

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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October 12, 2025
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Oct. 12: **Sunday of the Fathers of the 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 with Panachida– Side Alter of the Resurrection

IMO George Carr by Mary Anne Merideth

Monday, Oct 13: 6:00pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Oct. 17: 6:00 pm Confession, 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Dolores Bacasa Birthday by Holy Spirit Parish

Saturday Oct. 18: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 19: **Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

IMO George Carr by wife Theresa Carr

NO 6PM SERVICES DUE TO DEANERY DINNER

Divine Liturgies are open for intentions for this new year. If you would like to make an intention for a Liturgy,

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 by 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.

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 9:6-11

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God,

GOSPEL: Luke 7: 11-16

Soon afterward he journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

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