

HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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November 23, 2025
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Nov 23: **Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

IMO Magdaline Carr by Joseph & Dolores Bacasa

5:00 pm Confessions, 6 pm Divine Liturgy

IMO Anna Zredick w/Panachida by Mary Anne Meredith

Monday, Nov. 24: 6:00pm Confessions, 7:00 pm Emmanuel Moleben

FR. MICHAEL WILL BE AWAY THE 25TH – 28TH - NO SERVICES
HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Saturday Nov. 29: 5:00 pm Confessions, 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov 30: **Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of St. Andrew the Apostle**

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

IMO Pilgrim George Florian Walter w/Panacida by Mary Anne Meredith

5:00 pm Confessions, 6 pm Divine Liturgy

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.

PHILIP'S FAST: We are now in the Winter Lent, the St. Philip's Fast. Each Sunday, we will light candles on our Philipovka Wreath, counting down the weeks until the coming of Christ in the Feast of His Nativity. If you are able to engage in the fast, which is optional, you are encouraged to speak with Fr. Michael about how you might do so.

WINTER CHARITY-THE RED DOOR: Every year, our parish community collects donations for the benefit of a charity in the greater Pittsburgh area during the season of Philipovka as part of our devotional preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas). This year, the parish will collect donations for the Red Door Ministry run out of Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Church. This ministry provides meals, clothes, blankets and other material aid for the homeless in the city of Pittsburgh. Please speak with Mary Dzurichko if you are interested in donating during this penitential season.

GIVING TREE: Please also consider participating in our Giving Tree fundraiser this season. This year we will be focusing on various floors in the property which have become tripping hazards, etc. We hope to use any funds raised to handle necessary repairs and pull from parish savings as little as possible. More information is in the narthex. Thank you for your consideration!

CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY: Please look at your mailboxes for the November parish mailer. It has important details for the upcoming Christmas season, including feast days and the schedule for Christmas and Theophany. We hope to celebrate these wonderful days together as a parish family.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY AT ST. PIUS X: On **Saturday, Dec. 6** St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church in Carrick will celebrate the feast with the Divine Liturgy at 12:00 PM followed by a luncheon in the church hall. Everyone from Holy Spirit is welcome to join for pray and fellowship. Please tell Fr. Michael or Gerry O'Connor if you are planning on attending.

In addition, Holy Spirit will be celebrating the **Vigil for the Feast of St. Nicholas, which will be held on Friday, Dec 5 with Confessions at 5:00 pm, Great Vespers with Lijtia at 6:00 pm at the Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit.** Please plan to attend on of these opportunities to honor our Holy Father Nicholas.

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 is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

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: Ephesians 2: 14-22

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.[†]

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 16-21

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus, will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

SAINT OF THE DAY: Our holy fathers **Amphilocius, bishop of Iconium, in Lycaonia**, who, a companion of Saints Basil and Gregory of Nazianzus in the desert and a colleague in the episcopate, famous for his holiness and teaching, underwent many trials for the Catholic faith (395) and **Gregory, bishop of Agrigento**, a great wonderworker and bishop who took part in the Fifth Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 553. (7th century)

THANKSGIVING DAY: Celebrations of Thanksgiving have been given by local communities in North America as far back as 1619. The day was first celebrated as a national day of thanksgiving on November 26, 1789 by the first President of the United States, George Washington. It was formally codified as a national holiday by the 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, in 1863 and firmly established to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November in 1939 by the 32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. For Apostolic Christian Communities, every offering of the Divine Liturgy is a commemoration of thanksgiving. This is not in the sense of thankfulness for the land we live in or the nation to which we are legally ascribed while on this side of creation, but a thanksgiving for the eternal sacrifice which Christ has made for us on the Cross, thanksgiving for the gift of His Body and Blood, and thanksgiving for being brought into communion and fellowship with God. The very word for Eucharist in even modern Greek is εὐχαριστώ, which means “I thank you”. As we are gathered around our tables with family and friends for this civil holiday, giving thanks for the stability and prosperity of the earthly nation which we find ourselves, let us also remember our first allegiance to the Kingdom of God, and our citizenship in that true Christian Nation of the Church established by Christ. Let us never forget the sacrifice of Christ and His Saints, and the good things which God has given us, continues to give us, and which are deigned to come in their proper time. Glory to Jesus Christ!

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