

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Nov. 17: Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IHO the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Milan & Olga Revilak

Monday, Nov 18: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Emmanuel Molebon

Wednesday, Nov. 20: ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE (Nov. 21)

5-5:45pm Confessions, 6-6:45pm Great Vespers, 7pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Deborah Petro-Kreahling's Birthday by Anne Petro

Friday, Nov. 22: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Emmanuel Revilak by the Revilak Family

Saturday, Nov. 23: 5-5:45pm Confessions, 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 24: Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:25am Rosary, 10:45am 3rd Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

IMO Barbara Morellato-Allen by Anne Petro

All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out request form in back of church and give to Fr. Michael.

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 are celebrated the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

EMMANUEL MOLEBON: During the season of Philipovka, the Daily Vespers Service on Monday will be replaced with the seasonal Emmanuel Molebon. This special prayer service helps us to prepare for the upcoming feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. All are encouraged to participate.

ICONS AVAILABLE: There are several blessed icons in the church hall, there is no charge to take these home, though a free will offering for the benefit of the parish is welcome.

GCU ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET Reservations are due by tomorrow Monday, Nov. 18! The 67th annual St. Nicholas celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril & Methodius will be **Sunday, Dec. 8th**. A 3pm Moleben to St. Nicholas followed by a Social Hour at 4pm and dinner served at 5pm. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Tickets are \$45 for Adults and children 12 and under are \$20. . Tickets for the GCU Holiday Cash Raffle are currently available. Please see Fr. Michael if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets. Ticket stubs must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 3 to be eligible for the raffle prize.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: will be **Sunday, Nov 24** following the Divine Liturgy in the lounge area in the hall.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday Dec. 1 we will hold a Thank You dinner for our volunteers and parishioners. Please RSVP on the Sign Up Sheet in the back of the Church. We hope to see you there!

THREE RIVERS THEOSIS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY GUEST LECTURER: Saturday, Nov. 30 following the 6pm Great Vespers, Fr. Peter Gruber from the Pittsburgh Oratory Catholic Newman Center will be giving a presentation on **St. JohnHenry Newman and the Monophysite Controversy. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Please see Father Michael with any questions.**

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:9-19

For light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts,

~~~~In this portion of his letter which was penned to the Christians at Ephesus, the Holy Apostle Paul tells them to let their lives reflect their beliefs. They have been instructed in the truths of their faith, and now through their actions, they must demonstrate to others the significance of a Christian's Way of Life. Those who have accepted the mandates, the doctrines, and the principles that were taught by Jesus must live as children of "light," and light produces in people everything that is certainly wholesome, good, and true. Evil is as utterly different from good as light is from darkness. Therefore, Jesus' committed followers must act appropriately as children of the "light". Our lives must be a testimonial to the things that are pleasing to our Heavenly Father, for we are to steer clear of the activities of "darkness". Trusting in the Lord's assistance, we must strive to live the Christian way of life despite all the difficulties of these present times.

**GOSPEL: Luke 12: 16-21**

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

**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