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22nd Sunday After Pentecost

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, November 9 The Twenty-first (22nd) Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 Rosary

10:30 Divine Liturgy (In Memory of the Deceased Lois Eck by Beth Gulyasy)

Tuesday, Nov 11

11:00 Confession

12:00 Noon Akathist to Mary Searcher for the Lost

Wednesday, Nov 12

11:00 Confession

12:00 Noon Divine Liturgy (In Memory of the Deceased George Bycura with Panachida by Jean Staszewski))

Sunday, November 16, 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 Rosary

10:30 Divine Liturgy (In Memory of the Deceased members of the Schaner/Smitley Families by Beth Gulyasy)

For this Sunday: Tone 5 Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book pages: 146-148

Today, after Liturgy: Volunteers needed to prepare the Hall for the Super Bingo and finish assembling the raffle baskets in the Rectory. Please Help if you can!

EPISTLE: Galatians 6: 11-18

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: See, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval – with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want you to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance. May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Through it the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brethren, may the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18 (Section 215)

This holy epistle lesson is taken from the very last paragraph of the letter written by Blessed Paul the Apostle and addressed to the Galatian Christians. He emphasizes here that the observance of the old Mosaic Law is no longer necessary or significant, for Jesus has freed His followers from the prescriptions of the old Hebraic covenant. Paul was responding to the Judaizers among the Christians who wanted the newly converted Gentiles to be bound by the mandates of Jewish law. He proclaims instead that Christians must emulate the **EXAMPLE OF CHRIST** and be ready and willing to follow the Lord Jesus in carrying the salvific cross. Paul asserts that for the true Christian, the world and all that it signifies must be crucified to the wood of the cross. A genuine believer, therefore, should be able to endure all things in the cause of our holy faith. We, likewise, must be firm witnesses to our faith in Jesus, and we always are to follow His example of total obedience to the will of God the Father. Everything is done for the sake of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56

And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years,* who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, “Who touched me?” While all were denying it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you. “But Jesus said, “Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me.” When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.” While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer. “On hearing this, Jesus answered him, “Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved. “When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child’s father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, “Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping. “And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, “Child, arise! “Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56 (Section 39) Today's holy gospel lesson, taken from the account of the Holy Evangelist Luke, demonstrates how Jesus in His mercy and compassion brought PEACE to the lives of a synagogue president named Jairus and then also to a poor hemorrhaging woman. In both of these incidents, it was the element of faith that was essential to the way in which our Lord reacted to each of these individuals. It was precisely this hapless woman's steadfast faith that healed her, and likewise it was the firm faith of Jairus that brought his young daughter back to life. Our own faith commitment to Jesus must be evident in a demonstrable way. It must be a living faith, dynamic and relevant to our daily lives. It is through such a strong and abiding faith that the Lord Jesus Himself will grant us His *peace*—that serenity and tranquility for which we all yearn so deeply in our souls. It is our commitment and loyalty to Jesus that unite us together with all believers, and we therefore enter as Christian people into the reign of His peace: His Mystical Body—the holy Church.

****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 listed in our **Parish Prayer Request Book** on the lectern in the church vestibule. If you have a more immediate request, please call the rectory (412 881-8344) & leave a message.

Theotokos, Searcher for the Lost Icon & Prayer Request Book ("Faith, Hope, Love" blue-cover book) has been moved to the vestibule of the church. All are invited to list any additional requests and to light candles at Our Lady of Perpetual Help shrine. Anyone who would like to participate at home please take a book and pray it at Noon in your home as we are praying it in front of the Eucharist in church. **Our next Akathist prayer will be: This Tuesday, November 11 at Noon** and will continue every second Tuesday of every month.

HOMEBOUND Please remember our homebound parishioners, Joanne Zerilla, Mary Jane Muchicka, Ann Danchenka and Angela Warhola, Tom Kinney, and Arlene Rile. A note, card, or a phone call will be greatly appreciated.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Please remember all people living in Ukraine, Israel, Iran, Gaza and Lebanon that their situation may be resolved soon. Also pray for Sam Langol, Stephanie, John & Jack; Tom Kinney, 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, Jim Reese, Ann Danchenka, Bonnie Ewanick, Ray McAnulty, John White, Norma Langol, Marion Nagy, and Connor Geary. It is a comfort for them to know that we keep them in our daily prayers.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BEGINS ON Saturday

On **Saturday, November 15th**, 40 days prior to the **Feast of the Nativity of our Lord**, according to the tradition of the Byzantine Catholic Church, we initiate the sacred season of liturgical and spiritual preparation for this great holy day. Because this lenten period begins on the day after the Feast of the Holy Apostle Philip (November 14th), it is customarily known as **THE PHILIPPIAN FAST**. During this designated penitential time, the Church commemorates the fact that the pious patriarchs and the just people of the Old Testament were waiting with anxious and persevering anticipation for the coming of the Messiah. Their period of watchfulness and expectation was characterized by prayer and penitential acts in order that they would be prepared worthily to greet the long-awaited Savior when He finally came. Our present pilgrimage during this Philippian Fast will lead us ultimately to our own Bethlehem to meet the promised Messiah in the Child born of the Holy Virgin Mary, Who is the incarnate Son of God. During this forty-day lenten period, we are expected to prepare ourselves once again this year for the Lord's holy nativity through prayer, fasting, and repentance. **Violet purple** vestments are used for all of the daily services since this is the liturgical color symbolic of the repentance to which we are called as we now reorder our lives in preparation for the Messiah's coming among us. We thus must make a conscientious effort to self-impose various penitential practices as we make this philippian-fast journey to greet the newly born Jesus at Christmas. On this Holy-Edessan-Martyrs Saturday as we initiate our autumnal lenten pilgrimage to Bethlehem, put forth the special effort to do some authentic fasting. All Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. The Church recommends that we keep this abstinence also on Wednesdays.

As we observe the Philip's fast from Saturday November 15 -December 24 let us heed the words of St. Basil the Great: True fasting lies in rejecting evil, holding one's tongue, suppressing one's hatred and banishing one's lust, evil words, lying and betrayal of vows.

Under the *Mantle of the Mother of God* and in *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* Chapel Shrine, please consider these intentions: Prayers of Remembrance. In fond memory of our prior pastors, Msgr. Smiciklas and Msgr. Duker and our deceased parishioners, please offer some prayers & thanksgiving for them and for their prior service to us and to the Lord.

Prayer for our St. Pius X Church. Please pray to our five Saintly Bishops for the spiritual prosperity of our St. Pius X Church and all the Byzantine Churches around the world. *Also, ask Theodore G Romzha, Bishop Paul P. Gojdich OSBM, Bishop Basil Hopko, Bishop Alexander Chira and Bishop Peter Oros to intercede for your specific intentions by praying:*

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 five saintly and heroic Bishops, Bishop Theodore G. Romzha, Bishop Paul P. Gojdich, OSBM, Bishop Basil Hopko, Bishop Alexander Chira, and Bishop Peter Oros, 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

When in a pinch for time, pray: A Hail Mary, The Saint Michael Prayer, the Guardian Angel Prayer and ask St. Benedict to protect our priests. *When you have more time at home, consider praying:* The Rosary, the St. Michael Chaplet and/or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Prayers to St. Jude. 1) Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant, and friend of Jesus, I place myself into your hands at this difficult time. Help me to know that I am not alone. Please pray for me, asking God to send me comfort for my sorrows, bravery for my fears, and healing for my suffering. Amen.

2) St. Jude, you are known for answering lost causes, pray for my most impossible needs. O St. Jude, pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope, and love and in the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray for these intentions, but most of all pray that I may join you in heaven with God for all eternity. Amen

*****CELEBRATING US in November*****

God Grant them Many, Happy, Healthy, Blessed years to come!

Birthdays: Angela Warhola 14th; John Ference 18th, Elaine Ference 18th, Jennifer Ference 29th Michele Reese 30th

Anniversaries: Kim & Joseph Rhoads 6th; Kim & John Kolesar 19th

*****It Takes A Village THANK YINZs****Thanks goes out to all who contributed items for the baskets and to Beth Gulyasy, Pat Geary, Elaine Lewis, Elaine Ference, Cindy McAnulty, Andrea Panchura and Gerry O'Connor for putting the baskets items so beautifully together.

Hold Your Horses! We will not be accepting any donated items for the 2026 Flea & Rummage until the end of January. This gives our volunteers a chance to work on other church commitments like bingo, pirohi sales & the holidays. Thank you for your cooperation. The Rummage Sale Committee.

WEEKLY OFFERING On November 2, (19) people prayed with us and contributed \$470.00

(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 Cantor Gerry O'Connor or Fr. Michael.

FOOD BANK. Thank you for supporting this worthy project. **Our next collection date will be Sunday November 23.**

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 with the subject "Bulletin" or call the office (412-881-8344): leave your announcement request & your callback number.

*** *News & Events* ***

ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET RESERVATIONS : Sunday December 7, 2025, is the 68th Annual St. Nicholas Banquet that benefits our St. Cyril & Methodious Seminary held at our St. John the Baptist Cathedral at 210 Greentree Rd Homestead, PA 15120.

3:00pm Moleben 4:00pm Social Hour 5:00pm Dinner & Program

Cost \$45.00 for adults \$20.00 for children 12 and under

Please make your check out to the parish with your number of tickets and put it in the basket. **DEADLINE IS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16**

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program, October 2025 through January 2026

St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church will join the rest of the Metropolitan Church in praying for Vocations by participating in the Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Families are encouraged to sign up to take the Pilgrim Vocation Icon home for a week and to pray 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 is 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.

Note from Fr. Michael: 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.

Lottery Tickets ARE available for the November 29th Drawing! Winner is chosen from the Pennsylvania State Lottery Pick Three number, the evening drawing, on the last Saturday of the month. Every little bit helps maintain our church! **See Beth Gulyasy for purchases. Thanks**

Saturday, November 15, Noon – 4PM *St. Pius X Church's SUPER Bingo*. Tickets: \$30. Twenty Regular Games & Four Specials included with Admission. Jackpot Game is sold separately. There will be SUPER refreshments & YUMMY food/desserts. Doors Open at 10:30am. Call Rectory at 412-881-8344 to make a reservation or pay at entrance on Nov 15. Only 200 tickets sold! ALL purchases are cash only. Proceeds from the bingo will be used toward much needed church renovations.

Sale Dates for Advent Pierogi (FROZEN ONLY):

- Wed., November 21,
- Fridays: December 5, 12, 19

November 27 -Thanksgiving Day- Love Carrick will be serving dinner here from 4pm – 7pm. In the auditorium. Free will offering.

Saturday, December 6th St Nicholas Luncheon at St. Pius X Auditorium -1:00pm-4:00pm
Following the Liturgy at Noon that day.

Main entrée and dessert will be provided please bring a dish of your choice to share!

Sunday, December 21st Christmas Coffee Social Following the Divine Liturgy.
Sponsored by the GCU and Chaired by Kim Kolesar.

MEALS ON WHEELS Update. *Brentwood Meals on Wheels* is now operating out of St. Sylvester's hall & kitchen. Thanks to donors, they are lowering their price to \$5.00 per day, Monday through Friday, and receives a hot meal and a bag lunch. There is no age or income limits. The only criteria is that a person can not prepare a meal for themselves.

If anyone would like to receive meals or offer your services as a volunteer, please call St. Sylvester's kitchen at 412-881-6688. St. Sylvester's address is 3754 Brownsville Road Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

LOTS of Great Info & Events found on website of the Archeparchy 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.

***** Volunteers Needed*****

Calling All Pierogi Pinchers...

It's Pierogi-Making Time again!

ADVENT Pierogi Making Dates: Monday Prep & Tuesday Pinching

- **Monday Prep Dates:** Nov 10, Nov 17
- **Tues. 9am Pinch Dates:** Nov 11, Nov 18

Seeking Volunteers for DAY of our November 15th Bingo: Twenty (20) people are needed to do the following jobs. Please let me know asap if you will sign up for any of these tasks:

- **Check-in** (2 People) One to check- in the Pre-registered patrons. One to collect cash for the Walk-in, “Day-of” Patrons. These people or the Table Runners will also sell Bingo markers & hand out the paperwork/bingo cards.
- **Kitchen** (5 People Total) 1 or 2 for taking paper orders & payment, 3 or 4 for filling orders & checking food supply.
- **Basket Raffle Table** (2 People Total) One to take cash. One to distribute & record ticket numbers
- **Bingo Callers** (2 People Total) Person can be first half or second or quarterly through the day
- **Table Runners** (6 People Total) At least 3 Runners to sell extra specials & call winners card numbers and 2 or 3 Runners to sell Safari’s.
- **Money Counters** (2 People Total) One to keep track of extras & pull-tab game money income, the other to layout winnings. checking each other for accuracy.

****** Donations Needed******

Items Needed for our Nov 15 Bingo.

- **PA Lottery Scratch-off Tickets Needed.** Please purchase some of your favorite Scratch-off Tickets. These tickets have great appeal for our Bingo attendees and will become part of the Bingo Baskets.
- **Homemade Deserts.** HoHo Cake and Zucchini Bread have already been offered. Please consider whipping up or baking some of your favorite desserts for the Nov 15 Bingo. Please let Beth Gulyasy know what home-made dessert you will be contributing. Thank you!
- **Cash Donations.** There are always items that need purchased! Please give your cash donations to Beth Gulyasy or put in donation basket and mark envelope “For Bingo.”