

## HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### January 19, 2025 ~ Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

#### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, Jan 19: Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**IHO Jack & Maria Peters by Jack Peters**

**Parish Meeting After Liturgy**

**Monday, Jan 20: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers**

**Wednesday, Jan 22: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy**

**IMO Msgr. Russell Duker – One Year Anniversary by Theresa Carr**

**Friday, Jan 24: Feast of Gregory the Theologian - Bishop**

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

**Saturday, Jan 25: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers**

**Sunday, Jan 26: Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

10:25 am: Rosary, 10:45 am: Third Hour Prayer, 11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Open Intention)

**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.

**PARISH MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR TODAY:** Please plan to attend this meeting, which will provide updates on the state of the parish, as well as discuss plans for the coming year.

**PARISH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS** are now available in the narthex (back of the church).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month starting in February. The theme they will be exploring is Feast Days & Fast Days throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to join in these events.

**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: Timothy 1: 15-17:**

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason, I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: Luke 18: 35-43:**

Now as he approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” He shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me!” Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He replied, “Lord, please let me see.” Jesus told him, “Have sight; your faith has saved you.” He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

**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