

## HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### January 18, 2026

### Sunday of Zacchaeus

#### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, Jan. 18:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of Zacchaeus

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

**IMO Ann Petro by Mary Dzuricko**

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**Monday, Jan 19:** 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers

**Friday, Jan. 23:** 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, Jan. 24:** 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, Jan. 25:** Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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

**IHO Bengt Larson by his parents Isak & Dawn Larson**

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**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.**

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GIVING TREE:** Please also consider participating in our Giving Tree fundraiser this season. This year we will be focusing on various floors in the property which have become tripping hazards, etc. We hope to use any funds raised to handle necessary repairs and pull from parish savings as little as possible. **To date we have received just over \$1,600. In addition, a new sweeper and carpet cleaner have been generously donated. We originally planned to wrap up this campaign today but have decided to keep it open until Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>.** More information is in the narthex. Thank you for your consideration!

**GENERAL PARISH MEETING SATURDAY JAN 24, 2026:** The bi-annual general parish meeting will begin at **12:00 Noon** on **Saturday January 24**. In the event of snowy weather, the meeting will be switched to February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. We will discuss the state of the parish over the past year, future projects, fundraisers, etc. Remember this is your parish, and everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAYS:** Join us **Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 am** to clean the church. If needed, we will also meet on **Saturday, February 28 at 11:00 am** cleaning supplies will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please lend a hand if you can.

**DEANERY PENITENTIAL VESPERS FOR GREAT LENT 2026:** The Great Fast begins this year on Pure Monday, February 16th. The Protopresbytery of the City of Pittsburgh of our Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy will hold its annual cycle of the Order of Vespers on Sunday Evenings During the Great Fast from February 22nd – March 22nd. Every Sunday

afternoon during the Great Fast, clergy and laity from all over the Deanery come together in a different parish to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 pm and to pray the Vespers at 4:00 pm. Each Vespers is followed by a social hour focused on a meager meal of fast-friendly meatless soup. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, penance, self-denial, fellowship, and to gather with fellow travelers in the Great Fast, spiritually preparing us on our way to receive the Lord in the Feast of Feasts, Great and Holy Pascha on April 5th. Please consult the schedule below if you or someone you know would like to attend:

**1st Sunday, February 22: St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church,  
506 Saline St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207**

**Homilist: Fr. Michael Kunitz**

**2nd Sunday, March 1: Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church**

**4815 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

**Homilist: Fr. Tyler Wisniewski**

**3rd Sunday, March 8: Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church**

**225 Olivia St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136**

**Homilist: Fr. Vitalii Stashkevych**

**4th Sunday, March 15: Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church**

**431 George St., Braddock, PA 15104**

**Homilist: Fr. Frank Firko**

**5th Sunday, March 22: St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church**

**2336 Brownsville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15210**

**Homilist: Fr. Valerian Michlik**

**THE OFFICE OF YOUTH & ADULT MINISTRY THROUGH THE ARCHEPARCHY WILL BE HOLDING AN ON-LINE GREAT FAST BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT!**

This is a new program that will be held via Zoom and start at 6:00 pm. These sessions are designed for adults 35 and younger. For more information emails can be sent to [youth@archpitt.org](mailto:youth@archpitt.org)

**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.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: May God grant you many happy and blessed years!**

**1/4 Chris George**

**1/5 Eugene Yeo**

**1/13 Michelangelo Revilak**

**1/25 Olga 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: First Timothy 4:9-15**

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance. For this we toil and struggle because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the savior of all, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. Until I arrive, attend to the reading, exhortation, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate. Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone.

**GOSPEL: Luke 19: 1-10**

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came

down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

**SAINT OF THE DAY:** 1/18 Our holy fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria, archbishops of that city. Athanasius is called the “Father of Orthodoxy” because of his defense of the faith against Arius at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325); he was greatly persecuted for this. This date celebrates his return from exile in 345. (373) Cyril worked against the Nestorian heresy and was champion of the use of the term Theotokos (i.e. the one who gave birth to God). He was one of the major figures of the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus that was held in 431. (444)

1/20 Our venerable and God-bearing father Euthymius the Great, abbot, who, Armenian in origin and consecrated to God from infancy, sought Jerusalem. Having lived many years in solitude, he was steadfast and cheerful to the very end of his life in humility and love and died manifest in the observance of discipline. (473)

#### **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. Gojdic OBSC, 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.