

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 12, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Nov. 12: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10-10:45am Confessions, 10:23am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11:00am Divine Liturgy

In honor of Gerald Bacasa on his 75th Birthday, by Theresa Carr

Monday, Nov 13: Feast of St. John Chrysostom

11am Confessions through Campus Ministry

6pm Confession, 7pm zDivine Liturgy with Panachida

In memory of Pilgrim George Walter by Mary Anne Meredith

Tuesday, Nov. 14: Feast of St. Phillip the Apostle, 12pm Divine Liturgy at St. Pius X in Carrick

Wednesday, Nov. 15: Beginning of Phillip's Fast

Friday, Nov. 17: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Daily Vespers

Saturday, Nov. 18: 6pm Confession, 7pm Great Vespers

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 and her Birthday, by Gerald and 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 church and leave it in the sacristy.

LIGHT FROM THE EAST LECTURE SERIES: will be today Sunday, November 12 after liturgy – the topic will be “Icons: From Dark to Light”. The presenter is Deacon Tim Farris.

THANK YOU BRUNCH: Join us for a **brunch on Sunday, Nov. 19 to celebrate all of our great volunteers** and their efforts for our parish! So we can prepare, please sign the **sign-up sheet in the vestibule by today!** See Mary Druzrichko or Cathy Warhola with any questions.

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.

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.

PHILLIP'S FAST: This Wednesday we begin the observance of Phillip's Fast, the spiritual preparation for 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 particular spiritual needs. You can speak with Fr. Michael if you have questions.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2: 14-22

Brethren: It is {Christ} who is our peace, and who made the two of us one by breaking down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh he abolished the law with its commands and precepts, to create in himself one new man from us who had been two and to make peace, reconciling both of us to God in one body through his cross, which put that enmity to death. He came and “announced the good news of peace to you who were far off, and to those who were near”; through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

~In penning this missive to the early Christians at Ephesus, the Holy Apostle Paul points out in this portion of his epistle that although he is a Jew and the Ephesians are gentiles, Jesus, nevertheless, has made all of His followers into a new people: fellow Christians. Just as with these Christians of antiquity, so also for us today, it is Jesus Who is our living "peace," and He dwells among us. He has united all of humanity through His redemptive acts into the unity of His Mystical Body, which is the holy Church. We are thus fellow citizens of His kingdom, members of His household, and parts of that building, the foundation-stone of which is Jesus Himself. Being united in Him and for Him, we are then recipients of His PEACE: that joyful serenity of mind, body, and soul which is given to all who are joined in faith under His most holy name. Through the Holy Spirit, we grow together into a living temple that is consecrated to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law, who stood up to test him and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise, a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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