

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 5, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Nov. 5: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

In honor of Anne Munizza on her 93rd Birthday, by Theresa Carr

Monday, Nov 6: 11am Confessions through Campus Ministry

6pm Confessions 7pm Akathist to the Holy Angels

Friday, Nov. 10: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

In memory of Sam Meredith, Jr. with Panachida by Mary Anne Meredith

Saturday, Nov. 11: 6pm Confessions, 7pm Great Vespers

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

Confessions are available before most services. All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out the request form in the back of the church and leave it in the sacristy.

Please pray for Bishop-Elect Fr. Robert Pipta, who will be ordained the bishop of Parma on Wednesday, November 8. Please also note that Fr. Michael is attending the ordination, and will not be at the parish Monday night through Wednesday night.

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 Sunday, Nov 12**. 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.

ST. NICHOLAS GCU CELEBRATION: will be **Sunday December 3** at the St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall. Moleben will be at 3pm, followed by dinner. Tickets are \$45 per adult. **Today is the deadline to RSVP!** Please see Mary Druzrichko to rsvp.

LIGHT FROM THE EAST LECTURE SERIES: The next installment will be Sunday, November 12 after liturgy – the topic will be Icons from Dark to Light.

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.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Brethren: God is rich in mercy; because of his great love for us he brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin. By this favor you were saved. Both with and in Christ Jesus he raised us up and gave us a place in the heavens, that in ages to come he might display the great wealth of his favor, manifested by his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. I repeat, it is owing to his favor that salvation is yours through faith. This is not your own doing, it is God's gift; neither is it a reward for anything you have accomplished, so let no one pride himself on it. We are truly his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

SCRIPTURAL LESSONS FOR TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

In this pericope from the Holy Apostle Paul's letter to the Christians at Ephesus, the idea is brought forward that we have received salvation because we have been showered with God's Generosity. Since Christians have been redeemed from sin through the salvific acts of the Lord, they thus have experienced the effects of Jesus' supremacy – His power which overcame the forces of demons and even triumphed over death. The Father's free and generous gift of salvation already marks us for a heavenly destiny, and His immense kindness is revealed through His beloved Son. None of us achieved or earned or merited redemption, rather it is God's grace that saves those who faithfully follow His Son. Because of His great love for us, God the Father brought us to a new life with His Son Jesus when we were dead, being held in the depths of sin. Therefore, we are truly God's own handiwork, recreated in Christ Jesus, and we must lead a life of good deeds worthy of this new existence that has been given freely to us through God's generosity.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56

And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved." When he arrived at the house, he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

HOLY DAY ON WEDNESDAY: SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELS.....

On Wednesday of this coming week, **November 8th**, we shall celebrate festively **The Synaxis of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael and all of the other Incorporeal Powers**. The heavenly powers or angels are the pure spirits that God created, and they constitute the invisible component of the created world. The name angel comes from the Greek word *angelos*, meaning a messenger, and refers to the office (what they do) of these spiritual beings and not to their nature (who and what they are), that is bodiless creatures who are sent from God. Although God created innumerable heavenly beings, they are arbitrarily divided into nine orders called *choirs* which constitute three separate *hierarchies*. The first hierarchy consists of the choirs known as the **seraphim**, **cherubim**, and the **thrones**. The choirs of the **dominations**, **virtues (authorities)**, and the **powers** comprise the second hierarchy. The third hierarchy is formed by the choirs of the **principalities**, **archangels**, and the **angels**. The Archangel **MICHAEL** is one of three heavenly beings specifically mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, and he was the **commander** of the angelic powers as they battled Lucifer, the leader of the fallen angels. In observing this holy day in honor of all of the angels of heaven, we solicit their protection against the satanic forces of evil that seek our harm in this world. We, likewise, beseech their intercession against those demonic powers that always threaten us with temptation to evil and strive to entice us to fall into sin. ***"All you holy angels of God, protect us and watch over us as you lead and guide us to eternal salvation!"***

PRAYER FOR OUR FOUR SAINTLY BISHOPS: 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 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