

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 31, 2026

Sunday of All Saints

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sun May 31: 11 am Divine Liturgy – Lunch to Follow

IHO 119th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Parish & All Parishioners

Please join us for Lunch in the Hall after Liturgy

Mon Jun 1: 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Daily Vespers

Fri Jun 5: 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

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

Sun Jun 7: 7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy

**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

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: Today we celebrate the 119th Anniversary of our parish, following the Divine Liturgy please join us in the hall.

NEXT SUNDAY: 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 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.

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

Zuzana Revilak 6/13

Julia Revilak 6/13

Mary Dzurichko 6/15

Milian Revilak Sr. 6/16

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: 5/31 **The holy apostle Hermes, bishop of Philippi**, a disciple of St. Paul (Romans 16:14). According to tradition, he composed the instructive book, "The Shepherd of Hermas."

5/31 **The holy martyr Hermeas** at Comana in Pontus, martyr, in the reign of Anoninus Pius. He was a soldier in the imperial army till old age, when he suffered death for his chief emperor, Christ Jesus. (c. 160)

6/4 **The holy martyr Dorotheus, bishop of Tyre in Phoenicia.** When still a priest, he suffered many things under the emperor Diocletian, and survived until the times of Julian the Apostate. Under him, at the age of 107, it is related that the venerable man adorned with honor his old age by his martyrdom in Thrace. (362)

6/5 **The holy martyr Cosmas**, an Armenian priest.

APOSTLES FAST: The Apostles Fast begins this Monday on June 8th and lasts until the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles, Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29th. 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.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:32 – 12-2a:

What more shall I say? I have not time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises; they closed the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; out of weakness they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices in the earth. Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised. God had foreseen something better for us, so that without us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30:

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Then Peter said to him in reply, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL: We have, hopefully, heard that we are all called to be saints. Christ has come into the world not only to save us from sin, not only to heal our souls and bodies, but also to make us holy, transforming us to become more like Him, to become more like God. No matter what our state of life is, it is the duty of every Christian to live a Christ-like life and to exist as shining examples of how we all ought to be rooted in the way of the living God.

The Church is the primary instrument by which people are brought to Christ and thus to live lives of holiness. While we often think of the works of Sainly ministers, monks, and martyrs as the most important iterations of the endeavor to make others more holy and drawn to Christ, but it cannot be understated just how essential the less glamourized aspects of family life and parish life are in that pursuit. Most of us were born to believing parents who raised us in homes and in communities oriented towards Christ and His Church. The unity forged in that central family structure and then lived out communally in the parish is what forms for most the essential foundations by which they will be able to go out and live the faith in the world. This is done through daily prayers at home, the holy witness of our parents, extended family, parish education opportunities, parish events, and, most importantly, through participation in the Divine Mysteries across the Liturgical year. When our home life and parish life breathe Christ more frequently than they breath the air of the world, it is there where the foundations of lives of holiness begin most readily.

It is worth wondering just how many saints have arisen from the ranks of our parish community over the years. Who and how many because of the faithful witness of these essential ecclesial institutions have grown in their encounters with Christ and have come to know and love Him deeply, earnestly, and profoundly? Who have we met in these pews in the past and will we meet in the future that, by our communal participation, will join in the ranks of the Saints who we commemorate this Sunday? Conversely, who can we think of that has been scandalized by a lack of witness, by a defect of action, by a failure of pure intention, have been morally appalled, spiritually malnourished, or so broken in their devotional lives, that they have sought relief in places wholly deficient to truly provide it?

We must ask these questions to balance faith, hope, and joy against the reality of sin, ignorance, and pain, but all of them upon the scales of Christ-like love. We must ask these questions so that we can remember what has worked as well as what has hurt, what to aim for and what to avoid, what to live and what to reject. In so doing we will be able to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual understanding. We will be able to grow the strengths of our community while starving the weaknesses. We will be able to become more the saints we are called to be, acquiring within ourselves the real spirit of peace so that, as St. Seraphim of Sarov so famously said, "thousands around us may be saved."