

Presenters

Mitered Archpriest John S. Kachuba, MA

Ordained in 1974 for the Eparchy of Parma, Fr. John has served in leadership roles on local, national and international levels. He is the Spiritual Advisor for the Greek Catholic Union and a member of its Board of Directors.

Therese Fetsko, BA

Therese is the Executive Assistant of the Eparchy of Parma. She graduated from Christendom College in 2010 with a BA in Philosophy & History. She is gifted with organizational skills and participates in Right to Life Activities.

Deacon Thomas P. Shubeck, Ph.D

Ordained to the Diaconate for the Eparchy of Passaic in 2015, Deacon Tom holds degrees from Purdue University, Loyola of Maryland, University of Connecticut and Rutgers in Counseling Psychology, Marriage and Family Life and Pastoral Theology. He serves at St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church in Rahway, NJ.

Father Valerian M. Michlik, JCOL

Ordained to the Presbyterate in 2000, Fr. Valerian is Professor of Pastoral Practice and Canon Law at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and Instructor in the Diaconate Program for the Archeparchy. He is pastor of St. Gregory Nazianzus Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair, PA.

Fr. Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D

Ordained in 2015 for the Eparchy of Parma, Fr. Andrew is a scholar of Early Christianity & the Greek Patristic tradition. Presently, he is pastor of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting Indiana. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the North American Patristics Society.

Bishop Kurt Burnette, DD

Bishop Kurt received a licentiate in canon law from the Pontificium Institutum Orientale in Rome and holds a doctorate in civil law from Newport University. He also has earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and electrical engineering from Rice University in Houston, Texas, and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Utah. Bishop Kurt served as rector of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary.

Deacon Basil Balke, MA MTh.

Ordained for the Eparchy of Phoenix, Deacon Basil holds a Masters of Arts in Counseling from Regis University and a Masters of Theology from the University of Balamand. He serves at Holy Protection of the Mother of God in Denver, CO, owns an IT company and is the web/media master for the Eparchy of Phoenix.

Christopher Russo, BS

Christopher is a graduate from Penn State University and is currently working on his Master's degree in Biotechnology at Harvard University. He is a Senior Research Associate at Fulcrum Therapeutics in Cambridge, MA. Christopher is a member of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Danbury, CT and the creator of "Theosis in Action" a Young Adult Ministry.

ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC (RUTHENIAN) METROPOLITAN CHURCH 2021

“One Body in Christ: Re-emerging from the Pandemic”



In-person event sponsored by
the Archeparchial Office of
Religious Education

November 5 & 6, 2021

St. John the Baptist Cathedral
Munhall, PA

Schedule

Friday, November 5, 2021

- 6:00pm Registration & Social
(Cathedral lower level)
- 7:00pm Welcome – Fr. Andrew Deskevich,
Protosyncellus, Archeparchy of
Pittsburgh, Cathedral Rector
- 7:10pm Opening Prayer & Introduction
Mitered Archpriest John
Kachuba & Therese Fetsko,
Eparchy of Parma
- 7:30pm **Looking Back: Looking Ahead
with a Hopeful Heart**
Deacon Tom Shubeck,
Eparchy of Passaic
- 8:15pm Social
- 9:00pm Departure

Saturday, November 6, 2021

- 9:15am Registration, Coffee & Vendors
(Cathedral Center)
- 10:00am Opening Prayer & Welcome
Metropolitan William
- 10:15am **Our Worship Post Pandemic**
Fr. Valerian Michlik,
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh &
Fr. Andrew Summerson,
Eparchy of Parma
- 11:15am Break

- 11:30am **The Eucharist: Holy Gifts
to Holy People**
Most Rev. Bishop Kurt
Burnette, Eparchy of Passaic
- 12:30pm Light Lunch
- 1:15pm **Growing Parishes Post
Pandemic**
Deacon Basil Balke, Eparchy
of Phoenix
- 2:15pm Break
- 2:30pm Breakout Sessions
- 3:30pm Break
- 3:45pm Summary & Discussion
(Where do we go from here?)
Christopher Russo, Eparchy of
Passaic
- 4:30pm Break
- 5:00pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
- 6:15pm Dinner Catered by Cathedral
(Cathedral Center)

Breakout Sessions – Location TBA

- Young Byzantine Catholic Adults
Engaging Their Faith**
Christopher Russo, Eparchy of Passaic
- Looking Back: Looking Ahead with
a Hopeful Heart** (Continued)
Deacon Tom Shubeck, Eparchy of
Passaic
- Media in our Byzantine Catholic
Faith** – Deacon Basil Balke, Eparchy
of Phoenix

REGISTRATION FORM

Assembly of the Byzantine Catholic (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church
Friday November 5 & Saturday November 6, 2021
St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA
PLEASE PRINT

Name (s): _____

Email _____

Parish: _____ Pastor _____

Early Registration Fee before August 31, 2021: \$100 per person

Registration Fee after August 31, 2021: \$125 per person

DEADLINE: October 15, 2021 – **NO REFUNDS**

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