

**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**June 7, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sun Jun 7:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - 7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy  
IHO Cathy Warhola's Birthday by Theresa Carr

3 pm Priestly Ordination Divine Liturgy of Deacon Nicholas Krivacs  
& Deacon Mark Le Roy at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall

NO 6 pm Service

**Mon Jun 8:** 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Akathist Prayers to Our Lady Searcher of the Lost

**Fri Jun 12:** 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy  
IMO 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Harold Witzel Jr's Passing by Theresa Carr

**Sat Jun 13:** 5 pm Confessions, 6 pm Great Vespers

**Sun Jun 14:** 7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy  
IHO Mary Dzurichko's Birthday by Theresa Carr

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.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** 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.

**PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION THANK YOU!!** Special thank you to everyone that helped prepare the church and the hall for last week's anniversary celebration. God grant you all many happy and healthy years.

**NO 6PM SERVICE TODAY:** There will be no 6pm Liturgy as Fr. Michael will be attending the Ordination of Deacon Nicholas Krivacs & Deacon Mark Le Roy. Anyone is welcome to attend the Divine Liturgy at 3 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall. Please pray for our new priests as they begin their vocations.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES (ECF):** Our ECF program has begun meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm in the church hall. For more information, please see Eugene Yeo.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

**May God grant you many happy and blessed years!**

Tom & Katherine Martz 6/1 Anniversary

Zuzana Revilak 6/13

Julia Revilak 6/13

Mary Dzurichko 6/15

Milian Revilak Sr. 6/16

Fr. Michael & Pani Janine 6/28 Anniversary

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

**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!

**SAINT OF THE DAY:** 6/7 **The holy martyr Theodotus**, bishop of Ancyra and wonder-worker, tortured to death. He was a secret Christian who used to bury the bodies of the martyrs. When discovered he was attacked and killed. (303)

6/8 **The translation of the relics of the holy great martyr Theodore the Recruit (“Sykeot”)** in the year 613 during the reign of the emperor Heraclius.

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6/9 **Our holy father Cyril, bishop of Alexandria.** He was elected to the see of Alexandria. In singular zeal for the fullness of the orthodox faith, he asserted dogmas at the Council of Ephesus concerning the one person in Christ and at the same time the divine maternity of the Virgin Mary. (444)

6/11 **The holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.** Barnabas was a good man and "full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." He was counted among the first of the faithful at Jerusalem, preached the Gospel at Antioch and introduced Saul of Tarsus, just converted, to a number of the brothers. He accompanied Paul in his first trip to Asia to evangelize. He was present at the Council of Jerusalem. Having returned to the island of Cyprus, his native land, he spread the Gospel there. Bartholomew the apostle, who is believed by many to be the same as Nathanael, was born in Cana of Galilee and was taken to Christ Jesus by Philip at the Jordan. Afterwards, the Lord called him to follow him and he joined the Twelve. After the Ascension of the Lord it is said that he preached the Gospel in India and there was crowned with martyrdom.

**APOSTLES FAST:** The Apostles Fast begins this Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and lasts until the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles, Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the Minor Fasts of the Church Year, and while it is non-obligatory it is always a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our spiritual lives. If you are interested in incorporating the Apostles Fast into your devotional life this year, please feel free to speak to Fr. Michael or with your Spiritual Father about how you might best approach this penitential season.

**AKATHIST PRAYERS:** During the Apostles Fast we will be praying to Our Lady Searcher of the Lost on Monday nights at 7 pm. Please consider joining us and submitting the names of those (living) who you wish to pray for.

**EPISTLE: Roman 2:10-16:**

But there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, Jew first and then Greek. There is no partiality with God. All who sin outside the law will also perish without reference to it, and all who sin under the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; rather, those who observe the law will be justified. For when the Gentiles who do not have the law by nature observe the prescriptions of the law, they are a law for themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even defend them on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge people's hidden works through Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 18-23:**

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

**A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL:** One of the most common experiences I receive as a priest regards questions around the moral legitimacy of actions or concerns which people have experienced in their everyday lives. "Fr.," they will ask, "is this permissible for me to do?" or "Fr., I was wondering about this thing, is it a sin?" This is not surprising, since it is a normal and just desire for every person to know how to act rightly and how to avoid acting wrongly. Following Jesus Christ and His call requires that we subject ourselves not merely to an intellectual assent of the truth but that we actively live out that truth in every aspect of our lives. The subject of Moral Theology, then, is the discipline by which we assess which actions, thoughts, and dispositions are efficacious in living Christ-like lives, and which actions, thoughts, and dispositions are hinderances to that end.

St. Paul discusses in this Epistle to the Romans the criteria by which Jews and Gentiles will be judged. He tells us that, "There is no partiality with God," meaning that it does not matter

who we are or where we come from, we will all be judged according to how we have kept God's law. We must keep God's law not merely in our actions but also in our hearts and minds as well. He tells us that, "All who sin outside the law will also perish without reference to it, and all who sin under the law will be judged in accordance with it." He does not speak here about the Mosaic law, but instead of the Moral and Divine Law, which we know broadly from nature (what we call "Natural Law") and more precisely from revelation (what we call the "Divine Law"). While one may not be necessarily formally schooled in either of these, they are nevertheless inscribed in the hearts of every human person. It is in cooperation with these laws that the fullness of our human dignity and the completion of our redeemed human nature are made manifest.

We know from nature, for example, that it is (generally) wrong to kill a living thing without cause. Revelation reveals that every human person (specifically) bears the Image and Likeness of God upon them, and thus it is not fitting that they should be killed. The Law of Moses recorded this in the command, "Thou Shall not Murder," and Christ fulfills it when He tells us, "Any man who hates his brother or says to his brother, 'Raka', or calls his brother, 'you fool' shall be liable to judgment."

In general, the synthesis of the Natural Law and the Divine Law are laid out in the Great Commandment which Christ gave us at the Last Supper, to, "Love one another, as I have loved you." Every moral act, regardless of its object, intention, or effect is judged based on this command. We tend to want to think of morality as a list of dos and don'ts or in a narrowly legalistic framework. The reality is, however, that sin and virtue are not precepts bulleted out for examination, but are indicators of the disposition of one's heart towards God and are the measures by which we can see how one is seeking to live as Christ has shown us individually by asking how He is calling us to live collectively.

When we act, either towards others or towards ourselves, we must ask ourselves if we have acted in accordance with God's great love for us. Have we given responsibly without asking for anything in return? Have we protected those we have been charged to protect while also preserving the life and dignity of our enemies, of whom Christ commanded that we should love? Have we lived in indulgence and perversion when, in the face of God's great sacrifices for us, we know we have been commended to live in austerity and purity in self-restraint?

This upcoming season of the Apostles Fast offers for us a unique opportunity to reflect through an increase in our devotional lives of prayer and in a moderate increase in everyday ascetic practice, especially through fasting. While the summertime is usually seen as a period of celebration and relaxation in typical American culture, we can also use this as time to retreat from the temptations of life in the world and to reside in the tranquility of the spiritual life in Christ. As we are putting down our nets and mundane everyday work, let us also embrace the call which Christ gave to Peter and Andrew, to all the 12, and to each and every one of us to follow Him and be caught in His net.