

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 26, 2025 * Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan 26: Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

IMO Albert Dzurichko By Daughter Mary Dzurichko

Monday, Jan 27: Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom

6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Open Intention)

Wednesday, Jan 29: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Vigil) (Open Intention)

Thursday, Jan 30: Simple Holy Day of the Three Holy Hierarchs

St. Pius X: 11:00 am Confession, 12:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Friday, Jan 31: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Open Intention)

Saturday, Feb 1: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Feb 2: Zacchaeus - Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna

10am Monthly Matins, 10:45 am: Third Hour Prayer, 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

IHO Olga Revilak By the Revilak 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!

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!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May God grant our community many happy and blessed years!

7 - Anne Petro

13 - Liz Anne Parker & Michaelangelo Revilak

17 - Simeon Kunitz

25 - Olga Revilak

If you'd like your birthday or anniversary included, please contact Pani Janine

THREE RIVERS THEOSIS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP: will be meeting the 1st Saturday of the month starting in February. The theme they will be exploring is Feast Days & Fast Days throughout the year. This **Saturday, Feb. 1 the topic will be the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna.** Everyone is welcome to join in these events, which begin after the 6pm Great Vespers.

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.

EPISTLE Corinthians 2: 6:16 – 7:1

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said: “I will live with them and move among them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Therefore, come forth from them and be separate,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will receive you and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21-28

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did him homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” He said in reply, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.

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