

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**AUGUST 4, 2024**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Schedule of Divine Services**

**Sunday, August 4: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**8am Monthly Matins, 8:45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 9am Divine Liturgy**  
**IHO of Joseph Bacasa, by Theresa Carr**

**Monday, August 5: 8am Confessions, 9am Daily Matins**

**Tuesday, August 6: Transfiguration of our Lord**

**8am Confessions, 9am Divine Liturgy**  
**IHO Michaela Revilak Birthday, by the Revilak Family**

**Friday, August 9: 8am Confessions, 9am Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, August 11: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:25am Rosary, 8:45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 9am Divine Liturgy**  
**IMO Harold Witzel 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his passing, by Theresa Carr (daughter)**

**All Divine Liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out request form in back of church and give to Fr. Michael.**

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in learning how to lead Matins as a Reader's Service on Sunday mornings before Liturgy, please see Father Michael. During the summer, Sunday Morning Matins will be celebrated the first Sunday of the month.

**HELP WITH FLEA MARKET NEEDED TODAY!** We need your help in setting up the hall for our **Saturday, August 24 flea market**. Remember we are **taking donations through next Sunday, August 11**. We cannot accept books, electronics, clothes or holiday decorations. We need volunteers for set up and pricing as well as help the day of. Please see Mary D. with any questions.

**ART, WINE & WORDS FUNDRAISER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO Sunday November 3, 2024.** But the planning continues! The event will include an art auction, poetry & basket raffle. We are currently accepting donations for the basket raffle! More details to follow, but if you would like to be part of this one-time event, please see Natalia Rudiak or Lynne Walicki.

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12**

Although I may not be an apostle for others, certainly I am for you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense against those who would pass judgment on me is this. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a Christian wife, as do the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only myself and Barnabas who do not have the right not to work? Whoever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating its produce? Or who shepherds a flock without using some of the milk from the flock? Am I saying this on human authority, or does not the law also speak of these things? It is written in the law of Moses,

“You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is God concerned about oxen, or is he not really speaking for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. If we have sown spiritual seed for you, is it a great thing that we reap a material harvest from you? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more?

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 23-35**

Then Peter approaching asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

### **PRAYER FOR OUR FOUR SAINTLY BISHOPS:**

Please pray for the causes of our four Saintly Bishops and ask them to intercede for your specific intentions: O Almighty God, our Lord, we bless You, we praise You, and we thank you for all the graces which You, in Your infinite mercy have bestowed upon us. We are especially grateful for giving us four saintly and heroic Bishops: **Bishop Theodore G. Romzha, Bishop Paul P. Gojdich OBSM, Bishop Basil Hopko, and Bishop Alexander Chira**, who, by their courage, charity, and intrepid faith, inspired our Ruthenian people in the darkest moments of their history. By their great sufferings, humiliating imprisonment, and violent death they gave living witness to their Catholic faith and glorified Your exalted name. Therefore, O Gracious Lord, glorify them in return by Your divine power and inscribe their names in the book of Your Saints. For you are holy, our God, and we render glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever, Amen. With Ecclesiastical Approbation Acknowledgment of answered prayers: Postulator’s office, 54 Riverview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214, U.S.A.

**PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS:** **Saints Cyril and Methodius**, Venerable Apostles of the Slavs and Patrons of our Byzantine Catholic Seminary, we place our Seminarians in your loving care. Help them to grow in humility, meekness and prudence. Enkindle in them a burning zeal for souls. May their hearts be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and may they learn to know and love the church so that they may always and everywhere think, speak and act with Her, the Glorious Spouse of Christ. May they become exemplars of generosity and detachment from the things of this world. But above all, O Venerable Patrons, help them to truly know, love and serve the Eternal High Priest, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose priests they aspire to be. Amen. St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, By the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen