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November 9, 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Nov 9: **Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**

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

IHO Theresa Carr's Birthday by Gerald Bacasa

5:00 pm Confessions, 6 pm Divine Liturgy

Monday, Nov. 10: 6:00pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Daily Vespers

Friday, Nov. 14: **Holy Apostle Philip**

6:00 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

IHO Gerald Bacasa's birthday

Saturday Nov. 15: 5pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov 16: **Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost & The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew**

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

IHO Theresa Carr's Birthday by Joseph & Dolores Bacasa Carr

5:00 pm Confessions, 6 pm Divine Liturgy

IHO 46th Wedding Anniversary of Milan & Olga Revilak

Divine Liturgies are open for intentions for this new year. If you would like to make an intention for a Liturgy, please call the office or fill out request form in the back of the church and give it to Fr. Michael.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE! Yesterday's "Stories & Songs from the Mountains" fundraiser was a great success as a friendraiser and a fundraiser. Big thank you to everyone who helped prepare and donate food, contribute to the basket auction, promote the event, prepare the hall and volunteer last night. Your dedication to the parish is greatly appreciated.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE 68th ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7. This event benefits our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. The evening begins with a 3:30 pm Moleben to St. Nicholas at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Munhall, followed by a 4pm Social Hour with Dinner starting 5:00 pm at the Cathedral Center. Tickets are \$45 for Adults & \$20 for Children 12 & under. Please RSVP by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex along with your payment (Checks payable to Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church or cash) to Fr. Michael or Mary D.

GCU RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!! In conjunction with the dinner, we are selling tickets that benefit our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Tickets are \$10 a piece with 2 cash prizes of \$250 and a grand prize of \$1,500. Please see Mary D. to purchase your ticket! Tickets will be sold through November 30th or until we sell out.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in learning to lead Matins as a Reader's Service on Sunday before Liturgy, please see Father Michael. This is prayed before the Rosary at the morning Liturgy.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

11/1 Theresa Carr

11/13 Gerald Bacasa

11/17 Milan Sr. & Olga Revilak 46th Wedding Anniversary

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: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who are trying to compel you to have yourselves circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those having themselves circumcised observe the law themselves; they only want you to be circumcised so that they may boast of your flesh. But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56

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." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: On Saturday we celebrated the feast of Archangel Michael and all Angels. The devoted servants of the Lord and guides of humanity are remembered in many prayers and hymns. We pray for God to send a guardian angel to each soul at Baptism, and even to safeguard objects, such as during the blessing of vehicles on the feast of St. Elijah.

St. Michael, in particular, is believed to be the one who led the battle against Satan in the book of Revelation, the angel who guarded the gates of Eden after the fall, and by some traditions, the guardian angel of Christ Himself. We honor the saint for his great humility. His name means "Who is like God?," a challenge to pride.

On the tetrapod this weekend is a relic of St. Michael! There are three kinds of relics. First class relics are a piece of the saint's body, such as bone. Second class relics are items used directly by the saint, often clothing. Third class relics are devotional items that have been blessed with one of the previous two. Because the angels are spiritual beings, we can only have second and third class relics. The second class relic on the tetrapod is a piece of stone from the Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo on Mt. Gargano in Italy. Legend has it this cave was consecrated by Michael himself as a site of prayer and intercession, and he visited the area multiple times.

St. Michael the Archangel and all angels, pray for us!

On Nov. 12 we celebrate The holy martyr Josaphat, bishop of Polotsk. Josaphat Kuncewicz, bishop of the Greek Catholic Church and martyr, spurred his flock to Catholic unity by his constant effort and nurtured the Byzantine-Slavic Church by his pious love. At Vitebsk in Belarus (then under the control of Poland), he was cruelly seized by an angry mob and died for the unity of the Church and in defense of the Catholic truth. (1623) (from MCI)

Hieromartyr Josaphat, pray for us!

On Nov. 13 we celebrate Our holy father John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople. Born in Antioch, he was ordained to the priesthood and found worthy of the title Chrysostom because of his golden eloquence. Chosen for the see of Constantinople, he showed himself to be the best pastor and teacher of the faith. He was forced into exile by his enemies. When he was recalled from his exile by a decree of Pope Saint Innocent I, having suffered many evils from the accompanying soldiers, he returned his soul to God on the fourteenth day of September at Comana in Pontus. (407) (from MCI)

Holy Father John Chrysostom, pray for us!

On Nov. 14 we celebrate The holy and illustrious apostle Philip, and Our holy father Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica.

Philip, who like Peter and Andrew was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and had become a disciple of John the Baptist, was called by the Lord to follow him. He preached in Phrygia with John the Theologian, and Bartholomew. Philip was crucified there upside down on a tree.

When Gregory completed his secular studies, he withdrew to the Holy Mountain and became a monk of (successively) Vatopedi and the Great Lavra. He was made Metropolitan of Salonica in 1347, and governed that church for twelve years. He is famous as both an ascetic and a theologian. (1359) (from MCI)

Holy Apostle Philip and our Holy Father Gregory, pray for us!

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