

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Oct. 26: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost and the Holy and Great Martyr Demetrius

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

IMO George Carr by Joseph & Dolores Bacasa

NO 6PM SERVICES DUE TO 3PM 125th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, Oct 27: 6:00pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers

Thursday Oct. 30: Vigil of Blessed Theodore Romzha – Martyr

5:00pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Daily Vespers, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Emanuel Revilak by Holy Spirit Parish

Friday, Oct. 31: NO SERVICES-HAPPY FEAST OF THE HIEROMARTYR THEODORE ROMZHA

(oh, and Halloween, I guess...)

Saturday Nov. 1: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 2: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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

IHO Theresa Carr by Mary Dzurichko

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL AT THE CATHEDRAL OF LEARNING: We are looking for 2 volunteers to work our table this year. Everything for the table is provided. The event is Sunday, November 2 from Noon – 4pm. Please see Fr. Michael if you can help out.

PARISH FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY, NOV. 8TH! We are excited to welcome musician and story teller Dean Poloka for an evening of “Stories & Songs from the Mountains”. Dean will entertain us with tales of Carpatho-Rusyn customs and culture. Tickets are \$20 in Advance, \$15 for Students and are on sale now by using the QR Code or visiting our event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stories-songs-from-the-mountains-tickets-1804990257449> You can also call the rectory at 412-687-1220 to have your ticket reserved at the door if you wish to pay cash or check.



A sign-up sheet for how you can volunteer is in the narthex. Help is needed getting the hall ready and helping 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. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

We also need donations of gift baskets or items we can use in baskets for a raffle at the event. Last day to donate items for the raffle is Sunday, November 2. We appreciate your help in making this a great event!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DEANERY PASTA DINNER! It was wonderful to have Holy Spirit so well represented at last week's dinner.

THE ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7. Sunday, Dec. 7th is the 68th Annual St. Nicholas Banquet, which goes towards benefiting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. The evening begins with a Moleben to St. Nicholas at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Munhall at 3:30 PM, followed by a Socail Hour in the Cathedral Center at 4:00 PM with Dinner being served at 5:00 PM.

Tickets for the Dinner are \$45 for Adults and \$20 for children 12 and under – Please RSVP by signing up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex along with your payment (check made out to *Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church* or cash) to Fr. Michael or Mary D. by November 9 if you plan to attend.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES:

11/1 Theresa Carr

11/13 Gerald Bacasa

11/17 Milan Sr. & Olga Revilak 46th Anniversary

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: Galatians 1:11-19

Now I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when [God], who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

SAINT OF THE DAY: **The holy and great martyr Demetrius:** Born in Salonica of devout parents, he was a much-longed-for only child. Because of this he received an excellent education. Like his father, Demetrius became a soldier in the Roman army. The emperor Maximian appointed him to persecute the Christians in Salonica, but Demetrius confessed his faith and preached Christ. He was cruelly martyred for his witness to the Lord. Since earliest times, he has been regarded as a wonderworker and powerful intercessor. (305)

BLESSED THEODORE G. ROMZHA BEING COMMEMORATED: **The Feast of Blessed Theodore George Romzha** is being observed on Friday, October 31, which is the date of his martyrdom, the day on which he was murdered—in 1947. He was the first of the Four Holy Bishops to be beatified by Saint John Paul II. His beatification took place in L’viv, Ukraine, on June 27, 2001. During the turbulent period of communist persecution of the Ruthenian Catholic faithful and atheistic aggression against the Byzantine Catholic Church, Bishop Romzha heroically shepherded the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Ruthenia (which today is located in the Subcarpathian province of western Ukraine). He was martyred for his fidelity to the Catholic Church and the Byzantine Rite. Let us seek his intercession as we honor his glorious memory.

“O Blessed Theodore of Mukachevo, episcopal martyr of the Ruthenian Church: pray to God for the future welfare of our Byzantine Catholic Church!”

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