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SUNDAY: OCTOBER 8, 2023
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Oct 8: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10-10:45am Confessions, 10:23am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy
For Alexandria Bacasa in honor of her 75th Birthday – by Theresa Carr

Monday, Oct 9: 11am Confessions through Campus Ministry

7pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Oct 13: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy with Panachida

For the deceased Madeline Katsur Meredith, by Mary Anne Meredith

Sunday, Oct. 15: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

10-10:45am Confessions, 10:23am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy
For Dolores Bacasa on her 85th Birthday, by Joseph Bacasa

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 the church and leave it in the sacristy.

GROUNDS CLEAN UP THANK YOU! To everyone that helped – the grounds are looking great!

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.

DEANERY PASTA DINNER: Will be Sunday, October 15 at 3pm at St. Elias in Munhall.

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY: Our theme for this Nineteenth Sunday after Holy Pentecost accentuates the UNSELFISH LOVE that is to characterize the interpersonal actions of Jesus' true followers. As love increases, faith becomes more fervent and truly dynamic. Genuine faith will influence every aspect of our lives.

EPISTLE: II Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows, he who is blessed forever, that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus, in order to seize me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; not that it is profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know someone in Christ who, fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this person (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows) was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things, which no one may utter. About this person I will boast, but about myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses. Although if I should wish to boast, I would not be foolish, for I would be telling the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me because of the abundance of the revelations. Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

~~~~~In his second missive to the Corinthians, the Holy Apostle Paul speaks in this section about his physical handicap and how the power of Christ is manifest through such human frailties and debilitations. Somewhat deterred in his evangelistic efforts because of this annoying distraction, Paul still tries to exhibit UNSELFISH LOVE as a norm. Christian love must rise beyond the "Golden Rule." It always should exhibit the virtues of *forgiveness* and *the love of enemies*, making us heavenly people just like the Lord Jesus and "persons for others," soaring above human pettiness.

**GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16**

Soon afterward he journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

**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