

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**July 27, 2025**  
**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sunday, July 27: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**IHO Joseph Bacasa Birthday by Theresa Carr**

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

**Monday, July 28: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers**

**Friday, August 1: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy with Minor Blessing of Water**

**IHO Martina & Milan Revilak Jr. 16<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**NO PARKING IN PARKING LOT**

**Saturday, August 2: 5:00 pm Confession, 6:00 pm Great Vespers**

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**Sunday, August 3: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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.**

**PARKING LOT RESURFACING:** From **Friday, August 1** – **Saturday, August 2** the parking lot will be resurfaced and painted as a standard maintenance procedure. Please find alternative parking if you plan on attending services on those days.

**LESSER BLESSING OF WATER:** On **Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**, fresh holy water will be blessed at the Friday Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM. This water will, of course, be available throughout the year. The parking lot will not be available that day on account of the maintenance work being done, so if you plan to attend, please plan ahead.

**DORMITION FAST:** We now enter the final fasting season of the Church year, the Dormition Fast. In preparation for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos** on **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, a minor fast may be observed from **August 1<sup>st</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup>**. This is an optional discipline but all who are able are encouraged to participate.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON VOCATIONS:** **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:00 am Liturgy, Seminarian Chad Durante & Deacon Nicholas Kriyacs will be joining us to discussion vocations.

**OUR LADY SEARCHER FOR THE LOST:** For the observance of the Dormition Fast this year, the Parish will host on **Monday's August 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm the praying of the **Akathist to Our Lady of the Searcher for the Lost** for all those who

are searching, struggling and in need of God's mercy and help. **Candles are available for purchase at \$10 each. Please join us for these beautiful services.**

**AUG 23<sup>rd</sup> FLEA MARKET:** We are currently accepting donations for our next flea market. It's a great time to clean out your closets, but please no books or clothing! **Donations will be accepted through August 10!** We will need volunteers to help set up the tables and price items – more details to follow. We hope you can support this important fundraiser. Please see Mary Dzurichko with any questions.

**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.

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

**May God grant you many happy and blessed years!**

Joseph Bacasa – July 27

Judith Ann Mackin – July 25

Martina & Milan Revilak Jr. 16<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – July 29

**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!

### **EPISTLE: Romans 15: 1-7**

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you fall upon me." For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony<sup>z</sup> with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:27-35**

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed [him], crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!" When he entered the house, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they said to him. Then he touched their eyes and said, "Let it be done for you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread word of him through all that land. As they were going out, a demoniac who could not speak was brought to him, and when the demon was driven out the mute person spoke. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He drives out demons by the prince of demons." Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness.

**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