

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
Sunday After Exaltation of the Cross

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Sept 15: 10am Monthly Matins, 10:45am Rosary, 11am Divine Liturgy
IMO Michael Dubansky, by his brother Mark Dubansky

Monday, Sept 16: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Sept 20: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy (open intention)

Saturday, Sept 21: 5-5:54pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Sept 22: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (open intention)
10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out request form in back of church and give to Fr. Michael.

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. Matins will be celebrated the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

CLEAN UP HELP NEEDED IN THE HALL: to pack up the flea market items – boxes are under the tables – if you can stay today – we appreciate any and all hands!

ART, WINE & WORDS FUNDRAISER - Sunday November 3, 2024. We need your help! Can you donate a basket for the raffle? Or items we can use to create a basket? All items by Sunday, October 20. Our goal it to have 15-20 baskets. Please see Natalia Rudiak or Lynne Walicki.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-9:1

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange for his life? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.” He also said to them, “Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come in power.”

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