

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**  
**Sunday After Exaltation of the Cross**

**Schedule of Divine Services**

**Sunday, Sept 22: 10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy**

**IMO Magdaline Carr by Joseph & Dolores Bacasa**

**Monday, Sept 23: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy (open intention)**

**Friday, Sept 27: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy (open intention)**

**Sunday, Sept 29: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy**  
**(open intention)**

**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. Matins are celebrated the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

**ART, WINE & WORDS FUNDRAISER - Sunday November 3, 2024.**

**We need your help! Can you donate a basket for the raffle? Or items we can use to create a basket? Our goal is to have 15-20 baskets, and we only have 5 so far. All items needed by Sunday, October 20.**

**The event is now live with details and tickets sales thru Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/HolySpiritArtAuction>**

**Please see Natalia Rudiak or Lynne Walicki for details & how you can help make this a great event for our parish.**

**ICON CORNER TALK THROUGH THREE RIVERS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** - All are welcome to attend this event on Saturday, October 5, after Vespers. The talk will be given by Deacon Luke Iyengar in the parish hall.

**EPISTLE: II Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren: Let me say this much. He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works, as it is written: "He scattered abroad and gave to the poor, his justice endures forever." He who provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield. In every way your liberality is enriched; through us it results in thanks offered to God.

~ In his second letter sent to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul speaks of the concept of generosity, and of our obligation to give of our time, talents, and monies, in order that the Good News might continue to be preached everywhere. God ultimately gives us everything needed for this life and eternal salvation. However, the more we are enriched by God, the

greater must be the scope of our generosity. We have an obligation to use the things given to us by God for His honor and glory and for the increase of His Kingdom here on Earth – the Church.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed 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