

## HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**November 24, 2024**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

### Schedule of Divine Services

**Sunday, Nov. 24: Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IMO Barbara Morellato-Allen by Anne Petro

**Monday, Nov 25: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Emmanuel Moleben**

**Saturday, Nov. 30: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers**

**Sunday, Dec. 1: Twenty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IHO Priscilla Fello by Judi Ann Mackin

**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 to lead Matins as a Reader's Service on Sunday before Liturgy, please see Father Michael. Matins are celebrated the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

**FATHER MICHAEL** will be away Wed, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> thru Fri, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**EMMANUEL MOLEBEN:** During the season of Philipovka, the Daily Vespers Service on Monday's will be replaced with this special prayer service to help us prepare for the upcoming feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. All are encouraged to participate.

**ICONS AVAILABLE:** There are several blessed icons in the church hall, there is no charge to take these home, though a free will offering for the benefit of the parish is welcome.

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING** today following the Divine Liturgy. We will meet in the lounge area of the hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY THANK YOU LUNCHEON** Dec. 1st we will hold a Thank You lunch for our volunteers and parishioners. The GCU has generously sponsored this event.

**SATURDAY, NOV 30<sup>th</sup> THREE RIVERS THEOSIS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY GUEST LECTURER:**

Following the 6pm Great Vespers, Fr. Peter Gruber from the Pittsburgh Oratory Catholic Neman Center will be giving a presentation on **St. John Henry Newman and the Monophysite Controversy**. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Please see Father Michael with any questions.

**ST. PIUS X SUPER BINGO:** Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4pm. Tickets \$30 – Details at <https://stpiusbyz.org/>

**GCU ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET** The 67<sup>th</sup> annual St. Nicholas celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril & Methodius is will be **Sunday, Dec. 8th** with a 3pm Moleben for St. Nicholas followed by a Social Hour at 4pm and dinner served at 5pm.

**EPISTLE: Ephesians 6: 10-17**

Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So, stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13: 10-17**

He was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

**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