

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Oct. 5: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

7:00 am Matins 7:45 am Rosary, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy w/ Molebon for Vocations

IMO 12th Anniversary of Passing of Magdaline Carr by her Daughter-in-Law Theresa Carr

NO 6pm SERVICE (Annual Clergy Retreat)

Monday, Oct 6: NO SERVICES

Friday, Oct. 10: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday Oct. 11: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 12: Sunday of the Fathers 7th Ecumenical Council

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

IHO Alexandria Bacasa Birthday by Theresa Carr

5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy – Side Altar of the Resurrection

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.

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT/CLERGY DAYS: Beginning Sunday evening of October 5th, the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will be having its annual Clergy Retreat, where priests and deacons from all over the Archeparchy will gather for period of prayer and fraternity. This year, the retreat will be combined with the annual Clergy Days, where the Archeparchy's Clergy meet to discuss important policy and plans for the coming year. These days are obligatory for Clergy. **Fr. Michael will be away from the Evening of October 5th through October 9th. Please pray for our clergy during this time.**

SAVE THE DATE! Our next parish fundraiser will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 8TH!** We are excited to welcome musician and storyteller Dean Poloka for an evening of **"Stories & Songs from the Mountains"**. Dean will entertain us with tales of Carpatho-Rusyn customs and culture.

A sign-up sheet for how you can volunteer is in the narthex. Help is needed to get the hall ready and help with the day of the event. Donations of food and/or beverage items are also appreciated – a list of these items is with the sign-up sheet.

We also need donations of gift baskets or items we can use in baskets for a raffle at the event. We appreciate your help in making this a great event!

DEANERY PASTA DINNER: Sunday, October 19 from 2:30- 5pm at St. Elias Church, Munhall. The priests and deacons of the Pittsburgh Deanery will prepare & serve the dinner, and our own Fr. Michael will be in the kitchen! If you are planning to attend, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex by **Sunday, October 12th.**

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

10/5 Alexandria Bacasa

10/17 Dolores Bacasa

10/25 Mary Anne Meredith

10/28 Emanuel 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: Corinthians 2: 6:16-7:1

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said: "I will live with them and move among them my people. Therefore, come forth from them and be separate," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will receive you.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:31-36

Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.

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