

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Great Lent

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Mar. 1: Second Sunday of the Great Fast

7:00 am Matins 7:45 am Rosary, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy

IMO Anne Petro by Ron & Dianna Dunnington

3:30 Confessions, 4:00 pm Deanery Vespers

NO 6 pm SERVICE

Monday, Mar 2: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Akathist Prayers to Our Lady Searcher of Lost Souls

Wednesday, Mar 3: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Friday, Mar 5: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Saturday, Mar 7: 3rd All Souls Saturday 12:30 pm Divine Liturgy with Panachida

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Mar. 8: Third Sunday of the Great Fast – Veneration of the Cross

7:00 am Matins 7:45 am Rosary, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy

IMO Earl Haage Sr. by Mary Dzurichko

6 pm Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgies are open for intentions for this new year. If you would like to make an intention for a Liturgy, please call the office or fill out request form in the back of the church and give it to Fr. Michael.

LENTEN CHARITY 2026: As Great Lent is a time for Fasting, Penance, Prayer, and Almsgiving, the parish will again take **monetary collections** for the local charity, **Community Human Services Food Pantry**. This group, based in South Oakland, helps the poor, homeless, and less fortunate right here in our neighborhood. Anything we're able to give will be greatly appreciated. Please speak with Mary Dzurichko if you're interested in donating.

BASKET RAFFLE TIME! Tickets are on sale now for our basket raffle/fundraiser. Among the baskets are four with beautiful hand painted eggs donated by Pani Janine and hand poured candles from parishioner Eugene Yeo! Plus, a special chance to win four tickets to a Pittsburgh Pirates game. These seats are 100 Level! We will be selling tickets through Palm Sunday. Drawing will take place on Palm Sunday. Please see Mary Dzurichko or Lynne Walicki to purchase your chance to win something fun!

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES (ECF): Our ECF program has begun meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm in the church hall. We hope the program will continue to grow to weekly meetings. For more information, please see Eugene Yeo.

DEANERY PENITENTIAL VESPERS FOR GREAT LENT 2026: The Pittsburgh Protopresbytery of our Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy will hold its annual Order of Vespers on Sunday afternoons during the Great Fast from February 22nd through March 22nd. Every Sunday clergy and laity from all over the Deanery come together in a different parish to participate in the sacrament of **Reconciliation at 3:30 pm and pray the Vespers at 4:00 pm.** Each Vespers is followed by a social hour focused on a meager meal of fast-friendly meatless soup. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, penance, self-denial, fellowship and to gather with fellow travelers in the Great Fast, spiritually preparing us on our way to receive the Lord in the Feast of Feasts, Great and Holy Pascha on April 5th. Confessions 3:30 pm – Vespers: 4:00 pm

2nd Sunday, March 1: Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church - 4815 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Homilist: Fr. Tyler Wisniewski

3rd Sunday, March 8: Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church - 225 Olivia St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Homilist: Fr. Vitalii Stashkevych

4th Sunday, March 15: Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church - 431 George St., Braddock, PA 15104

Homilist: Fr. Frank Firko

5th Sunday, March 22: St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church - 2336 Brownsville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Homilist: Fr. Valerian Michlik

(PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 6PM DIVINE LITURGY ON MARCH 22)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

3/2 Fr. Michael Kunitz

Don't see your birthday or anniversary? Let us know so we can update the directory!

THE OFFICE OF YOUTH & ADULT MINISTRY THROUGH THE ARCHEPARCHY WILL BE HOLDING AN ON-LINE GREAT FAST BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT This is a new program that will be held via Zoom and start at 6:00 pm. These sessions are designed for adults 35 and younger. For more information emails can be sent to youth@archpitt.org

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in learning to lead Matins as a Reader's Service on Sunday before Liturgy, please see Father Michael. Matins is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

ICONS AVAILABLE: There are several blessed icons in the church hall, there is no cost to take these home, though a free will offering for the benefit of the parish is welcome.

MORNING LITURGY COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS: In addition to attending services together, it is important that we spend time in conversation with one another. To make it truly a time of sharing – we ask everyone to sign up to host a Sunday. We look forward to seeing you!

EVENING LITURGY SOCIAL: In addition to attending services together, it is important that we spend time in conversation with one another. Please join us in the hall following the liturgy for fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

“At the beginning, O Lord, you established the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; and they will all grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, and like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” But to which of the angels has he ever said: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent to serve, for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we must attend all the more to what we have heard, so that we may not be carried away. For if the word announced through angels proved firm, and every transgression and disobedience received its just recompense, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? Announced originally through the Lord, it was confirmed for us by those who had heard.

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, “Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth” he said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

SAINT OF THE DAY: The venerable martyr Eudoxia. Having lived a profligate younger life, she was converted and baptized by bishop Theodotus. She was arrested and beheaded for the faith under the emperor Trajan. (2nd century)

ON-LINE GIVING IS HERE! If you wish to make a monetary donation to our parish – you can do so on our website or by using this QR code. Remember every dollar helps support the mission of our parish community. Thank you.



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.

SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

Over the past few weeks so many of you have donated your time, talent, energy, financial support and delicious food! We want to thank everyone that has come to clean and set up the church for today's Penitential Vespers & Meager Meal. And, for those who donated to the basket auction, which we hope will raise a nice sum for the parish.

Theresa Carr
Veronica & Fran Corbett
Mandy & Anthony DiSaia
Mary Dzurichko
Chris George
Janine & David Gritzer
Pani Janine Kuntz
Catherine & Thomas Martz
Eric Stehle
Revilak Family
Ruthie
Lynne & Robert Walicki
Kathy Warhola
Yeo Family

Also, repairs have begun on the Narthex floor. Special thank you to Lynne & Robert Walicki and Catherine & Thomas Martz for their continued hard work on this project.

Great things happen when we all work together! Your dedication to Holy Spirit is greatly appreciated. God grant you all many happy and blessed years!