

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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## September 14, 2025

### Sunday Exaltation of the Cross

#### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, Sept. 14: Exaltation of the Cross**

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

**IMO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Corisba Corlazzoli passing by granddaughter, Theresa Carr**

**Divine Liturgy IHO Returning College Students**

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

**Monday, Sept. 15: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers**

**Friday, Sept. 19: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday Sept. 20: NO SERVICES**

**Sunday, Sept. 21: Sunday After Exaltation of the Cross**

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

**IHO Mary Yahuschek Birthday**

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

**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:** Today we will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 4pm for returning college students. A social in the hall will follow and everyone is welcome to join.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our next parish fundraiser will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 8!** We are excited to welcome musician and story teller Dean Poloka for an evening of “Stories & Songs from the Mountains”. Dean will entertain us with tales of Carpatho-Rusyn customs and culture. A sign-up sheet and more details on how you can help are coming soon!

**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!

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

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

9/4 Rosalie Yeo

9/4 Theodora Kunitz

9/21 Mary Yahuschek

9/24 Chanel Revilak

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

## **EPISTLE: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-24**

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

## **GOSPEL: John 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35**

When the chief priests and the guards saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So, Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered [him], "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason, the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him<sup>\*</sup> on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So, they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So, the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe.

**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