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## December 1, 2024 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Holy Pentecost

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **Sunday, Dec 1 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Pentecost**

8 am Confessions

8:15 am: Rosary

8:45 am First Hour Prayer

9 am **Divine Liturgy**

(for deceased +Denny "Reggie" Reese with Panachida by Justin Hanula)

#### **Tuesday, Dec 3**

12:00 pm, Noon: 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Prayers.

#### **Wednesday, Dec 4**

11:00 Confession

12:00 Noon **Divine Liturgy** (for deceased +Mary & +Michael Paslawsky by Andrea Panchura)

#### **Friday, Dec 6, St. Nicholas of Myra**

12:00 pm, Noon: **Divine Liturgy**

#### **Saturday, Dec 7**

9:00 am **Searcher for the Lost Prayer Services (Akathist)**

#### **Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Pentecost**

8 am Confessions

8:15 am: Rosary

8:45 am First Hour Prayer

9 am **Divine Liturgy**

(for deceased +Anne & +John Ference and +Anna & +Michael Bosak by  
granddaughter, Elaine Ference)

- **For this Sunday** mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book pages 133-137 for Tone 3
- **TODAY after the Divine Liturgy**, come and join us in the Rectory to organize the basket donations into unique-themed, irresistible (must have) baskets that will be raffled at our St. Pius SUPER Bingo.

- **LOTS of Great Info & Events** found on website of the Archparchy of Pittsburgh the <https://archpitt.org/most-recent-issues-of-the-byzantine-catholic-world/>. Check it out! Be sure to scroll down on that page to access the links for the monthly publications.

**EPISTLE Colossians 1:12-18**

***His Person and Work***

Giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;

all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

**GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27**

***The Rich Official & Riches and Renunciation***

An official asked him this question, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother.’” And he replied, “All of these I have observed from my youth.” When Jesus heard this he said to him, “There is still one thing left for you: sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” But when he heard this he became quite sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him [now sad] and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?”

**\*OUR PRAYING COMMUNITY\*\***

*“The test of the sincerity of one’s prayer is the willingness to labor on its behalf.” St. John Chrysostom*

**PERSONALS** Please pray for the intentions of those listed in our **Parish Prayer Request Book** on the lectern in the church vestibule. Anyone needing immediate requests, please call the rectory (412 881-8344) & leave a message.

Pat Geary’s nephew, Ken Zirkle is now in a group home in Erie and is missing all of us from St. Pius. Update your Christmas card mailing list with his address (4155 Roxbury Rd., Erie, PA 16506) and let Ken know we think of him, too. Thank you!

**HOMEBOUND** Please remember our homebound parishioners, Marion Nagy, Joanne Zerilla, Mary Jane Muchicka, Ann Danchenka and Angela Warhola.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Please remember all people living in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Lebanon that their situation may be resolved soon. Also pray for Tom Kenny’s daughter Cathleen, Tom Kalka’s granddaughter, Ashley, Angie Warhola, Beth Gulyasy, Dolores Cox, Mark Zerilla, Blake Chisholm, Bernie Rusinko, Joe Rusinko, Michele Reese, Ann Danchenka, Bonnie Ewanick, Ray McAnulty, John White and the Cheberenchick family.

**CELEBRATING US in December!** God grant them all many blessed years!

- **Birthdays:** Dec 1: *Bonnie Ewanick*; Dec 2: *Daniel Keblish*; Dec 19: *Skip Martin, Jean Staszewski*
- **Anniversaries:** Dec 11: *Father Michael Kunitz Ordination to Priesthood*

**“Faith, Hope, Love” Prayer Request Book.** All are invited to list their intentions that will be read and prayed for during the Saturday, 9am Akathist Prayer Service in honor of the *Theotokos, Searcher for the Lost*. It is the small blue-covered book on the Icon Table in church vestibule.

**It Takes A Village THANK YINZs:**

Every Sunday before the Divine Liturgy, Pat Martin leads the **Rosary**. Thank you!

Our Bingo Raffle Baskets will be BEAUTIFUL. A BIG Thank You to all who donated!

Your interest and support of the *Searcher for the Lost* prayer campaign and purchase of specialty candles & icons is helping our parish spiritually and financially. Thank you to Margaret Panchura for her creation of the icons and to Andrea Panchura for assisting. A special Thank You to our pastor, Father Michael Kunitz for initiating this prayerful endeavor and to Gerry O’Connor and Skip Martin for leading us in song.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** Nov 24: 29 People prayed with us and contributed \$527. Thank You!  
(Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church for your donation towards the reduction of our debt to the Archeparchy. Please put your name on the envelope so your church account can be credited unless you prefer to remain anonymous.)

**READERS WANTED** If you are interested in joining the rotation to read or chant the Apostolic readings at the Divine Liturgy, please contact Gerry O’Connor or Fr. Michael.

**FOOD BANK.** Thank you for supporting this worthy project. **Next Food Bank: Sunday, December 15.** (Any non-perishable food item and cash are welcomed.)

**OUR FREE LIBRARY** Please feel free to keep or borrow anything from the bookcase in the vestibule of the church. Add any relevant material you would like to share.

**TO ADD ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BULLETIN** Please email [stpiusxchurch@verizon.net](mailto:stpiusxchurch@verizon.net) with the subject “Bulletin” or call the office (412-881-8344): leave your announcement request & your callback number.

**\*\* YOUR Help is Needed\*\***

- ✓ **Promote St. Pius X SUPER Bingo.** Please promote & attend! We are counting on each parishioner to make this “much-asked-for” fund-raiser a success. Post flyers where you frequent. Invite your family & friends! Hand a flyer to those that make up your typical day...your hairdresser/barber, the check-out person at the grocery store, your waiter/waitress, the mail person, pharmacist, etc. Be sure to let your neighbors know. These folk “know” you. So, don’t be shy. Let them know our Bingo is held during the day and there are no stairs to climb! It will definitely be a fun afternoon with chances to win BIG money. Pick up several flyers before you leave church & let folk know. Thanks!

✓ **PLEASE do NOT bring in any RUMMAGE DONATIONS until after JAN 1, 2025**  
due to bingo and pierogi prep for the holidays. Thanks for your cooperation!

**\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

**Saturdays at 9am** *Our Lady, Searcher for the Lost* Prayer Services will be held each Saturday through and including December 21. This prayer service helps us to better know our advocate and mother, the Theotokos who is most willing to help us. She beckons us to ask her for help.

**December 7,** 12:30-3:30PM or 1-4PM. Our parish will host a *St. Nicholas Luncheon Party* in the Auditorium. Baked chicken and a dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Let us know that you and yours will be attending by signing up for this event and noting what you will bring as your side dish. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**Sunday, December 8,** *St. Nicholas Celebration & Dinner* St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, Pa.

**Saturday, December 14, Noon-4pm** *SUPER Bingo at St. Pius X Auditorium.* The \$30 Entrance Ticket includes 20 regular games & 4 Specials. A \$500 Jackpot Game will be sold separately. Lots of refreshments & Baskets Raffle will also be available. Come!

Tickets can be purchased before/after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays (9am) & Wednesdays (noon), before/after Searcher for the Lost prayer services on Saturday (9am) or by calling the Rectory at 412-881-8344 and reserving tickets to be paid at the door. However, payment in advance is preferred.

**Lottery Tickets Available** on the last Sunday of each month. See Beth Gulyasy for purchase.

**Pray to our four Saintly Bishops 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: Theodore G. Romzha, Paul P. Gajdich OBSM, Basil Hopko, and 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.

**Prayers to the Mother of God for Protection.**

O awesome beauty for all the faithful, you are the true fulfillment of the prophecies. You are the glory of the apostles and the joy of the martyrs, the pride of women, and a wondrous protection for the whole world. O Lady, with the mantle of your mercy, protect our church and all the people who sing out to you: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, and through you, He grants great mercy to the world."

**St. Michael the Archangel,** defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, By the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.