June 7, 2020-Sunday of All Saints

Divine Liturgy: Tone 8 Heb 11:32-12:2a and Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

June 14, 2020-2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: Tone 1 Acts 2:1-11 and Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12

Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday June 6	12pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday June 7	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of All Saints
	LIVE STREAMING	-Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Michael Zabinsky (40th day-Jun1) by daughter Anna Henry
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-6:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Thursday June 11	6:00pm (Ruthenian)	Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas Divine Liturgy -for the deceased members of the O'Connor and Colbert families By Marcella Colbert
Saturday June 13	2pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday June 14	10:00am(Ruthenian)	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
	LIVE STREAMING	-Divine Liturgy & birthday blessings upon Anna Rafaj by family
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Saturday June 20	2pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday June 21	10:00am(Ruthenian)	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
	LIVE STREAMING	Divine Liturgy & Panachida -for our living and deceased fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and Godfathers
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Tuesday June 23	6:00pm (Ruthenian)	Birth of St. John the Baptist
	LIVE STREAMING	Vigil Divine Liturgy +Salaam Batto by mother and family
Saturday June 27	2pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday June 28	10:00am(Ruthenian)	4th Sunday after Pentecost
	LIVE STREAMING	-Divine Liturgy & blessings upon Johanna, Adrian and William by sister
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Monday June 29	6:00pm (Ruthenian)	Sts. Peter and Paul
	LIVE STREAMING	Divine Liturgy Members, living & deceased of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas
Saturday July 4	2pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday July 5	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of All Saints
	LIVE STREAMING	-Divine Liturgy +Anna & +Nicholas Kutka by Veronika Kutka
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Saturday July 11	2pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday July 12	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of All Saints
	LIVE STREAMING	-Divine Liturgy +Pauline & +John Ferko by daughter Anna
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Friday July 17	6:00pm (Ruthenian)	Blessed Hieromartyr Paul of Preshov Great Martyr Marina of Antioch Divine Liturgy +Maria & +Josef Filo By daughter Veronika Kutka
Saturday July 18	2pm-6pm	Church open for private prayer
	4:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Vespers and HolyCommunion
Sunday July 19	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils
	LIVE STREAMING	-Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Jim Colbert (5th anniversary) by family
	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Communion by appointment (15 minutes)
Monday July 20	6:00pm (Ruthenian)	Great Prophet Elijah
	LIVE STREAMING	Divine Liturgy +Dragan Michelic' by Veronika Kutka

Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: ***God bless you for your generosity!***
May 24-$1,633.00 ***May 31-$1,576.00***

Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :
Peter Mytchak, Bill Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik, Joan Ostrowski, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown, Louis Rafaj, Bob Mihalo and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

Calendar of Events
Jun 8-28 Fast of the Holy Apostles (simple fast)
Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10 and Nov 14
Meeting of the African Violets Club, 10am-12:30pm Social Hall
Jun 21 Father's Day

St. John's will virtually "host" the next webinar in the series of presentations and online discussions, in the ZOOM Webinar format, as part of our Parish "**Continuing Faith Education**". The ZOOM webinar presentation/discussion takes place every Wednesday, from 7pm-8:30pm, in the comfort of your own home, using your technology. If you are not on our parish email list please contact me at houstonelias@gmail.-com
The dates and topics/speakers for the rest of June are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 10-Zoom Webinar-**The Feast and Fast of Sts. Peter and Paul-*David Dominguez***
- Wednesday, June 17-Zoom Webinar-**Church:Sacred Space & Sacred Furnishings-*David Dominguez***
- Wednesday, June 24-Zoom Webinar-**The Bridegroom's Friend: John the Baptist-*Fr. Elias***

Bible Study- You are invited to join Fr. Deacon Andrew Veres and David Dominguez, for Bible Study on ZOOM! Bible Study will take place every other Tuesday, from 7pm-8:30pm **online!** The dates for Bible Study are listed below! All are welcome!
Tuesday, June 16-ZOOM Bible Study
Tuesday, June 30-ZOOM Bible Study
Tuesday, July 14-ZOOM Bible Study
Tuesday, July 28-ZOOM Bible Study
Tuesday, August 11-ZOOM Bible Study
Tuesday, August 25-ZOOM Bible Study

Sunday, June 21 is **Father's Day.** The Sunday Divine Liturgy will be offered for our living and deceased fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and Godfathers. Please submit your names (email or text message preferred) for the remembrance. A small cross + is used to denote that the person is deceased.

If you would like to receive **Communion** or to be anointed, please contact Fr. Elias at 713-256-8953 to arrange for a visit (drive by or as you like). No one is deprived of the Sacraments and we can make a plan suited for your health situation and addressing your concerns.

We pray for all the souls of our deceased founders and parishioners as well as our families and friends. Please submit the names of your loved ones to Fr. Elias so that they can be added to our remembrance on the All Souls Saturdays and also added to our parish diptychs (the book that contains the names of all those who are remembered in all parish liturgies).

God has indeed blessed our Texas parishes with a number of men and women discerning a vocation to serve in the Church. It is with joy that we announce that **Ryan Black** has been accepted as a seminarian for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and this fall will begin his preparation for the priesthood at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Please remember Ryan and Mary and Nicholas in your prayers as this journey begins.
David Dominguez, who is preparing for the diaconate has succesfully completed his first year of preparation and is now starting his second years of studies. Please remember David and Aly in prayer as the second year begins in the midst of the pandemic.

Post Pandemic Church- We are not yet out of danger so we will not be rushing to socialize and resume "normal" functions. Since we have not 'flattened the curve' just yet, we will continue as we have for the last month. Please participate as you can and let me know if you need anything at all.
-Fr. Elias *(mobile: 713.256.8953)*

By St. John Chrysostom (c.347-407)

Adam and Christ, Eve and Mary

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? Shall I tell you something still more marvellous? Learn in what way the victory was gained, and you will be even more astonished.

For by the very means by which the devil had conquered, by these Christ conquered him; and taking up the weapons with which he had fought, he defeated him. Listen to how it was done.

A virgin, a tree and a death were the symbols of our defeat. The virgin was Eve: she had not yet known man; the tree was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; the death was Adam's penalty. But behold again a Virgin and a tree and a death, those symbols of defeat, become the symbols of his victory. For in place of Eve there is Mary; in place of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the tree of the Cross; in place of the death of Adam,
the death of Christ.

Do you see him defeated by the very things through which he had conquered? At the foot of the tree the devil overcame Adam; at the foot of the tree Christ vanquished the devil. And that first tree sent men to Hades; this second one calls back even those who had already gone down
there. Again, the former tree concealed man already despoiled and stripped; the second tree shows a naked victor on high for all to see. And that earlier death condemned those who were born after it; this second death gives life again to those who were born before it. Who
can tell the Lord's mighty deeds?

By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no
tumults; and yet we obtained the victory. The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours.

Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory. Let us praise the Lord and say: Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent. The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

Remember in your prayers:

+Josefina Ayub Hosre, grandmother of Jose Frech, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 28 in Nicaragua. Eternal memory and blessed repose. Christ is risen!

Bulletins & other stuff-Please do not be confused by the bulletin covers and the dates. We are trying to use the covers we have (because of the shut down, there were no bulletins printed) and will for the time being stop using the pre-printed covers (after we run out of them). We are also decreasing the number of bulletins since not all parishioners are coming to the church at this time. Bulletins will be emailed out also. Once things are safer and more "normal" we will make further adjustments to our bulletin and the quantity. Also, please note that we will continue to live stream the Sunday Divine Liturgy as well as Holy Days, even after the end of the pandemic and its restrictions. We have been blessed by many viewers who have followed us from other countries as well as here in the US and locally, many who are not parishioners. This has been a wonderful blessing. We have received many donations and are currently working on upgrading the camera and sound equipment. Thank you also for sending in your donations and for supporting St. John's. Because of all your generosity we will not experience significant economic problems as many other churches are. Thank you!