

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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August 10, 2025
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, August 10: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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

IHO John Katsur for Health & God's Blessing by Mary Dzurichko

5:00 pm Confession, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Side Altar of the Resurrection

Monday, August 11: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Prayers to the Akathist to Our Lady of the Searcher for the Lost

Friday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos – Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am Festal Matins – Holy Savior

12:00 Noon – Divine Liturgy – St. Pius X

6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Holy Savior

IMO Harold Witzel Sr. on the 24th Anniversary of passing by daughter Theresa Carr

Saturday, August 16: NO SERVICES

Sunday, August 17: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

IMO Michael & Catherine Warhola by daughter Cathrine Warhola

6:00pm 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.

OUR LADY SEARCHER FOR THE LOST: On Monday August 11th at 7pm we will pray the Akathist to Our Lady of the Searcher for the Lost for all those who are searching, struggling and in need of God's mercy and help. Candles are available for purchase at \$10 each. Please join us for these beautiful services.

CONGRATULATIONS to the DiSaia's on the occasion of their wedding!

FR. MICHAEL WILL BE AWAY SATURDAY AUGUST 16 – WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20 Please pray for him and his family as they travel home for Sophia's baptism. God grant her many blessed years!

AUG 23rd FLEA MARKET: We are currently accepting donations for our next flea market. It's a great time to clean out your closets, but please no books or clothing! **Donations will be accepted thru today August 10!** We will need volunteers to help set up the tables and price items – more details to follow. We hope you can support this important fundraiser. Please see Mary Dzurichko with any questions.

UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE: The 91st Annual Pilgrimage will be August 29th-September 1 full information can be found at www.sistersofstbasil.org Please note – there will be NO 6PM SERVICE ON Sunday September 1.

PARMA PILGRIMAGE: The Diocese of Parma's Annual Pilgrimage will be this coming weekend, August 16-17 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Burton, OH. Full information can be found at www.parma.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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Micheala Revilak 8/6

Pani Janine Kunitz 8/23

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 : 1 Cor 3: 9-17

Brethren: Apollos and I are God's co-workers, while you are his cultivation, his building. Thanks to the favor God showed me I laid a foundation as a wise master-builder might do, and now someone else is building upon it. Everyone, however, must be careful how he builds. No one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid, namely Jesus Christ. If different ones build on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, the work of each will be made clear. The Day will disclose it. That day will make its appearance with fire, and fire will test the quality of each man's work. If the building a man has raised on this foundation still stands he will receive his recompense; if a man's building burns he will suffer loss. He himself will be saved, but only as one fleeing through fire. Are you not aware that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-34

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret.

The Feast of the Marvelous Dormition of the Most Holy Godbearer and Ever-Virgin MARY will be celebrated on Friday, August 15th. This is the principal and most ancient of the Marian feasts. It commemorates the All- Glorious Virgin Mary's dormition, that is her happy death and also the transferal into heaven of her holy body as well as her most pure soul. The solemnity of this holy day of obligation is enhanced by the observance of a fourteen-day liturgical lenten period known as the Savorial Fast which began on August 1st. Because of Mary's unique and specific role in salvation history as the Mother of God's Son, the Church discerns in her the preeminent representative of all humanity. She is given as a model to each of us individually and to all of us corporately as the Church (the People of God), showing us the final

destiny that will be bestowed upon us as a pilgrim people who aspire to enter the Promised Land of Eternity. Since Mary cooperated so perfectly with the will of God the Father in His plan for our redemption, He thus rewarded her. Mary was permitted to be the first of all humans to participate immediately upon death in God's eternal divine glory to which He has called all His faithful people. Furthermore in the dormition event, we perceive the Most Pure Virgin Mary as passing directly through the phenomenon of death into a perfect and eternal life with her Divine Son. In this falling-asleep-in-the-Lord—or dormition—of the Most Holy Godbearer, we are given a foretaste of our own entry into that future state of glory that awaits all of us in eternity after the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. Mary is seen as the prototype of the final physical Resurrection that will be bestowed upon all people of faith as they pass into eternity and thus come into the ever-existing reign of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God is celebrated as a triumphal day of complete rejoicing for all of God's faithful people.

FLOWERS SOLEMNLY BLESSED ON THE MAGNIFICENT DORMITION FEAST..... On the Dormition Holy Day, FLOWERS and GREENS will be blessed solemnly. This ancient custom arose from the tradition that after Mary's tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane had been sealed, it was opened three days later with only the burial cloths remaining. The transposition of her hallowed body into heaven had taken place already, and fragrant flowers were found instead in the empty tomb. The various flowers, plants, herbs, and greens that will be blessed are sacramentals that symbolize the ever-new eternal life with God in His heavenly Kingdom. As we honor the all-immaculate Godbearer on Wednesday, we present these flowers and greens to her on her Memorable Dormition Feast in order to receive the sacramental blessing of her divine Son and our God, the Lord Jesus. These sacramentals remind us of God's watchful solicitude for His faithful people. The delicate beauty and scent of the flowers are indicative of the grandeur and infinite magnificence of the Creator which is beheld in the splendor of His created things of nature. When we bring them into our homes and display them, such sacramentals are symbolic of God's presence among us.

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. 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