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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, October 2 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

for the deceased Magdaline Carr by Theresa Carr

4pm Confession, 5pm Divine Liturgy

Note: Father Michael will be at the annual Clergy Retreat after Liturgy 10/2 through 10/6.

Friday, October 7: 5pm Confession, 6pm Divine Liturgy

for Alexandria Bacasa and her birthday by Theresa Carr

Saturday, October 8: 5:30 Great Vespers

Sunday, October 9: 10:45am Third Hour, 11am Divine Liturgy

for the deceased Lorenzo Fello by Priscilla Fello

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.

Pope Francis' Advice for a Happier Life: Using an example from his time as a high school literature teacher, Pope Francis encouraged us to “proceed calmly” in life and cultivate a healthy sense of leisure. He said “consumerism has brought us anxiety,” and told parents to set aside a time to play with their children and turn off the TV when they eat.

AROUND THE EPARCHY

CAMPUS MINISTRY- The Archdiocese is starting a new campus ministry. If you know any college students in the Pittsburgh area, please give their names to Fr. Michael.

FALL CRAFT SHOW - St. John Cathedral, 210 Greentree Rd. Munhall, Saturday, October 22, 2022, 10am - 3 pm. Crafters & Vendors, Showcase Auction, Raffles, Ethnic Foods.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer, 510 W. Main St., Uniontown PA. To register for programs or for more information, call (724) 438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net

10-11:30am, Oct 15

Saturday Morning Reflection (In Person): “Mary and Eve: Two Women in God’s Plan for Salvation”. Hosted by Helenanne Hochendoner, MAT. **Registration due Oct. 8.**

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW: Saturday, October 8 - 9 am - 2 pm - Brentwood Presbyterian Church, 3725 Brownsville Rd. Brentwood

EPISTLE: II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Section 182)

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said: "I will live with them and move among them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Therefore, come forth from them and be separate," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will receive you and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

~~~~~In this section of his second letter to the Corinthians, the Holy Apostle Paul warns them about too much involvement with the pagan world. The FAITH that they have in the Lord Jesus sets them apart from the pagans and distinguishes Christians as a "chosen people" in God's sight. Paul asks them what fellowship can light have with darkness? He reiterates that they are "living Temples (habitats) of the loving God," and as such they must fulfill their consecration to God by demonstrating their strong faith in Him. As Christian people, we likewise have been "set apart" by God as His select people of the New Covenant. Through the actions and deeds of our daily lives, we constantly must show ourselves to be genuine followers of Jesus. Thus, we cannot be deeply involved with the profane practices of the pagan world around us. Rather, we are to demonstrate the fact that our faith in Christ Jesus has indeed set us apart as a holy people dedicated to God and to the establishment of His Kingdom here on earth, which is the Church.

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:31-36 (Section 26)**

Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.

~~~~~The Lord Jesus speaks to us through the words penned by the Holy Evangelist Luke as he instructs us about a love without recompense. Jesus first reiterated the "Golden Rule": "Treat people exactly as you would like them to treat you." However, Jesus' teaching superseded this maxim and emphasized the virtues of forgiveness and love of enemies. The Lord thus speaks to us about that marvelous UNSELFISH LOVE that cares, that is concerned, and that extends itself to others. It is a reflection of the Divine and seeks absolutely nothing in return. What merit can there be in loving only those who will shower love back upon us? Love is spotlessly unselfish when we know that there is no real chance that we ever will get anything in return. God the Father gives us the example of perfect love by demonstrating His mercy for us as He forgives us on so many occasions, even when undeserved. Jesus gave us the encouragement to effect this difficult precept when He stated: "With God all things are possible," even this type of unrecompensed love!

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