

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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September 7, 2025
Sunday Before Exaltation of the Cross

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 7: Sunday Before Exaltation of the Cross

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

IMO Madeline Katsur Meredith w/Panachida by Mary Anne Meredith

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Side Altar of the Resurrection

Monday, Sept. 8: Solemn Holy Day – Birth of the Theotokos

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

Friday, Sept. 12: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday Sept. 13: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 14: Exaltation of the Cross

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

IMO 30th Anniversary of Corisba Corlazzoli passing by granddaughter, Theresa Carr

Welcome College Students Divine Liturgy

3:00 pm Confessions, 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Social Following Liturgy

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.

COLLEGE STUDENT WELCOME LITURGY: Next Sunday, we will celebrate the evening Divine Liturgy at 4pm and offer it for returning college students. A social in the hall will follow. Please either fill out the online RSVP at <https://forms.gle/ytkXV9n8DCB5h9Ct7> or make sure that you let Fr. Michael know if you are planning on attending so that we have a good idea of how much food to have prepared. Everyone is welcome.

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Rosalie Yeo 9/4

Theodora Kunitz 9/4

Mary Yahuschek 9/21

Chanel Revilak 9/24

Don't see your birthday? Let us know so we can update the directory!

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!

FLEA MARKET CLEAN UP: The Flea Market items need to be boxed up and put back into storage before next Sunday to make room for the Luncheon following the evening Welcome Divine Liturgy for Students. If you have availability to come out and help this week, please let Fr. Michael know as soon as you are able.

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who are trying to compel you to have yourselves circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those having themselves circumcised observe the law themselves; they only want you to be circumcised so that they may boast of your flesh. But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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