

## HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### February 9, 2025

## Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, Feb 9: Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee**

10:25am Rosary, 10:45 am: Third Hour Prayer, 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

**IHO Angelino Revilak, by his Family**

**Monday, Feb 10:** 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Divine Vespers

**Friday, Feb 14:** 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**IHO Vangie, by Casey Dudek**

**Saturday, Feb 15:** 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, Feb 16: Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

10:25am Rosary, 10:45 am: Third Hour Prayer, 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

**IHO Martina Revilak on her birthday, by her Family**

**Plenty of 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.**

**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.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS FOR THE THEOPHANY SEASON:** Fr. Michael will be blessing homes as part of our Theophany Season tradition. Please sign up in the back of the church (narthex). This blessing can be done every year!

**PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT FAST:** This pre-Lenten season is a valuable time for us to discern how we will use the Great Fast to strengthen our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can vary greatly from person to person. Please feel free to contact Fr. Michael with any questions.

**COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** In addition to attending services together, it is important that we spend time in conversation with one another. Starting in February – we would like to bring back the coffee social after liturgy. To make it truly a time of sharing – we ask everyone to sign up to host a Sunday. We look forward to seeing you!

**THE PARISH PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING** will be Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Hall after Liturgy.

**The Oratory Lecture Series Presents:**

**THE ICONOCLASM CONTROVERSY & THE 2ND COUNCIL OF NICAIA**

Thursday, Feb. 27 ~ 6:30pm Refreshments ~ 7-8:30pm Lecture and Discussion ~ Downstairs Conference Room at the Pittsburgh Oratory ~ 4450 Bayard St.

Are Sacred Images idolatrous? Should we have Christian artwork? How do we understand the Commandment against graven images? Come join St. John Damascene, the Doctor of Christian Art, and learn what the Church teaches about Sacred Images, Icons, and how to pray with them!

**ICONS AVAILABLE:** There are several blessed icons in the church hall. There is no charge to take these home, though a free will offering for the benefit of the parish is welcome.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**May God grant our community many happy and blessed years!**

**Feb. 17 – Martina Revilak**

**Feb. 27 – Sdn. Raffaele Ruggiero**

**EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:10-15**

You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me. In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known [the] sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14**

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’ But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**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 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