

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 19, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Nov. 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10-10:45am Confessions, 10:23am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy
In honor of Theresa Carr's Birthday by Gerald & Alexandria Bacasa

Monday, Nov. 20: 11am Confessions through Campus Ministry

7pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos
In memory of Magdaline Carr & George Carr by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bacasa

Tuesday, Nov. 21: Solemn Holy Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos

12:00pm Noon Divine Liturgy at St. Pius X

Friday, Nov. 24: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Emmauel Moleben

Saturday, Nov. 25: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 26: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy
In memory of Katrina Jirsa by Gerald & Alexandria 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.

THANK YOU BRUNCH TODAY! to celebrate all of our great volunteers and their efforts for our parish!

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$2,000 Holiday Cash Raffle Tickets are on sale for \$10 and benefits our seminary, St. Cyril & Methodius. See Mary Druzrichko to purchase.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: will be next **Sunday, November 26** following the Divine Liturgy.

PHILLIP'S FAST: Last week we began the observance of the Phillip's Fast, the spiritual preparation of Christmas, akin to Advent in the Latin Rite. This fast is a joyful preparation for the Incarnation, and as such is neither as solemn nor severe as the Great Fast (Lent). As usual, please discern what sacrifice would be best for your spiritual needs. You can speak with Fr. Michael if you have any questions.

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.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Brethren: I plead with you, then, as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

~~~~~In this section of his letter written to the Christian community at Ephesus, the Holy Apostle Paul asserts that Jesus' followers should always be in unity and in harmony with each other because they all have the same Father – God the Father in heaven. They therefore must accept life and its various consequences with humility and patience, making allowances for the faults of one's neighbors. It is precisely when we can exhibit this type of understanding and show such practical sympathy towards others that we indeed do demonstrate true Christian charity, which translates into love and concern for our neighbor. Paul tells the Ephesians to be at one with God first, and then inevitably they will be at peace, harmony, and unity with each other. True-believing Christian people belong to one body – the Body of Jesus Christ (which is the Church) – and there is but one Spirit that animates and vivifies this Body: the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL: Luke 12: 16-21**

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus, will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

**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