

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 1, 2024

Twenty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday Dec. 1: Twenty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

10am First Sunday of the Month Readers Matins, 10: 25am Rosary, 11am Divine Liturgy

IHO Priscilla Fello's Birthday by Judi Ann Mackin

Monday, Dec. 2: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Emmanuel Moleben

Friday, Dec. 6: Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra – Solemn Holy Day

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

IHO Gregory Petro's Birthday by Ann Petro

Saturday, Dec. 7: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers for The Maternity of the Holy Anna

Sunday, Dec. 8: Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost – The Maternity of the Holy Anna

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

IMO 40th Anniversary of Passing of Margaret Corlazzoli by her daughter, Theresa Carr

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.

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.

DECORATING OF CHURCH: We are currently preparing the church for the festive Christmas season. Please see Cathy Warhola on how you can help with this project.

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.

THANK YOU LUNCHEON TODAY: For our volunteers and parishioners. The GCU has generously sponsored this event.

ART WINE & WORDS CONTINUES: Two paintings from our art collection will be part of an on-line auction through Concept Art Galleries on Saturday, Dec. 7. There is a flyer with additional details in the narthex of the church.

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

GCU ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET NEXT SUNDAY: The 67th 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.

PARISH MEETING, SUNDAY, JAN 12 – SAVE THE DATE: Please plan to attend this meeting, which will provide updates on the state of the parish, as well as discuss plans for the coming year.

JUBILEE ITALY PILGRIMAGE 2025 w/ARCHBISHOP SKURLA: An 11 day pilgrimage through Italy (May 5-15, 2025) is being planned through the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh. The cost is \$4,829 per person and reservations/payment are due by Dec. 26, 2024. For full details visit <https://stmarybccnyc.org/files/brochure/italy-Jubilee-2025-Metropolitan-Church-of-Pittsburgh.pdf>

EPISTLE: Colossians 1: 12-18

Giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image - of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him - were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:18-27

An official asked him this question, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother.’” And he replied, “All of these I have observed from my youth.” When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing left for you: sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” But when he heard this, he became quite sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him [now sad] and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?” And he said, “What is impossible for human beings is possible for God.”

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