

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, July 10: 8am Confessions

9am Divine Liturgy for for the deceased George Carr by Michael and Karen Uriah

Monday, July 11: 9am 1st and 3rd Hour

4:30 Confessions, 5:30 Daily Vespers

Friday, July 15: 9am 1st and 3rd Hour

5pm Confessions

6pm Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, July 16: 8am Confessions, 9am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parish

Eastern Christian Formation Lesson: Theology of the Divine Liturgy

1pm, Parish Hall

Sunday, July 17: 8am Confessions

9am Divine Liturgy for the deceased George Carr by Michael and Karen Uriah

Confessions are available before Divine Liturgy. All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out the request form in the back of church and leave it in the sacristy.

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY..... The Apostle Paul teaches the Romans that faith must be expressed in our lives if it is to lead us to salvation, for EVIL powers seek to lead us astray. The miracle of curing the Gadarene demoniacs depicts how only Jesus can overcome such satanic forces in the world.

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

1ST EPISTLE: Romans 10:1-10 (Section 103)

Brethren, my heart's desire, my prayer to God for the Israelites, is that they maybe saved. Indeed, I can testify that they are zealous for God though their zeal is unenlightened. Unaware of God's justice and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the justice of God. Christ is the end of the law. Through him, justice comes to everyone who believes. Moses writes of the justice that comes from the law, "The one who observes the law shall live by it." But of the justice that comes from faith he says, "Do not say in your heart 'Who shall go up to heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who shall go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." What does he say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart "that is, the word of faith which we preach). For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation.

~~~~~In this portion of his letter addressed to the early Roman Christians, the Holy Apostle Paul deals with the false self-righteousness of the Israelites who were the "chosen people" of the old covenant. Paul speaks of the necessity of openly professing belief in the risen Jesus, making this admission verbally and truly believing with one's heart. All who have such firm faith will never be forsaken by the Lord despite the fact that EVIL exists and surrounds us in this world. The Lord Jesus will provide us with that grace that will strengthen our faith and will give it the power to overcome all evil.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28-9:1**

When he came to the other side, to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine."

And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs.

Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district. He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town.

~~~~~Our gospel pericope presents us with the second of seven miracle accounts that we are considering from the Holy Evangelist Matthew. This lesson relates an encounter between Jesus and two demoniacs that took place at Gadara across the Sea of Galilee. The Lord freed these men and cast out the devils together with their powers of EVIL and sent them into a herd of pigs. When we are in the state of sin, we also can encounter Jesus through the Holy Mystery of Penance. This same Lord Jesus will forgive us and will cast out the evil from us that still exists in this imperfect world.

UKRAINIAN MARKETPLACE:

Saturday, July 30, 10am-4pm

Hilton Double Tree Hotel, 500 Mansfield Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15205, Salon D

Sponsored by Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie

For more info: 412-527-5359 or orthodoxcarnegie.com

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Our next ECF Opportunity will be at Holy Spirit at 1pm on July 16. The topic will be the rich theology of the Divine Liturgy. All are welcome!