

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 21, 2026

4th Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sun Jun 21: 4th Sunday After Pentecost – Father’s Day

7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy

IHO All Fathers Living & Deceased

6 pm Divine Liturgy

Mon Jun 22: 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Akathist Prayers to Our Lady Searcher of the Lost

Wed Jun 24: Solemn Holy Day - Birth of St. John the Baptist

6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

Fri Jun 26: 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

Sat Jun 27: 5 pm Confessions, 6 pm Great Vespers

Sun Jun 28: 5th Sunday After Pentecost

7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy

Birthday Blessings for Julianna Haag by her sister, Mary Dzurichko

6 pm 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.

ON-LINE GIVING: 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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT YESTERDAY'S PARISH OUTDOOR CLEAN UP DAY! Thankyou to Mary Dzurichko, Cathy Warhola, and Theresa Carr for showing up to help with cleaning yesterday!

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Will be **Sunday, September 20, 2026** at St. Elias in Munhall. If you are celebrating your 10, 15, 20, 25 or additional years multiplied by 5 and would like to attend, please let Fr. Michael know by **Sunday, July 12.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:
May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Tom & Katherine Martz 6/1 Anniversary

Giacomo Revilak 6/12

Zuzana Revilak 6/13

Julia Revilak 6/13

Mary Dzurichko 6/15

Milian Revilak Sr. 6/16

Fr. Michael & Pani Janine 6/28 Anniversary

Don't see your birthday or anniversary? Let us know so we can update the directory!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in learning to lead Matins as a Reader's Service on Sunday before Liturgy, please see Father Michael.

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.

MORNING LITURGY COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS: 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!

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES (ECF): Our ECF program has begun meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm in the church hall. For more information, please see Eugene Yeo.

SAINT OF THE DAY: 6/21 **The holy martyr Julian of Tarsus**, a soldier of the empire, was cruelly tortured for his Christian faith despite his age of eighteen years. (290)

6/24 **THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN** who while still in the womb of his mother, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He exulted in joy at the coming of the salvation of humanity. His own birth foretold the Lord Christ. Such great grace shone forth in him, that the Lord himself said concerning him that no one born of woman was greater than John the Baptist.

APOSTLES FAST: The Apostles Fast lasts until the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles, Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29th. While it is non-obligatory it is always a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our spiritual lives. If you are interested in incorporating the fast into your devotional life this year, please feel free to speak to Fr. Michael or with your Spiritual Father.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SECOND SONGS & STORIES FROM THE MOUNTAINS: Saturday November 7th this year. If you're interested in volunteering to help out either in preparation for the event or during it, please speak with Fr. Michael. Please keep an eye open for more updates.

AKATHIST PRAYERS: **During the Apostles Fast we will be praying to Our Lady Searcher of the Lost on Monday nights at 7 pm. Please consider joining us and submitting the names of those (living) who you wish to pray for.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: We wish to express our gratitude for all of our fathers today. For our biological fathers, our adoptive/foster fathers, and our spiritual fathers, for our fathers living and for those deceased, we thank you for all that you have done for us. God grant all fathers here and across the world His great blessings this day.

EPISTLE: 6:18-23:

Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:5-13:

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully.” He said to him, “I will come and cure him.” The centurion said in reply, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” And Jesus said to the centurion, “You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.” And at that very hour [his] servant was healed.

A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL: I found myself down with what I can only describe as the worst case of allergies I’ve ever had to endure. That may not be a particularly high bar though, since I’m not allergic to anything (at least in any way which would require regular medical intervention), but it was enough to make me feel miserable for about 3 days straight. In that time, I kept telling my body to cut it out and get over it already. As you can probably imagine, that didn’t really work, and my body dealt with the issue at its own pace, indifferent to my commands.

We can hardly tell storms, droughts, and diseases to just leave us alone and expect them to listen to us and yet in this Gospel we read about a Centurion who has such faith in the ability of Christ to heal his servant that he functionally goes off to do just that. He didn’t bring his servant with him to be examined by Christ as he would have him examined by a doctor, nor did he go expecting Christ to come into any kind of physical, visual, or audible contact with his servant. He simply came to Christ saying, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.” We know very little about this Centurion. We don’t know where he was from, what he experienced in his life, or what he personally believed. All we are told is that his faith in Christ came from his experience of being a man in a position of authority. He recognized in Christ an authority which had power not merely over men but over life and death itself.

American culture, for all its great accomplishments and gifts, has a serious problem with recognizing and submitting to proper authority. Our rugged sense of individualism, while important to a degree, often blinds us from accepting the reality that we are ultimately not the ones in control of the world. One of the things that we as Christians should be witnesses to the absolute power of the authority of Christ in this world. We should be living not as slaves to our ambitions, not as slaves to our desires, not as slaves to sin, but as St. Paul says, “Slaves of righteousness.”

Christ has commanded us to go forth and make disciples of all nations, should we not follow the example of Centurion and follow His command? Christ has called us to follow His commandments if we say that we love Him, shall we not follow His directives? Christ has

called us to Himself and out of ourselves, shall we not abandon the old self and embrace the new which Christ has made in us?