

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 8, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, Dec. 8: Twenty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost – The Maternity of the Holy Anna

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

IMO 40th Anniversary of Passing of Margaret Corlazzoli by her daughter, Theresa Carr

Monday, Dec. 9: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Emmanuel Moleben

Wednesday, Dec 11: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

6pm Great Vespers, 7pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Angelino Revilak by his family

Friday, Dec. 13: 6-6:45pm Confessions, 7pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Ryan Birthday from Anonymous

Saturday, Dec. 14: 6pm Readers Great Vespers

Sunday, Dec. 15: Sunday of the Forefathers

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

IMO Michael Dubnansky by his brother & sister Mark Dubnansky & Sandy Anderson

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 MOLEBEN: During the season of Philipovka, the Daily Vespers Service on Monday's will be replaced with this special prayer service to help us prepare for the upcoming feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. All are encouraged to participate.

HOLY MYSTERY OF PENANCE: CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: As we ready ourselves for the forthcoming Christmas holidays, let us now approach the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation and fulfill our solemn duty to make a complete and worthy confession. Then, with renewed faith and spiritual vitality, we will be able to receive with exhilarating anticipation the Infant Jesus of Bethlehem in the Divine Eucharist during this sacred nativity season. Fr. Michael offers the Sacrament of Penance 1 hour before most services.

DECORATING OF CHURCH: We are currently preparing the church for the festive Christmas season. Please see Cathy Warhola on how you can help with this project.

COLLECTIONS FOR TERESA'S TABLE: This year we are supporting Teresa's Table, a ministry that provides meals and soup for those in need. To make a donation, see Mary D.

GCU ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET TODAY: The 67th annual St. Nicholas celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril & Methodius 3pm Moleben for St. Nicholas followed by a Social Hour at 4pm and dinner served at 5pm.

ST. PIUS X SUPER BINGO: Saturday, Dec. 14th from Noon to 4pm. Tix \$30 – Details at <https://stpiusbyz.org>

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.

PARISH MEETING, SUNDAY, JAN 12 – SAVE THE DATE: Please plan to attend this meeting, which will provide updates on the state of the parish, as well as discuss plans for the coming year.

JUBILEE ITALY PILGRIMAGE 2025 w/ARCHBISHOP SKURLA: An 11 day pilgrimage through Italy (May 5-15, 2025) is being planned through the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh. The cost is \$4,829 per person and reservations/payment are due by Dec. 26, 2024. For full details visit

<https://stmarybccnyc.org/files/brochure/italy-Jubilee-2025-Metropolitan-Church-of-Pittsburgh.pdf>

ONLINE GIVING: If you wish to make a monetary donation for the operations of the parish online, you may do so either at our website or by using the QR code. Every little bit helps with the continued mission of our parish community.



EPISTLE: Colossians 3: 12-16

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:12-19

As he was entering a village, ten lepers met [him]. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going, they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA, MOTHER OF OUR BLESSED LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

According to tradition, Joachim and Anna were childless for fifty years of their married life. In their old age, they were promised that a daughter would be born to them. After nine months, St. Anna bore a daughter, blessed by God and by all subsequent generations of humanity: the most holy Theotokos, the ever-virgin Mary.

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