

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**September 28, 2025**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sunday, Sept. 28: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**IMO 10 Year Anniversary of Marshall Meredith w/Panachida by Mary Anne Meredith**

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

**Monday, Sept. 29: 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Daily Vespers**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1: Solemn Holy Day – Protection of The Theotokos**

6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

**Friday, Oct. 3: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday Oct. 4: NO SERVICES (Loretto Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage)**

**Sunday, Oct. 5: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**IMO 12 Year Anniversary of Magdaline Carr by Daughter-in-Law Theresa Carr**

NO EVENING SERVICES (Annual Clergy Retreat)

**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.**

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

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Archeparchy’s Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is hosting a one-day pilgrimage to Loretto PA, visiting the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and two local Monasteries. This is being offered for Youth (8<sup>th</sup> Grade-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Young Adults (Ages 18-39). Registration is due by the end of the day, Monday September 29. More information for those who are interested can be found on the poster in the narthex. Our regular Saturday night services that day will be cancelled to accommodate. We hope to see you there!**

**ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT/CLERGY DAYS:** Beginning Sunday evening of October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will be having its annual Clergy Retreat, where priests and deacons from all over the Archeparchy will gather for period of prayer and fraternity. This year, the retreat will be combined with the annual Clergy Days, where the Archeparchy's Clergy meet to discuss important policy and plans for the coming year. These days are obligatory for Clergy. Fr. Michael will be away from the Evening of October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our clergy during this time.

**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 every Sunday Morning 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!**

9/4 Rosalie Yeo

9/4 Theodora Kunitz

9/21 Mary Yahuschek

9/24 Chanel Revilak

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/5 Alexandria Bacasa

10/17 Dolores Bacasa

10/25 Mary Anne Meredith

10/28 Emanuel Revilak

Don't see your birthday or anniversary? 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!

### **EPISTLE: Corinthians 2: 6:1-10**

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time I you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

**PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM 2025/2026 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH**

**OF PITTSBURGH:** Vocations are an integral part of the future of the Church. Following God's call to live in lives of service to Him through Ordination, Marriage, or Consecrated Life is something that all of us in the Church have a vested interest in praying for and promoting. From October 2025 through January 2026, Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church will join the rest of the Metropolitan Church in praying for Vocations by participating in the Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Every week, from October 5, 2025 – January 17, 2026. Families are encouraged to sign up to take the Pilgrim Vocation Icon home for a week and to pray the Moleben for Vocations in their home during the week of the Icon's sojourn. Through these prayers, we hope that the next generations of vocations will embrace their God given callings, and that we may be strengthened in the universal call to discipleship and holiness. The Parish sign-up sheet will be in the Vestibule of the church or call the Rectory at: 412-881-8344 and leave a message with your choice of dates. Shut-ins are also encouraged to participate. We will deliver the Icon to you.

**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