

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 28, 2026

5th Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sun Jun 28: 5th Sunday After Pentecost

7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy

Birthday Blessings for Julianna Haag by her sister, Mary Dzurichko

6 pm Divine Liturgy

Mon Jun 29: Feast of the Preeminent Apostles, Ss. Peter & Paul

6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

Birthday Blessings for Lukas Haag by his Great Aunt, Mary Dzurichko

Fri July 3: 6 pm Confessions, 7 pm Divine Liturgy

IMO Joseph Warhola on the Anniversary of his repose by his daughter Catherine Warhola

Sat July 4: NO SERVICES

Sun July 5: 6th Sunday After Pentecost

7:45 am Rosary, 8 am Divine Liturgy

6 pm Divine Liturgy with Panachida

IMO Sam Meredith Sr. by Mary Ann Merideth

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.

ON-LINE GIVING: 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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS/LITURGY ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE 14: \$ 1210.00

8:00 AM: 15

6:00 PM: 16

Total: 31

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Will be **Sunday, September 20, 2026**, at St. Elias in Munhall. If you are celebrating your 10, 15, 20, 25 or additional years multiplied by 5 and would like to attend, please let Fr. Michael know by **Sunday, July 12**.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Tom & Katherine Martz 6/1 Anniversary

Giacomo Revilak 6/12

Zuzana Revilak 6/13

Julia Revilak 6/13

Mary Dzurichko 6/15

Milian Revilak Sr. 6/16

Fr. Michael & Pani Janine 6/28 Anniversary

Don't see your birthday or anniversary? Let us know so we can update the directory!

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

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.

MORNING LITURGY COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS: 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!

EVENING LITURGY SOCIAL: At last week's liturgy there was enough interest that we are planning to have a social hour in the hall on the last Sunday of the month. The first one will be July 26, 2026. We look forward to seeing you!

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC WORLD: Interested in receiving the Archeparchy's monthly newspaper? Speak with Mary Dzurichko about getting signed up with Archeparchial events.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES (ECF): Our ECF program has begun meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm in the church hall. For more information, please see Eugene Yeo.

SAINT OF THE DAY: 6/28 **The translation of the relics of the holy unmercenary physicians Cyrus and John** (cf January 31). On this date in 412, their relics were translated from Canopus to Menuthis in Egypt by the patriarch, St. Cyril of Alexandria.

The translation of the relics of the holy hieromartyr Theodore Romzha. Born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911, he came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army's occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. (1947) His primary feast is kept on November 1, the day of his death. On June 28 2003, Blessed Theodore's relics were solemnly transferred to the Cathedral Church of the Holy Cross in Uzhorod, Ukraine. This was chosen by the Church as to be Blessed Theodore's secondary feast.

6/29 **THE PREEMINENT APOSTLES SS PETER & PAUL** Simon, son of Jonah and brother of Andrew, was first among the disciples to confess that Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God. It was by Jesus that he was called Peter. Paul, Apostle of the gentiles, preached Christ crucified to the Jews and the Greeks. Both announced the Gospel of Jesus Christ in faith and love in the city of Rome and died martyrs under the emperor Nero. The first, as the tradition goes, was nailed to a cross with his head downward and was buried in the Vatican next to the Triumphal Way. The other received his punishment from the sword and was interred at the Ostian Way. Their triumph, equal in honor and veneration, is celebrated by the whole world on this day.

6/30 **The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.** Although each of the Twelve Apostles has his own feast day during the year, the Church has set aside this day for a general feast of all of them together.

6/30 **Our holy father Basil Velychkovskyj, bishop.** Born in Galicia in 1903, he entered the Redemptorist monastery in 1925. In 1942, he became hegumen of the monastery in Ternopil, where he was arrested and sent to prison in L'viv. He was ordained an archbishop in 1963. He was arrested again in 1969 and then deported to Rome. He died in Winnipeg, Canada. (1973)

7/1 **The holy unmercenary healers and wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian,** who, it is said, practiced medicine asking for no money in Cyrrhus in Euphratesia where they healed many. (284)

7/2 **The deposition of the Robes of the Theotokos at Blachernae** in the reign of the Emperor Leo and his consort Irene (457-474).

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SECOND SONGS & STORIES FROM THE

MOUNTAINS: Saturday November 7th this year. If you're interested in volunteering to help out either in preparation for the event or during it, please speak with Fr. Michael. Please keep an eye open for more updates.

EPISTLE: Romans 10: 1-10

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own [righteousness], they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from [the] law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

When he came to the other side, to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district. He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town.

A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL: It is easy enough to understand our human nature in terms of ours being a body and spirit composite. We know that our human nature is endowed with a physically seen nature which we must maintain through cultivating healthy living habits for the good of our bodies and a mystical unseen nature which we must maintain through cultivating healthy spiritual habits for the good of our souls. What we can often overlook though is that just as we are not the only physically oriented things in creation, nor are we also the only things which are spiritually oriented.

While there are many out there, even those who call themselves 'Christians' that will scoff at the idea of Angels and Demons, the reality is that these spiritual powers have played pivotal roles throughout salvation history, even to this very day. One of the most distinguishing

components of Jesus' ministry, for example, is the fact that He makes a name for Himself not only by healing they physically sick and infirmed, but by also healing those who are spiritually oppressed in demonic possession.

The Christian cosmological understanding of creation is that the universe consists of material and immaterial components. There are aspects therein which are physical and aspects which are spiritual. Some things are entirely physical/material in their nature, such as rocks, water, and the air. Conversely, there are other things which are entirely spiritual/immaterial in their nature such as souls (the animating principle of a body) and spiritual beings such as Angels and Demons. Where humans are enfleshed intelligences, the Angels and Demons are, by contrast, incorporeal intelligences; minds which have no proper material bodies.

We often think of the Fall of Man as the initiating incident which plunged creation into disorder, but the first cause of rebellion begins not on the part of the material but rather on the part of the spiritual. The Fall in heaven by Lucifer and his Angels was the first disruption of creation by a distorted act of the will which began the series of events which has led to the present state of our fallen world. Afterall, the serpent who tempted our first parents has long been attributed to be the deceiver himself, presumably after his great fall.

This is important for us to understand because though Christ comes healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, allowing the lame to walk, feeding the hungry, and raising the dead back to life, He comes also to heal our distorted spiritual state. Our Lord's many episodes of casting out Demons show us that the problems with which creation must contend are not merely skin deep but persevere into the very realm of the unseen. Healing the body does not necessarily heal the soul, nor the soul the body. Both must be tended to if both are to be redeemed.

We spend much of our lives tending to the needs of our bodies, ensuring that we are fed, that we have shelter, that we are physically safe, but there are many that neglect ensuring that their souls are as well cared for. If we keep ourselves physically safe, we should also keep our souls safe by avoiding the traps which the Demons set, turning to God, our Blessed Mother, our Guardian Angels, and our Patron saints. If we ensure that we have a place to live, we should also ensure that we have a spiritual home and bring ourselves regularly to the shelter of the Church. If we keep our bodies fed, we must also ensure that our souls are fed by the Word of God which we receive in the Holy Eucharist.

The Demons fled before Christ, preferring to drown in the bodies of swine than to face His Divine authority. Having no bodies of their own, they took flight into an unclean animal, affirming the depredated state of their fallen nature. As His followers, we can take comfort in knowing that though there are powers like this seeking our ruin, we serve and are in the presence of the greatest power before which even Lucifer trembles.