

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JULY 7, 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, July 7: 8am Morning Matins

8:23am Rosary, 8:45am 3rd Hour, 9am Divine Liturgy
IHO the Baptism of Margaret Yeo by the Holy Spirit Parish

Monday, July 8: *No services, as Fr. Michael is attending Liturgy for the Archeparchial Faith and Fun Day*

Friday, July 12: 8am Confessions, 9am Divine Liturgy
IHO Milan Revilak, Sr. Birthday, by the Revilak Family

Sunday, July 14: Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils
8:23am Rosary, 8:45am 3rd Hour, 9am Divine Liturgy
IMO Joseph Warhola, by Catherine Warhola

All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out a request form in the back of the church and give it 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. During the summer, Sunday Morning Matins will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Special thanks to James Hartung for volunteering today!

ICONOSTASIS UPDATE: As we know, the icon screen is a beautiful and important part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition, and we are instructed to have one by the Ruthenian Recension, various popes, Vatican II, and the Archbishop. We have been blessed with the opportunity, with the help of a generous donor, to purchase a full icon screen at a remarkable discount from a Byzantine Catholic monastery that, unfortunately, must close. This will not be installed immediately, as a number of repairs and considerations must be made first. There will also be discussion regarding the icons for the screen and the Holy Place in general. **Please note that the original icons in the Holy Place will remain!** Further details will be available at the parish meeting.

FEAST OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH: Saturday, July 20th is the feast of the Prophet Elijah. The celebration of the feast will be observed as a vigil on the evening of Friday, July 19th, with Confessions at 5PM, Great Vespers at 6PM, and Divine Liturgy at 7PM with the blessing of cars to follow.

PARISH MEETING: Sunday, July 28 will be our next parish meeting. This meeting will address the state of the parish, projects and upcoming fundraisers for the year. All parishioners are asked to attend.

FLEA MARKET: Our next flea market will be Saturday, August 24. We will be taking donations through August 11. Remember we cannot accept books, electronics, clothes or holiday decorations.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday October 13, 2024 we will be holding a special parish fundraiser. "Art Wine & Words". This event, will include an art auction, poetry & basket raffle. More details to follow. If you would like to be part of this one-time event, please see Natalia Rudiak or Lynne Walicki.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Sunday, September 15, 2023 at St. Elias, Munhall
If you are celebrating your 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 Wedding Anniversary please provide your information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP.**

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Brethren, I beg you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree in what you say. Let there be no factions; rather, be united in mind and judgment. I have been informed, my brethren, by certain members of Chloe's household that you are quarreling among yourselves. This is what I mean: One of you will say, "I belong to Paul," another, "I belong to Apollos," still another, "Cephas has my allegiance," and the fourth, "I belong to Christ." Has Christ, then, been divided into parts? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul's name that you were baptized? Thank God, I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so there are none who can say that you were baptized in my name. Oh, and I baptized the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I am not aware of having baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with wordy "wisdom," however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning!

~~~In this section of his first letter to the early community of Christians in the Greek city of Corinth, the Holy Apostle Paul expresses anxiety of the "divisions" that have risen among the Corinthians. Paul sternly warns them about being split into various factions and parties within their church, for such divisiveness negates the very idea of unity that must characterize the Church established by the Lord Jesus. Christians are united first and foremost by virtue of their common belief in Jesus as the true Son of God, and they are bonded to each other in Christ's Mystical Body: The Church. In a genuine Christian community, there is no place for divisions, dissension, disunity, or discord. This unity of purpose and existence within the Church of Christ is manifested most vividly through our participation at the communion table and from our partaking of the common cup: the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:14-22**

Then he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." [Jesus] said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."

Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over —twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

~~~The Holy Evangelist Matthew recounts this fifth in our summer series of seven miracles: "the multiplication of the loaves." This particular happening is a dynamic reality that took place not only in the historical past, but it is a miraculous event that occurs to this day at every Divine Liturgy. The Eucharistic Lord continues to nourish all who gather to hear His message expounded. Through the priestly offices of His Church, it is Jesus Himself Who feeds and satisfies all the hungers of mankind with the Divine EUCHARIST—the eternal Bread of Life, which is His own Body.

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