

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY: OCTOBER 22, 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Oct. 22: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

10-10:45am Confessions, 10:23am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy
For George Carr on the Second Anniversary of his passing, by Theresa Carr

Monday, Oct 23: 11am Confessions through Campus Ministry
7pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Oct 27: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy
For Emanuel Revilak on his birthday, by his family

Saturday, Oct 28: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 29: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

10-10:45am Confessions, 10:23am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy
For Theresa Carr on her birthday, by Joe and Dee Bacasa

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 the church and leave it in the sacristy.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to illness in the extended family, Theodora is being baptized at Fr. Michael's home parish in Michigan. He and his family will return Monday night. Please keep them in your prayers.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in learning how to lead Matins as a Reader's Service on Sunday mornings before Liturgy, please see Father Michael.

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY: The Holy Apostle Paul accentuates the paramount role that FAITH in the Lord Jesus must play in our daily lives if we are to implement the gospel's teachings and then live by these standards.

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-20 [Yet] who know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves are found to be sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? Of course not! But if I am building up again those things that I tore down, then I show myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

~~~In this second chapter of his letter to the Galatians, the Holy Apostle Paul emphasizes the essential role that FAITH in the Lord Jesus must play in our lives. The gift of faith permits us to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. It justifies us and makes us righteous before God the Father. The prescriptions of the old Mosaic Law of the Jews no longer bind us, for through the redemptive acts of Christ, we are given a “New Life,” for we have the living Jesus within us. Because of this faith commitment in Christ Jesus, we are destined to become sharers in the divine Life of the Holy Trinity in eternity. Paul stresses the fact that through this faith, we true-believing Christians become revitalized individuals. We are no longer our old-selves; rather, we are new persons with the living Christ inside of us. The bodily life we now live, we live by virtue of our faith in the Son of God—Jesus—Who loved us all and sacrificed Himself especially for ME!

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31** “There was a rich man\* who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

**PRAYER FOR OUR FOUR SAINTLY BISHOPS:** Please pray for the causes of our four Sainly 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