

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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January 11, 2026
Sunday After Theophany

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 11: Sunday After Theophany

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

IMO Anna Rose Mizerski by Mary Anne Meredith

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Monday, Jan 12: 6:00 pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Jan.16: 10:00 am Funeral Divine Liturgy for John Katsur

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Vespers for St. Anthony the Great, 7:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy

IHO Simeon Kunitz by the Kunitz Family

Saturday, Jan. 17: 5:00 pm Confessions, 5:30 pm Scripture Study 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Three Rivers Theosis will host Evening Light "The Parables & Teaching of Jesus"
led by Fr. Michael at 5:30 in the hall.

Sunday, Jan. 18: 32nd Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of Zacchaeus

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

IMO Ann Petro by Mary Dzuricko

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH DECORATING & PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS The new trees looked beautiful!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GIVING TREE: Please also consider participating in our Giving Tree fundraiser this season. This year we will be focusing on various floors in the property which have become tripping hazards, etc. We hope to use any funds raised to handle necessary repairs and pull from parish savings as little as possible. **To date we have received just over \$1600. In addition, a new sweeper and carpet cleaner have been generously donated. We originally planned to wrap up this campaign today but have decided to keep it open until Sunday January 25th.** More information is in the narthex. Thank you for your consideration!

GENERAL PARISH MEETING DATE CHANGE TO SATURDAY JAN 24, 2026: The bi-annual general parish meeting will begin at **12:00 Noon** on **Saturday January 24**. In the event of snowy weather, the meeting will switch to February 7th at 12:00 Noon. We will discuss the state of the parish over the past year, future projects, fundraisers, etc. Remember this is your parish, and everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

THE THREE RIVERS THEOSIS MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026: As noted in the above schedule, Fr. Michael will lead a brief study of the upcoming Sunday readings. Following vespers, we will go to a local restaurant for food & fellowship. All are welcome!

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

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We are pleased to welcome Mr. Chris George as the newest member of our parish community. We look forward to journeying with you together in the mutual life of faith in Christ through His Church. May God grant you many more happy and spiritually blessed years!

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.

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

1/4 Chris George

1/5 Eugene Yeo

1/13 Michelangelo Revilak

1/17 Simeon Kunitz

1/25 Olga Revilak

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

COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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!

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4: 7-13

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says: "He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men." What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower [regions] of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, or building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-17

When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

SAINT OF THE DAY:

Jan. 11 **Our venerable father Theodosius, founder of the common life**, abbot, a friend of Saint Sabbas, who, after a long solitary life permitted many disciples to assemble as companions to himself. In monasteries that he built, he cultivated the common life, until, having suffered many things for the true faith, the centenarian finally rested in the peace of Christ. (529)

Jan. 16 **The Veneration of the Chains of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle Peter**. The church on the Equiline Hill in Rome (called St. Peter in Chains) preserves the chains with which St. Peter was bound in prison during the persecution of Nero.

Jan. 17 **Our venerable father Anthony the Great**, who, bereaved by his parents' death, accepted the evangelical commands, distributed all his goods to the poor and retired in solitude to the Thebaid in Egypt. He began to lead an ascetic life and diligently worked to strengthen the Church, sustaining confessors of the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. He supported St. Athanasius against the Arians. He had many disciples, and is thus considered the father of monks. (356)

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM 2025/2026 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH:

Vocations are an integral part of the future of the Church. Following God's call to live in lives of service to Him through Ordination, Marriage, or Consecrated Life is something that all of us in the Church have a vested interest in praying for and promoting. From October 2025 through January 2026, Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church will join the rest of the Metropolitan Church in praying for Vocations by participating in the Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Every week, from October 5, 2025 – January 17, 2026. Families are encouraged to sign up to take the Pilgrim Vocation Icon home for a week and to pray the Moleben for Vocations in their home during the week of the Icon's sojourn. Through these prayers, we hope that the next generations of vocations will embrace their God given callings, and that we may be strengthened in the universal call to discipleship and holiness. The Parish sign-up sheet will be in the Vestibule of the church or call the Rectory at: 412-881-8344 and leave a message with your choice of dates. Shut-ins are also encouraged to participate. We will deliver the Icon to you.

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 Saintly 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.