

# HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, October 9:** 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

for the deceased Lorenzo Fello by Priscilla Fello

4pm Confession, 5pm Divine Liturgy

**Monday, October 10:** Noon, Sixth Hour ~ 4:30pm Confessions, 5:30pm Vespers

**Friday, October 14:** 5pm Confession ~ 6pm Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 15:** 4:30 Confession ~ 5:30 Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 16:** 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

for many happy years for Ruth Cavanaugh, by Barbara Hanchin

**Adult ECF Lecture:** “What Is a Byzantine Catholic?” immediately after Liturgy

4pm Confession, 5pm Divine Liturgy

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.

**YOUTH ECF CLASS: TUESDAY, 10/11, 5:30 PM, HOLY SPIRIT** These catechism classes are open to all youth in grades Kindergarten through 12. This is a valuable opportunity to enrich the lives of our children, whether they are at a public school that does not teach religion, or at a Catholic school that does not understand what makes our tradition unique. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Michael.

**AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY:** Our theme for this eighteenth Sunday stresses the Generosity that Jesus requires His followers to exhibit as they respond to His call to follow Him and proclaim the Good News of Salvation. ~ As Jesus encountered a funeral cortege that was proceeding from the town of Naim, He demonstrated His DIVINE AUTHORITY by miraculously bringing the dead young man back to life. Jesus thus gives us a foretaste of the New Life that awaits each of us in the final resurrection. This resurrectional theme was preached initially by the Apostle Paul, and the Church by Christ’s same divine authority reechoes this message of eternal resurrection for us even today.

**Tone 1 (pg 125) and One Holy Apostle (pg 368)**

**Troparia:** The stone was sealed by the Jews, soldiers guarded your most pure body, but you, O Savior, arose on the third day granting life to the world. Therefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed you, O Giver of Life: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to your Kingdom! Glory to your Salvation! You alone love us all.

O holy Apostle James, intercede with the merciful God that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**Kontakia:** As God you arose in glory from the grave and raised the world with you. Human nature praises you as God and death has vanished. Adam sings in exultation, O Lord; Eve, freed from bondage, cries joyfully: O Christ, it is you who gives resurrection to all.

Let us extol James with praises as a herald of God, for he implanted the true faith deeply in the souls of all. Now he stands before the throne of the Master and rejoices in the company of angels, praying for all of us unceasingly.

**Today's Saints:** The holy apostle James Alpheus was one of the Twelve, a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a witness of his passion, resurrection, and ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it fell to James to preach the Gospel in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding area. He suffered in Egypt in the town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans. **Also:** Our venerable father Andronicus and his wife Athanasia; our righteous forefather Abraham and his nephew, Lot; and the holy martyr Denis, bishop of Paris.

**EPISTLE: II Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren: Let me say this much. He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works, as it is written: "He scattered abroad and gave to the poor, his justice endures forever." He who provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield. In every way your liberality is enriched; through us it results in thanks offered to God.

~~~~~ In his second letter sent to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul speaks of the concept of generosity, and of our obligation to give of our time, talents, and monies, in order that the Good News might continue to be preached everywhere. God ultimately gives us everything needed for this life and eternal salvation. However, the more we are enriched by God, the greater must be the scope of our generosity. We have an obligation to use the things given to us by God for His honor and glory and for the increase of His Kingdom here on Earth – the Church.

**GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16**

Soon afterward he journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

~~~~~ The resurrectional theme is central to the theology of our Byzantine Catholic Church. Each Sunday is observed, therefore, as a renewal of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, for we all await the bestowal of that same resurrection that Christ Jesus will some day grant to each of His true followers. Today's gospel passage from the Holy Evangelist Luke gives us the account of Jesus at Naim and His performance of a great miracle in bringing a dead young man back to life. As He encountered the funeral procession leaving the town of Naim, Jesus commiserated with the widowed mother. The dead young man was the widow's only son, and the Lord's heart went out with compassion to this bereaved mother as He took pity on her and told her not to cry. Jesus demonstrated His DIVINE AUTHORITY as the Ruler of the living and the dead by bringing the young man back to life. Just as the Son of God gave new life to the dead young man from Naim, so likewise Jesus will some day give New Life to each of us who have followed Him faithfully in this earthly life and have believed in and hoped for His resurrection. By Christ's divine authority over Death, we too will receive this same resurrection from the dead and will be granted a New Life in His eternal Kingdom.

**MARIAN MONTH: OCTOBER AND THE MOST HOLY GOBEARER.....** The month of October traditionally is dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God under her title of Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. During this Marian month, the Church encourages us to pay tribute and homage to the Most Holy Godbearer, the Queen Mother, by offering daily the recitation of the Holy Rosary in her honor. Furthermore in October throughout the American Church, we center our attention on the sacredness of human life, for in our contemporary culture of death, there are so many threats leveled against the sanctity, dignity, and divine value of this inestimable gift from God. We thus invoke the intercession of our Heavenly Mother and beseech her as the Holy Protectress of Life to assist us in our concerted efforts to protect and defend human life in all of its stages from conception through natural death. As we began the month of October, its Marian theme was already set by our celebration of the Feast of the Most Pure Virgin Mary's *pokrov*—her magnificent protecting veil—on the 1st of October. Since the Feast of the Holy Protection is the patronal feastday of our Byzantine-Ruthenian Metropolia in the United States, during October we especially should invoke our Heavenly Patroness, asking her to shelter us always beneath her honorable veil and requesting her continued heavenly protection and maternal intercession in behalf of American Byzantine Catholics.

### **AROUND THE EPARCHY**

**CAMPUS MINISTRY-** The Archdiocese is starting a new campus ministry. If you know any college students in the Pittsburgh area, please give their names to Fr. Michael.

**FALL CRAFT SHOW -** St. John Cathedral, 210 Greentree Rd. Munhall, Saturday, October 22,2022, 10am - 3 pm. Crafters & Vendors, Showcase Auction, Raffles, Ethnic Foods.

### **Please pray for the causes of our four Sainly 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 Ave., 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