

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 10, 2024 Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

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

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

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

Monday, Nov 11: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

IHO of Veterans

Friday, Nov. 15: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

IHO of Chenel Revilak for her Birthday: Revilak Family

Saturday, Nov. 16: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 17: Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

IHO Deborah Petro-Kreahling for her Birthday: Ann Petro

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 on the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

BIG THANK YOU!! To everyone that helped make last week's ART, WINE & WORDS such a great success. We are excited to share that we raised over \$2,000! In addition, there are 4 paintings from the collection with an art auction house that will be added to the event total. Most importantly, the afternoon was a true gathering of people enjoying each other's company with great poetry and much laughter.

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 DEANERY PASTA DINNER TODAY: The Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting its annual pasta dinner today 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 will be **Sunday, Dec. 8th**. The evening begins at 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.**

THREE RIVERS THEOSIS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Saturday November 30th, following the 6pm Great Vespers, Fr. Peter Gruber of the Pittsburgh Oratory Catholic Neuman Center will be giving a presentation on St. John Henry Cardinal Neuman and the Monophysite Controversy. The event is being sponsored by the Three Rivers Theosis Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Ministry. Refreshments will be served in the hall at 7:15pm. Anyone interested in attending should speak with Fr. Michael. This is a FREE event!

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren: I plead with you, then, as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

In this section of his letter written to the Christian community at Ephesus, the Holy Apostle Paul asserts that Jesus' followers always should be at unity and in harmony with each other because they all have the same Father – God the Father in heaven. They therefore must accept life and its various consequences with humility and patience, making allowances for the faults of one's neighbors. It is precisely when we can exhibit this type of understanding and show such practical sympathy towards others that we indeed do demonstrate true Christian charity, which translates into love and concern for our neighbor. Paul tells the Ephesians to be at one with God first, and then inevitably they will be at peace, harmony, and unity with each other. True-believing Christian people belong to one body – the Body of Jesus Christ (which is the Church) – and there is but one Spirit that animates and vivifies this Body: the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

There was a scholar of the law* who stood up to test him and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise, a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

PRAYER FOR OUR FOUR SAINTLY BISHOPS: Please pray for the causes of our four Sainly 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