

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Schedule of Divine Services**

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

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

**Monday, Sept 30: Protection of the Theotokos – Solemn Holy Day (Oct. 1)**

**5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers 7pm Divine Liturgy (open intention)**

**Tuesday, Oct. 1: Protection of the Theotokos - Solemn Holy Day**

**LITURGY WILL BE AT NOON AT ST. PIUS X**

**Friday, Oct. 4: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy (open intention)**

**Saturday, Oct. 5: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers**

**Sunday, Oct. 6: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

**10am Monthly Matins, 11am Divine Liturgy**

**IMO 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Passing of Magdaline Carr, by Daughter -in -Law 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 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.** Sign up sheets are in the narthex of the church. We need your help with many fun tasks including set up, day of event and clean up. 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. 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 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY OCTOBER 12!** This talk, which will be given by Deacon Luke Iyengar teaches you how to set up an Icon Corner in your home. The lecture will take place in the parish hall following the 7pm vesper service. Everyone is welcome to attend this event through the Three River Young Adult Ministry.

**SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – Special viewing of “THEODORE” a documentary about the Hieromartyr Theodore Romzha. Details to follow.**

**EPISTLE: II Corinthians 11:31 – 12:9**

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows, he who is blessed forever, that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus, in order to seize me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. must boast; not that it is profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know someone in Christ who, fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this person (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows) was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things, which no one may utter. About this person I will boast, but about myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses. Although if I should wish to boast, I would not be foolish, for I would be telling the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me because of the abundance of the revelations. Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:31-36**

Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.

**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