

# HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, July 3:** 8am Confessions

9am Divine Liturgy for the deceased George Carr by Anna Munizza

**Monday, July 4:** 9am Divine Liturgy for the deceased Joseph Warhola by Catherine Warhola

4:30 Confessions, 5:30 Daily Vespers

**Friday, July 8:** No morning services

5pm Confessions

6pm Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parish

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

**Sunday, July 10:** 8am Confessions

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

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.

**AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY.....** In performing miracles, Jesus affirmed that He indeed had the power that only God could have. Paul tells the Romans that genuine FAITH frees us from servitude to sin, and we thus are enabled to ask the Lord for miracles. The Roman centurion of today's holy gospel shows us the necessity of exhibiting such faith in asking our Lord for anything.

## 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*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to a familial obligation, Fr. Michael will only be available by phone from Wednesday afternoon through Friday afternoon this week.

### **EPISTLE: Romans 6:18-23 (Section 93)**

Brethren: Freed from your sin, you became slaves of justice. (I use the following example from human affairs because of your weak human nature.) Just as formerly you enslaved your bodies to impurity and licentiousness for their degradation, make them now the servants of justice for their sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you had freedom from justice. What benefit did you then enjoy? Things you are now ashamed of, all of them tending toward death. But now that you are freed from sin and have become slaves of God, your benefit is sanctification as you tend toward eternal life. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~~~~~In this particular section of the Holy Apostle Paul's letter to the early community of Christians at Rome, he tells them that through their FAITH in the Lord Jesus, they were released from the service of sin and placed in the service of righteousness and God's justice. Paul tells the Romans to give voluntarily to the service of righteousness for the purpose of becoming really good. The false freedom of sin leads to futility in this present earthly life and then leads to death in eternity. However, if we accept the genuine freedom of "the yoke of Christ" by following His Law, then we are truly liberated children of God, and we are enabled to inherit that New Life in eternity which has been promised to us by our Divine Master. Because we all have received redemption through faith in Jesus our risen Savior, we now are "employed" by God, and thus we owe our duty to Him and not to the service of sin. Sin pays its servants; the wage is eternal death! But God gives constantly and always rewards His faithful servants. His free, precious gift is life eternal!

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 8:5-13 (Section 25)**

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him."

The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." And Jesus said to the centurion, "You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you." And at that very hour [his] servant was healed.

~~~~~The Holy Evangelist Matthew presents us with the first of the miracle accounts that we will consider today and for the next several Sundays throughout the summer season. As Jesus was entering Capernaum on one occasion, a Roman centurion approached Him and asked Jesus to heal his servant who was paralyzed and in dreadful pain. Jesus told the soldier that He would come to his house and cure this servant. In deference to Jesus, however, the centurion protested, saying that it's not important enough for Jesus to come to his house. The man merely wanted our Lord to give the order, and he was confident that his servant would recover. Jesus truly was astonished at this pagan soldier's FAITH in Him. Even more striking than the initial confidence in the Lord is the deep expression of trust that the soldier shows when he declares to Jesus that just a single word would be sufficient to cure his servant boy. The centurion was not a Jew, and he was not expected to have this faith in Jesus; but he did. The man fully believed that Jesus could perform such a healing, and he was rewarded commensurately. The Roman centurion's servant was restored to health with Jesus pronouncing this unique acclaim: "I assure you that nowhere, even in Israel, have I ever found this much faith!"

### **MOUNT ST. MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2022**

**Young Adult Weekend In-House Program** ~ Friday June 24, 7pm to Sunday June 26, Noon. Men and Women ages 18-40. With Sr. Barbara Jean, OSBM, and Team. **Registration due June 17. Space limited – Register early.** Offering: \$110, Scholarships available. Please call or email to register. (724) 438-7149 [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net)  
Proof of full vaccination and masks required. 510 West Main St. PO Box 878 Uniontown PA 15401-0878

**UKRAINIAN MARKETPLACE:** Saturday, July 30, 10am-4pm. Hilton Double Tree Hotel, 500 Mansfield Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15205, Salon D. Sponsored by Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie  
For more info: 412-527-5359 or [orthodoxcarnegie.com](http://orthodoxcarnegie.com)

**CATHOLIC HOSPICE: FAITH-BASED END-OF-LIFE CARE AVAILABLE .....** Catholic Hospice is a non-profit Medicare-certified hospice program that provides faith-based end-of-life care according to the doctrines of the Church and in conformity with the Catholic tradition. Through this hospice program, Catholic medical professionals are made available to minister end-of-life care and provide quality comfort when curative treatments are no longer an option. Catholic Hospice offers its services at this particular time of life to all of the communities throughout Allegheny County. Additional information can be obtained by calling 724.933.6222  
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