

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Sept 1: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:25am Rosary, 8:45am 3rd Hour, 9am Divine Liturgy
IMO of Nicola Ruggiero, by Raffaele Ruggiero (son)**

NOTE: WE ARE RETURNING TO OUR FALL SCHEDULE!

Monday, Sept 2: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Daily Vespers

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

IHO Pani Janine & Theodora Kunitz's Birthdays by Fr. Michael & Simeon Kunitz

Saturday, Sept 7: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Sept 8: Sunday Before Exaltation of the Cross & Birth of the Theotokos

**10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy
For the Intentions of the Parish (Open Intention)**

All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out a request form in the back of the church and give it to Fr. Michael.

FLEA MARKET UPDATE: We raised almost \$2,000 at last weekend's flea market, which will be matched by the GCU! Thank you again to everyone for their hard work to make this event such a success.

UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE: The 90th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina continues today and tomorrow (Labor Day).

SUNDAY LITURGY TIME SWITCH NEXT WEEK! We will resume our 11:00 AM Liturgy next **Sunday, September 8.**

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.

ART, WINE & WORDS FUNDRAISER - Sunday November 3, 2024. Now that the flea market is over, it's time to focus on this unique event that 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: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ. The Paradox of the Ministry. But we hold this treasure - in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 35-46: And one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." The Question About David's Son. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "David's." He said to them, "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying: "The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet"? If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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