatly appreciated.

NATIVITY DISPLAY - St. John Social Ministry will be sponsoring a display of a variety of Nativity Sets during the Christmas Craft/Bake Sale Saturday and Sunday, December 4-5. Parishioners are welcome to bring in their Nativity sets to be included in the display. There will be someone in the display room to monitor them. Anyone wanting to show their Nativity sets or having any questions may contact Robert Morgan for times to bring them in may contact at 724-562-3821. Your participation is a way to show reverence for the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

☩ CHOOSE LIFE! That the people of this nation may come to fully understand that abortion means a violent death for an unborn child, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NATION

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ECF ACTIVITIES- On Sunday, December 5, the St. Nicholas Program will be held at 10:30 am in the school. Families are invited to attend with their children. All are welcome. Historically during the Christmas season, the ECF Students have gone to Mt. Macrina Monastery to sing for the Sisters and give a donation. Due to COVID they will not be able to do that again this year. Instead the students will take a parish wide collection for this service project on the weekends of Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. The ECF Students will be singing Christmas carols at the Dec. 19 Birthday Coffee Social after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Plan to attend!

ANGEL TREE SERVICE PROJECT AND TOY COLLECTION - Our ECF, Staff, and students are sponsoring an Angel Tree Service Project and Toy Collection for City Mission service project during this Christmas season. This project helps us better understand and participate in almsgiving as a part of the Nativity Fast, as well as following the example of Saint Nicholas in giving to those less fortunate than we are. We are hoping for the support of our parish family to help with this need in our local community. If you would please take a tag from the tree located in the altar server sacristy, purchase a gift and return that unwrapped gift along with the tag attached (NO LATER THAN DEC. 16) The Salvation Army suggests actual gifts (not gift cards) in the \$15-\$25 price range and to avoid toys such as guns and knives for the children. If you are unable to get a tag from the Angel Tree, and would like to purchase an individual toy for a child, there will also be a Toy Collection bin for items to be donated the City Mission. If you purchase a toy, it should be targeted for children between the ages of 3 and 18. If you are not able to attend church at this time and would like to be apart of these projects, you may send a monetary donation and a gift will be purchased with your money. Please return these items by December 12 and indicate to which place your gift should be donated. Please direct any questions to Marcia Harrer at 724-244-0686. Your generosity is very much appreciated!!

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS – We begin our second full week in our journey through the PHILLIPIAN FAST. The Byzantine Catholic Church does not use the Latin language (Advent in the Roman rite) to describe this penitential season, since its traditional language is based on Greek. This minor penitential period directs us to prepare ourselves for the spiritual meaning of Christmas. May we allow Him to be reborn in our souls by sanctifying the temple of our Body. Through prayer, abstinence, almsgivings of mercy, frequent confession of sins, and additional attendances at the Divine Liturgies we can accomplish this end. Together as a parish, let us collectively begin our practice of *Simple Abstinence (no meat)* or an *equivalent penance (your choice)* on Wednesdays (recommended) and Fridays (required) for the intention of the return of our beloved back to Church.