

ST. PIUS X BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Schedule of Services: September 6 - September 13, 2026

Sunday, September 6 *15th Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

IHO of September Birthdays/Anniversaries: Theodora Kunitz (9/4), Jack Langol (9/4), Bernadette Rusinko (9/10), John Kolesar (9/16), Marie Dirda (9/24)

Tuesday, September 8 *Birth of the Theotokos*

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 9

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 13 *Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross*

10:00 AM Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book: Tone 6, page 152.

Welcome to All Visitors. If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish family. If just passing through, we hope to see you again!

Donation Basket. Our parish does not pass a collection basket during the Liturgy. Should you wish to donate, the basket is in the vestibule of the church and marked *Donations*. Thank you.

News & Events

Saturday, September 12, 2026. It's Time for Our Annual Rummage Sale! Come and find your new treasures in our old treasures. Food and refreshments will be available. All proceeds benefit St. Pius X renovations and repairs. Please let Beth Gulyasy know if you can help for this event or the upcoming Super Bingo.

We Need Baked Goods! We will be having a bake sale during the rummage event so please consider bringing your own sweets and baked goods for sale. Your contributions are always appreciated.

New Parish Directory. Please provide updated contact information for yourself and your extended family to Andrea Panchura.

WEEKLY OFFERING On August 30, 21 people attended & contributed \$373. (Envelopes are in the church vestibule for your donation towards our debt reduction to the Archeparchy. Unless you want to be anonymous, put your name on the envelope so your church account can be credited.)

READERS WANTED Interested in joining the rotation to read or chant the Apostolic readings at the Divine Liturgy? Contact Cantor Gerry O'Connor or Father Michael.

FOOD BANK. Thank you for supporting this worthy project. Place cash donations in the metal lockbox marked *St. Paul's Monastery Food Bank* located on the small table on the right side before you enter the church. **NEXT COLLECTION: September 27.**

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 to leave your request and callback number. You can also contact Gerry O'Connor or Andrea Panchura for information.

"Never say, after spending a considerable amount of time in prayer, that nothing was acquired, because you have already achieved something. What greater good is there to hold steadfastly to the Lord and persist in unending union with Him?"

St. John Climacus

Prayer for St. Pius X Church. Please pray to our five saintly Bishops for the spiritual prosperity of St. Pius X and all the Byzantine Churches around the world, and ask to intercede for your specific intentions by praying:

O Almighty God, our Lord, we bless You, we praise You, 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 & heroic bishops: Theodore G. Romzha, Paul P. Gojdich, OSBM, Basil Hopko, Alexander Chira, and 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

Keep in Your Prayers. Norma and Bob Langol, Tom Kinney, Tom Kenny's daughter Cathleen, Angie Warhola, Beth Gulyasy, Dolores Cox, Mark Zerilla, Blake Chisholm, Bernie Rusinko, Joe Rusinko, Ann Danchenka, Bonnie Ewanick, John White, Marion Nagy, Pat Geary, Skip Martin, and Elaine Ference. Keeping them in our daily prayers is a comfort to all.

Requesting a Home Visit From Father Michael. Parishioners requesting an Anointing of the Sick, Communion and/or Confession are to call the Holy Spirit Rectory: (412) 687-1220. Requests are to be made directly by the Parishioner unless they are unable to do so themselves.

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries. Please let Father Michael know if you will be celebrating a milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25 years, etc.) this year. The Chancery is requesting addresses so that an invitation will be sent.

“Never belittle the significance of your thoughts. For not one escapes God's notice.”
St. Mark the Ascetic

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4 6-15 *Paradox of Ministry.* For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ. But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22 35-46 *The Greatest Commandment* One of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, “What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They replied, “David's.” He said to them, “How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him ‘lord,’ saying: ‘The Lord said to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet”’? If David calls him ‘lord,’ how can he be his son?” No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

****Our Praying Community****

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

Personals. Please pray for those 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) 687-1220 and leave a message.

Theotokos, Searcher for the Lost Icon & Prayer Request Book. (*Faith, Hope, Love* blue-cover book) is in the vestibule of the church. Please write-in your additional requests & continue to light candles at Our Lady of Perpetual Help shrine. Participating from home? Take an *Akathist Prayer Book* (or request one sent to you) & pray it as we are doing so in front of the Eucharist.
Next Akathist Service: Tues. October 13 at Noon.

Prayer for the Sick. O Holy Father, Heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies who sent Your Only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all of our ailments and deliver us from death: visit and heal your servant (name) granting them release from pain and restoring them to full health and vigor, that they may give thanks to You and bless Your Holy Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Prayer for a Person Near Death. Almighty and Everlasting God, preserver of souls, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and for their amendment dost tenderly chastise those whom Thou dost receive, we call upon Thee, O Lord, to bestow Thy healing, that the soul of Thy servant, at the hour of its departure from the body, may by the hands of Thy holy Angels be presented without spot unto Thee. Amen.

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 & Msgr. Duker and our deceased parishioners, please offer prayers & thanksgiving for them and for their service to us and to the Lord.

*****Celebrating Us in September*****

Birthdays: *Theodora Kunitz (9/4), Jack Langol (9/4), Bernadette Rusinko (9/10), John Kolesar (9/16), Marie Dirda (9/24)*

Wedding Anniversaries: None this month.

*****It Takes A Village THANK YINZ*****

We are still accepting clothing and items for the upcoming rummage sale! All donated items can be brought to St. Pius X **NOW** and we hope to have everything marked and ready by next week. Thank you!

Super Bingo Raffle Baskets! If you received a Gift that won’t be used or find something on clearance, please consider donating them for this year’s bingo raffle baskets. These donated items will be set aside *FOR BINGO*.

Special Thanks to Beth, Ray, Cindy, Dave, Elaine, Pat, Bryan and everyone else who has helped sort, price, and move rummage sale items over the course of the past month. Your help is always appreciated!

*****Volunteer Opportunities*****

Rummage Sale Preparation! All donated items currently in the basement will need to be marked and priced and moved to the hall for the sale. Any time you can give is appreciated. **Refreshments will be provided.**

- **Tues., Sept 8, 5-7PM.** Finish rummage transfer to tables. Set up kitchen/bake sale tables.
- **Sat, Sept 12th, 9AM-2PM. Rummage Sale Event.** Helpers needed for bake sale/kitchen/table runners/check out. Please let Beth Gulyasy know if you can help for this event.

*“Blessed is he who knows in truth that we are but tools in God’s hands.”
St. Maximos the Confessor*