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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, October 23: 10:20am Rosary, 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

for the deceased George Carr by Theresa Carr

4pm Confession, 5pm Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 24: 11am Confessions via Campus Ministry, 12pm Sixth Hour

4:30pm Confessions, 5:30pm Daily Vespers

Friday, October 28: 5pm Confession, 6pm Divine Liturgy

for Emmanuel Revilak on his birthday by the Revilak Family

Saturday, October 29: 4:30 Confession, 5:30 Great Vespers

Sunday, October 30: 10:20am Rosary, 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

for Theresa Carr on her birthday by Joe and Dee Bacasa

4pm Confession, 5pm Divine Liturgy

Confessions are available before Divine Liturgy. All divine liturgies are open for intentions. Call the office or fill out the request form in the back of church and leave it in the sacristy.

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY: The gospel lesson for this Twenty-Second Sunday after Holy Pentecost relates The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, and our theme accentuates the necessity of following the EXAMPLE OF CHRIST in our daily lives. Jesus Himself called us to follow Him and to imitate His actions. This is attained by cultivating an ardent and dynamic faith in God and by being prepared to endure, suffer, and persevere through anything in the cause of our Christian beliefs.

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Troparion: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; for the Lord has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has trampled death, he has become the firstborn of the dead; he has delivered us from the depths of Hades and has granted great mercy to the world.

Kontakion: Today, you arose from the grave, O merciful Lord; you led us out of the gates of Death. Today, Adam exults and Eve rejoices. With them, the prophets and patriarchs ever praise the might of your divine power.

YOUTH ECF MEETS THIS WEEK ~ Tuesday, 10/25, 5:30pm, Holy Spirit Hall..... We will have our next youth Eastern Christian Formation class this week. All youth in grades Kindergarten through 12 are welcome. Please don't miss this valuable opportunity to grow in the understanding of our faith.

ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR CONCERT AND BASKET RAFFLE: The archeparchial choir will hold its annual Christmas concert at Holy Spirit on Sunday, December 11. We will also be hosting a basket raffle. Any donations for the baskets including gift cards, cheer basket goodies, lottery tickets, or monetary donations to purchase basket items are appreciated. Please bring donations to the church no later than November 27 (Thanksgiving weekend). Please direct any questions to Mary Dzurichko, Theresa Carr, Lynne Walicki, or Cathy Warhola. Thank you for your support!

EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren: I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism. You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors.

But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

~~~~~In beginning his letter to the Christians of the church at Galatia, the Holy Apostle Paul presents his credentials in order to verify that he is a true messenger of the Good News concerning the redemption achieved by the Lord Jesus. In making this point, Paul thus seeks to establish the authenticity of his apostleship. He tells the Galatians that the gospel message which he is preaching came to him as a direct revelation from Jesus Himself. Paul's teachings about the Good News of salvation therefore bear the mark of DIVINE AUTHORITY, for his apostolic ministry is firmly founded upon this authority which comes directly from Christ. The central message of Paul's preaching ministry is that Jesus is the Son of God, Who became Man for our salvation. He died for our sins upon the wood of the cross and then resurrected in glory, thereby giving us access to everlasting life. To this very day, the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ continues to expound this gospel message, instructing the People of God about their eternal salvation. The Church perpetuates this ministry by virtue of that same divine authority that comes specifically from Almighty God Himself.

## **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.’”

~~~~~We are given a parable by the Holy Evangelist Luke in which our Lord presents a graphic contrast between the lives of a certain rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. Jesus illustrates the fearful consequences of social injustice by comparing and contrasting their lives first here on earth where there is inequity and then in eternity where perfect justice prevails. We see in Lazarus the EXAMPLE OF CHRIST, for just as the Lord was the obedient, suffering Servant of God, so too Lazarus righteously persevered through hardships with an attitude of faith. Just as Paul reiterated to the Galatians in our epistle lesson, telling them to endure all in imitation of Christ, so we thus see typified in the poor Lazarus the reward that the righteous will receive no matter what terrible circumstances they may have encountered in this earthly life. The rich man, who is called Dives, was detached from God in this life and was separated eternally from Him in the next life. While here on earth, however, Lazarus was united to Christ by faith and through example. And because of this, he ultimately was taken-up to be with God the Father in heaven for all eternity.

PROGRAM FOR “RESPECT LIFE!” ACCENTUATED THROUGHOUT OCTOBER..... All life is sacred from conception until natural death. Today we center our attention upon the last phase of human life. One out of every ten persons in the United States is now an “older American.” THE AGED shortly will become the major portion of the overall population. Agedness doesn’t mean a person should be set aside and forgotten. Their potentials must be utilized; their experiences need to be shared. Seniors have to be given a feeling of their own self-worth. Christian people must decry the evils of euthanasia and suicide. DEATH and DYING have to be perceived within the context of Jesus’ teachings. The Christian understanding of death can be seen as a “faith-view.” By His death, Jesus conquered and transformed death. Death is not an end but a breakthrough to the fullness of Life and union with God. Life in Jesus is our comfort and brings us to an awareness of hope. As we terminate this month of October with an emphasis on all aspects of human life, we must ever reiterate that LIFE is God’s most precious gift entrusted to humanity. Always proclaim the sanctity of life, and in all circumstances, from the womb until the tomb, ever demonstrate the true dignity of the human person!

Please pray for the causes of our four Sainly 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 Ave., 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

AROUND THE EPARCHY

PITTSBURGH DEANERY PASTA DINNER - Oct. 23, 2pm, St. Elias, Munhall PA

St. Nicholas Raffle Tickets Available: Donations and sales benefit Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary

Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration Sunday October 30 Noon to 5:00 pm St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church 185 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401. There will be ethnic foods. (holubki, halushki, pirohi, pagach, kolbasi & kraut), baked goods, entertainment which includes the Rusyn Folk musical group "Rusynsky Betjare" throughout the afternoon. There will also be a speaker and /or video presentation on Rusyn culture/customs, church tour displays, craft sales, raffles, parish cookbooks, extensive bake sale, folk art demonstrations, and children's activities.

Everyone is welcome. Admission free.

Moleben for the Four Sainly Bishops: October 30, 3pm, Holy Ghost McKee’s Rocks

LIGHT FROM THE EAST ~ Becoming Prayer ~ The Jesus Prayer: Sat. Nov. 5th, 7-8:30pm, Holy Spirit Parish. Fr. David Abernethy from the Byzantine Catholic Campus Ministry will host. Please email byzcatholicpgh@gmail.com with any questions.