

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 22, 2025

Second Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, June 22: Second Sunday After Pentecost

7:00am Matins, 7:45 am Rosary, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy

IHO Milan Revilak, Sr. Birthday by His Family

5:00 pm Confession, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Side Altar of the Crucifixion

Monday, June 23: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Akathist to Our Lady of the Searcher for the Lost

Tuesday, June 24: Birth of St. John the Baptist - Solemn Holy Day

6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

IMO Jordan Mitro by Connie & Bob Mitro

Friday, June 27: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 28: :00 pm Confession, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, June 29: Third Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of Peter & Paul Prime Apostles

7:00 am Matins 7:45 am Rosary, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy

IMO Michael Dubansky by his siblings Mark Dubansky & Sandy Anderson

5:00 pm Confession, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Side Altar of the Crucifixion

Divine Liturgies are open for intentions for this new year. If you would like to make an intention for a Liturgy, please call the office or fill out request form in the back of the church and give it to Fr. Michael.

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 29 GCU PRESENTATION: The representative from the GCU will be giving a presentation after the 8:00 am Liturgy. The presentation will begin at approximately 9:30 am and include information on insurance products, investments and social opportunities. Each year the GCU supports our Byzantine Churches through matching our fundraisers. Please consider attending. Refreshments will be served.

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 is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

ICONS AVAILABLE: There are several blessed icons in the church hall, there is no cost to take these home, though a free will offering for the benefit of the parish is welcome.

COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: In addition to attending services together, it is important that we spend time in conversation with one another. To make it truly a time of sharing – we ask everyone to sign up to host a Sunday. We look forward to seeing you!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

June 1 - Thomas & Kathryn Martz Wedding Anniversary

June 13 – Julia Revilakova Birthday

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June 15 – Mary Dzurichko

June 16 – Milan Revilak, Sr. Birthday

June 28 – Fr. Michael & Pani Janine Wedding Anniversary

2025 BYZANTINE ASSEMBLY JULY 16-20, WHITING, IN: Join us as we worship and walk alongside our bishops, hear inspiring discussions on faith and mission, and connect with fellow Byzantine Catholics from across the Metropolitan. Register now at ByzantineAssembly.org You can also see Fr. Michael for a paper registration form to mail in.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: The parish is currently short approximately \$4000.00 of its Cathedraticum contributions over the course of January through May due to higher-than-normal utility bills. An extra collection will be taken this week and next week to help meet this expense. We are incredibly grateful to those who are able and willing are asked to contribute extra during this time.

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY: We hear how Jesus began to call His first apostles who would be His messengers, bringing the Good News of salvation to all peoples. Paul responded to this invitation and preached to the ancient Romans. Over the centuries, faithful men and women, even from our own families, have replied to Jesus' call to follow Him and to continue His salvific mission to carry the gospel message to the entire realm of humanity.

EPISTLE: Romans 2: 10-16

Brethren: There will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who has done good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God there is no favoritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to it; sinners bound by the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thoughts will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the gospel I preach, God will pass judgment on the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

~In this section of his letter written to the Christians at Rome, the Holy Apostle Paul speaks about God's judgment, and how this judgment will be absolutely just because it is based upon the law with which He has endowed all human nature. His natural law was given perfection in the person of Jesus. He is our Exemplar, and we who have received His message of salvation must pattern our lives after His teachings. God will judge all of us ultimately by measuring us up to His Divine Son, Jesus. The gentiles, who had no cognizance of the Mosaic Law of the Jews, could and did act morally and decently. This demonstrates that there is a certain natural law operating in their hearts. God has endowed all rational nature with this natural law which is in our consciences, and it condemns or excuses a person's actions. The followers of Christ are called to perfection, and Jesus extends this Call to each of us: to follow after Him and to live according to His teachings. Our response to His call will be echoed some day at our judgment before God's throne.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 18-23

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues,* proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

~In today's gospel pericope, the Holy Evangelist Matthew records how Jesus issued the call to the first apostles. Walking along the Lake of Galilee, Jesus happened upon two fishermen, Andrew and his brother Simon (Peter). Jesus invited them to follow Him, and He would make them "fishers of men." Immediately, they left their nets and followed

after Him. Further on, Jesus saw two more fishermen who were brothers: James and John, the sons of Zebedee. The Lord called these two men, and in a similar manner, they also followed Him. These simple fishermen left all and came after Jesus. They became the first apostles – His messengers. He chose them to continue His ministry of preaching the Good News (Gospel) of salvation to all peoples everywhere. They responded positively to His invitation. Every time that Jesus gives this call, a response is demanded! The Lord continues to call men and women even to this very day just as He summoned the apostles on the shores of Lake Galilee. And, in general, He invites all of us baptized individuals to be messengers to this world in which we currently live. We too must respond! What is your response?

ON-LINE GIVING IS HERE! If you wish to make a monetary donation to our parish – you can do so on our website or by using this QR code. Remember every dollar helps support the mission of our parish community. Thank you.



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