

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Nov 3: Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:25 Rosary, 10:45 Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IHO Theresa Carr's Birthday by Joseph & Dolores Bacasa

Monday, Nov 4: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Nov. 8: Solemn Holiday for Archangel Michael & All Other Michaels

6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Nov. 9: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 10: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IMO Michael Dubnansky by his brother & sister: Mark Dubnansky & Sandy Anderson

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.

ART, WINE & WORDS FUNDRAISER IS TODAY!

Tickets are \$25 at the door! Invite a friend or two! <https://bit.ly/HolySpiritArtAuction>

Please see Natalia Rudiak or Lynne Walicki with any questions.

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.

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR OUR SAINTLY BISHOPS: The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization for our four holy Ruthenian Bishops is today at Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks at 3pm.

ANNUAL DEANERY PASTA DINNER: The Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting its annual pasta dinner next Sunday, Nov. 10 at St. Elias Church 4200-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120 from 3pm to 5pm. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses. Any profit will be sent to the Priests' Pension Plan. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

GCU ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET: The 67th annual St. Nicholas celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril & Methodius is will be Sunday, Dec. 8th. The evening begins with a 3pm with a Moleben to St. Nicholas followed by a Social Hour at 4pm and dinner served at 5pm. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Tickets are \$45 for Adults and children 12 and under are \$20. Reservations are due by Monday, Nov. 18. Tickets for the GCU Holiday Cash Raffle are currently available. Please see Fr. Michael if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets. Ticket stubs must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 3 to be eligible for the raffle prize.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren: It is {Christ} who is our peace, and who made the two of us one by breaking down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh he abolished the law with its commands and precepts, to create in himself one new man from us who had been two and to make peace, reconciling both of us to God in one body through his cross, which put that enmity to death. He came and “announced the good news of peace to you who were far off, and to those who were near”; through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

~In penning this missive to the early Christians at Ephesus, the Holy Apostle Paul points out in this portion of his epistle that although he is a Jew and the Ephesians are gentiles, Jesus, nevertheless, has made all of His followers into a new people: fellow Christians. Just as with these Christians of antiquity, so also for us today, it is Jesus Who is our living “peace,” and He dwells among us. He has united all of humanity through His redemptive acts into the unity of His Mystical Body, which is the holy Church. We are thus fellow citizens of His kingdom, members of His household, and parts of that building, the foundation-stone of which is Jesus Himself. Being united in Him and for Him, we are then recipients of His PEACE: that joyful serenity of mind, body, and soul which is given to all who are joined in faith under His most holy name. Through the Holy Spirit, we grow together into a living temple that is consecrated to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56

And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, “Who touched me?” While all were denying it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you.” But Jesus said, “Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me.” When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.” While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” On hearing this, Jesus answered him, “Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved.” When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child’s father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, “Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, “Child, arise!” Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

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