

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 20, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Oct. 20: 10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IMO George Carr by his wife Theresa Carr

Monday, Oct. 21: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Oct. 25: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy (Open Intention)

Saturday, Oct. 26: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 27: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

To submit an Intention for a Divine Liturgy, call the office or fill out a request form in the back of the church and give it to Fr. Michael.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in learning how to lead Matins as a Reader's Service, please see Father Michael. Matins is celebrated the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

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

Volunteer – sign up today! Sign-up sheet is in the narthex of the church.

Today is the last day to donate items for the basket auction.

Buy your ticket today \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door! Invite a friend or two!

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.

ICONS AVAILABLE: This past Saturday, we had a wonderful turnout for the lecture on how to create a personal icon corner. There are still several icons in the church hall to choose from. Please note these images are already blessed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – Special viewing of “THEODORE” a documentary about the Hieromartyr Theodore Romzha will be shown in the church hall following the 6PM Great Vespers. Theodore Romzha who, by his courage, charity and intrepid faith, inspired our Ruthenian people in the darkest moments of their history. Presented by the Three Rivers Theosis Byzantine Catholic Youth Adult Group.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3- ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR OUR SAINTLY BISHOPS The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Bishops will take place at the Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks, PA on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 PM.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 - ANNUAL DEANERY PASTA DINNER The Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting its annual pasta dinner on Sunday November 10. Stay tuned for further details.

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren: See, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval – with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want you to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance. May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brethren, may the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

~This holy epistle lesson is taken from the very last paragraph of the letter written by Blessed Paul the Apostle and addressed to the Galatians Christians. He emphasizes here that the observance of the old Mosaic Law is no longer necessary or significant, for Jesus has freed His followers from the prescriptions of the old Hebraic covenant. Paul was responding to the Judaizers among the Christians who wanted the newly converted Gentiles to be bound by the mandates of Jewish law. He proclaims instead that Christians must emulate the Example of Christ and be ready and willing to follow the Lord Jesus in carrying the salvific cross. Paul asserts that for the true Christian, the world and all that it signifies must be crucified to the wood of the cross. A genuine believer, therefore, should be able to endure all things in the cause of our holy faith. We, likewise, must be firm witnesses to our faith in Jesus, and we always are to follow His example of total obedience to the will of God the Father. Everything is done for the sake of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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