

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, November 27: 10:20am Rosary, 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy
for the deceased Frank Hunnicutt by Mary Anne Meredith
4pm Confession, 5pm Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 28: 11am Confession via Campus Ministry
4:30pm Confession, 5:30pm Vespers

Friday, December 2: 5pm Confessions, 6pm Divine Liturgy for
the deceased Reuben Hunnicutt by Mary Anne Meredith

Saturday, December 3: 4:30 Confession, 5:30 Great Vespers

Sunday, December 4: 10:20am Rosary, 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy
for Priscilla Fello on her birthday, by Judi Ann Mackin

The St. Nicholas Banquet benefiting the seminary takes place the evening of Sunday, 12/4.

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...

Paul tells the Ephesians to exemplify unity and harmony among themselves because God is our common Father. This idea then is epitomized in the Parable of the Good Samaritan as Jesus exhorts us to exhibit love and concern for our neighbor – our fellow human being – who is anyone whom we encounter in our daily lives. When we demonstrate such practical sympathy, we truly imitate Christ, and we recognize His divine image in the lowliest of people.

ADULT ECF ON SAT, DEC. 10 will be at St. Pius X church at 1pm. The topic will be the Holy Supper (the traditional meal on Christmas Eve). Due to decorating at Holy Spirit, the talk will only take place at St. Pius this month. We hope to see you there!

Church Decorating and Setup for the Archeparchial choir concert will take place at 2pm on Saturday, Dec. 10.

ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR CONCERT AND BASKET RAFFLE: The archeparchial choir will hold its annual Christmas concert at Holy Spirit on Sunday, December 11 at 2pm. We will also be hosting a basket raffle to benefit the parish, and there will be food and other items for sale as well. Thank you for your support!

Thank You to Cathy for starting the Christmas decorations in the church, and to Kyle for helping out when the Coptic church rents our facilities.

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Brethren: I plead with you, then, as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

----- In this section of his letter written to the Christian community at Ephesus, the Holy Apostle Paul asserts that Jesus' followers always should be at unity and in harmony with each other because they all have the same Father – God the Father in heaven. They therefore must accept life and its various consequences with humility and patience, making allowances for the faults of one's neighbors. It is precisely when we can exhibit this type of understanding and show such practical sympathy towards others that we indeed do demonstrate true Christian charity, which translates into love and concern for our neighbor. Paul tells the Ephesians to be at one with God first, and then inevitably they will be at peace, harmony, and unity with each other. True-believing Christians belong to one body – the Body of Jesus Christ (which is the Church) – and there is but one Spirit that animates and vivifies this Body: the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 13: 10-17

He was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

-----Today's holy gospel lesson portrays for us an incident wherein Jesus showed compassion for a certain crippled woman who had been ill for eighteen years. The Holy Evangelist Luke indicates that this hapless woman was ailing from a sickness caused by spiritual and psychological elements rather than by something organic and physical. As Jesus laid His hand upon this suffering woman, we can perceive the tremendous Power of the Lord in operation against the legions of evil. He demonstrated that His authority and mastery are supreme over such adverse forces that exist in the world. Although the president of the synagogue was annoyed at Jesus' having healed on the Sabbath, our Lord rebuked the assembly as being hypocrites and not being concerned with showing mercy and compassion. Many signs had been predicted for which the Jews were to watch, indicating the Messiah's presence among them. One of these was that the powers of evil would be commanded and controlled. With Jesus' healing authority over malevolent forces, salvation truly was at hand! Many, however, were so insular and hard-hearted that they failed to recognize it.

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 Ave., 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

AROUND THE EPARCHY

GCU CPRL Children's Christmas Party – Sunday, December 4, 2022 starting at 11:30 am – St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 506 Saline Street, Greenfield. Children's Christmas Party with Santa & St. Nicholas, Lunch, games, a puppet show and gifts from Santa and St. Nicholas. Contact Kim Kolesar for more information 412 999-5714 or email her at kak210@comcast.net.

Registration Open for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary's Spring Semester. There are many options for online and in-person learning. Registration is due December 1. For more details, please see www.bcs.edu

Greater Pittsburgh Protopresbytery Schedules Philippian Fast Devotion

As we prepare to enter the Philip's Fast-Advent Season, the Pittsburgh Protopresbytery invites the faithful for the celebration of the Emmanuel Moleben reflection, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the incarnation of the Lord. The second celebration of the Emanuel Moleben will take place on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 pm at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 105 Kohler Ave. Lyndora, PA. At both celebrations a priest will be available for Holy Confession. After the Divine Service refreshments will be offered. We encourage the faithful to plan to attend these gatherings as we begin our journey toward Bethlehem.

GCU Seminary Fundraiser

The GCU has set up a fundraiser to benefit our St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. If you make a monetary donation to the Seminary between now and December 6, they will match the total donations up to \$5,000. To donate to the St. Nicholas Virtualthon Fundraiser you can mail in your check payable to St. Nicholas Charity Dinner and send it to GCU St. Nicholas Virtualthon, 5400 Tuscarawas Rd. Beaver, PA 15009, or if you prefer to donate online, there is a link on the homepage of the GCU website www.GCUusa.com. Thanks in advance for all you do for our church and our Seminarians.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

The BCW is looking for parishioners' favorite Christmas memories. If you have a favorite parish related Christmas memory that you would like shared with the BCW please talk to Father Michael.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT/BAKE SALE

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, PA – 12 noon to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, December 4, from 10 am to 1 pm. The sale will feature decorations, wood crafted items folk crafts, etc. also homemade candy and baked goods. For information, phone 724 438-1382.