

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 13, 2024

The Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Oct. 13: The Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
10am Sunday Matins, 10:45am Rosary, 11am Divine Liturgy
IMO George Carr by Joseph and Dolores Bacasa

Monday, Oct. 14: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Oct. 18: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Oct. 19: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 20: Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost
10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy
IMO George Carr by Theresa Carr

All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out request form in back of church and give to Fr. Michael.

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. Matins are celebrated the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

ART, WINE & WORDS FUNDRAISER - Sunday November 3, 2024. Sign up sheet is in the narthex of the church. We need your help! Can you donate a basket for the raffle? Or items we can use to create a basket? Our goal is to have 15-20 baskets. **All items needed by Sunday, October 20.**

The event is now live with details and tickets sales thru Eventbrite:
<https://bit.ly/HolySpiritArtAuction>

Buy your ticket today – invite a friend or two!

Please see Natalia Rudiak or Lynne Walicki for details & how you can help make this a great event for our parish.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – Special viewing of “THEODORE” a documentary about the Hieromartyr Theodore Romzha following Great Vespers. Presented by Three Rivers Theosis Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Group.

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-20 [Yet] who know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves are found to be sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? Of course not! But if I am building up again those things that I tore down, then I show myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

~In this second chapter of his letter to the Galatians, the Holy Apostle Paul emphasizes the essential role that FAITH in the Lord Jesus must play in our lives. The gift of faith permits us to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. It justifies us and makes us righteous before God the Father. The prescriptions of the old Mosaic Law of the Jews no longer bind us, for through the redemptive acts of Christ, we are given a “New Life,” for we have the living Jesus within us. Because of this faith commitment in Christ Jesus, we are destined to become sharers in the divine Life of the Holy Trinity in eternity. Paul stresses the fact that through this faith, we true-believing Christians become revitalized individuals. We are no longer our old-selves; rather, we are new persons with the living Christ inside of us. The bodily life we now live, we live by virtue of our faith in the Son of God—Jesus—Who loved us all and sacrificed Himself especially for ME!

GOSPEL: Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” After saying this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.” Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, “Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that ‘they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.’ “This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.

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