

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, July 17: 8am Confessions

9am Divine Liturgy for for the deceased George Carr by Michael and Karen Uriah

Monday, July 18: 9am 1st and 3rd Hour

4:30 Confessions, 5:30 Daily Vespers

Friday, July 22: 9am 1st and 3rd Hour

5pm Confessions

6pm Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, July 23: 8am Confessions, 9am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parish

Sunday, July 24: 8am Confessions

9am Divine Liturgy for Joseph Bacasa on his birthday by Theresa Carr

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.

BLESSING OF CARS..... As the great prophet Elijah was swept into the heavens in a fiery chariot, it is tradition to bless our own chariots on his feast day. Fr. Michael will bless cars after the Divine Liturgies on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday this week. You may bring any modes of transportation you wish to have blessed (scooters, motorcycles, etc.).

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY.... External BEHAVIOR is a good indication of one's innermost thoughts and beliefs. Paul instructs the Roman Christians to use their abilities with charity for the edification of others. Jesus cured the paralytic at Capernaum because He was impressed by the demeanor of those who brought this man to Him to be healed. Oftentimes God's response to our very own petitions is contingent upon our conduct observed in His sight.

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.

EPISTLE: Romans 12:6-14 (Section 110) (And Hebrews 13:7-16)

Brethren: We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. One's gift may be prophecy; its use should be in proportion to his faith. It may be the gift of ministry; it should be used for service. One who is a teacher should use his gift for teaching; one with the power of exhortation should exhort. He who gives alms should do so generously; he who rules should exercise his authority with care; he who performs works of mercy should do so cheerfully.

Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them.

~~~~~In this portion of his letter which he addressed to the community of early Christians at Rome, the Holy Apostle Paul exhorts them to display true Christian BEHAVIOR. This involves a genuine break with evil and a real devotion to doing what is right and good. Paul speaks about the gifts that God has given to each of us, and he implores the Romans to use such attributes to the fullest for the glory of God. "If our gift be preaching,...preach to the limit. If it be serving others,... concentrate on such service;...if teaching,...let us give all we have...; if stimulating the faith of others, let us set ourselves to this task." All of us are called by God to be generous, and we must give freely of ourselves to others. This is proper Christian behavior in God's sight. However, the summit of all virtues is forgiving and blessing those who make us miserable. This is so difficult to put into practice, but this is actually a true indication of the genuine follower of Jesus—a real Christian. We all need to strive for this level of behavior, and our Lord Himself will help us.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:1-8 (Section 29) (And John 17:1-13)**

He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven."

At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."

He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to human beings.

~~~~~The Holy Evangelist Matthew relates for us the third in our summer series of miracle accounts as we hear of the cure of a certain paralytic man at Capernaum. Jesus was extremely impressed by the BEHAVIOR of the people who brought this crippled man to Him to be cured. Observing their strong faith, our Lord first forgave the paralytic's sins. After He had attended to the man's spiritual life by remitting his sins, Jesus then proceeded to cure his paralyzed body. In response to the protests and objections of the Jewish leaders who were present, Jesus, Who was aware of their cynical thoughts, castigated them by asking if it were easier to cure the soul (by forgiving sins) or to heal the body (by correcting a deformity). Since God alone was capable of performing either of these, the implications were obvious. Our behavior—the way we conduct ourselves—in the sight of God has a good deal to do with the way in which God responds to our petitions and to our requests for favors. Would our Lord be impressed by our actions? Would Jesus be willing to perform a miracle for us after observing our own faith and the way that we conduct ourselves in His sight?

UKRAINIAN MARKETPLACE:

Saturday, July 30, 10am-4pm

Hilton Double Tree Hotel, 500 Mansfield Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15205, Salon D

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