

ST. PIUS X BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Schedule of Services: October 4 – October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 4 *18th Sunday After Pentecost*

IMO Laura Hanula by Kim Kolesar

10:00 AM Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, October 6

No Services

Wednesday, October 7

No Services

Sunday, October 11 *Sunday of the Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council*

IMO Michael Pozonsky by Dan Seman

10:00 AM Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book: Tone 2, page 130.

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!

News & Events

Saturday, November 14, 2026. 12PM-4PM. It's Time for Our Annual Super Bingo and Basket Raffle! Bring your friends and family and enjoy an afternoon of fun and games! Food and refreshments will be available. All proceeds benefit St. Pius X renovations and repairs.

Volunteers are always needed. Please let Beth Gulyasy know if you can help for this event. Volunteer opportunities, including specific dates and times, will be posted in the bulletin when available.

St. Nicholas Banquet information is being sent out now and is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, December 5**. Specifics regarding dates, time, and food will be announced once we get closer to the Christmas season.

WEEKLY OFFERING On September 27, 21 people attended & contributed \$721.00. (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: October 25.**

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.

"Blessed is he who knows in truth that we are but tools in God's hand."

St. Maximos the Confessor

DEANERY PASTA DINNER: The annual Deanery Pasta dinner at St. Elias Parish, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Rd., Munhall, is Oct. 18, 3-5 p.m. This is a free event, but a free-will offering will be accepted. The meal is prepared and served by the priests and deacons of our Pittsburgh Deanery! Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, due by Oct. 11.

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 and Joe Rusinko, Ann Danchenka, Bonnie Ewanick, John White, Marion Nagy, Pat Geary, Skip Martin, and Elaine Ference.

Please be especially mindful of Justin Hanula and family with the passing of his mother, Laura. Also of Gerry O’Connor and family with the passing of her brother Micheal J. Pozonsky. May God grant them His peace.

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.

Intentions for Divine Liturgies. Please consider dedicating a liturgy intention of thanksgiving in honor of a special occasion, milestone, or in memory of a loved one. The customary stipend is \$25.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 11:31–12:9 *Paul Boasts of His Weakness.* The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows, he who is blessed forever, that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus, in order to seize me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; not that it is profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know someone in Christ who, fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this person (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows) was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things, which no one may utter. About this person I will boast, but about myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses. Although if I should wish to boast, I would not be foolish, for I would be telling the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me because of the abundance of the revelations. Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me

GOSPEL: Luke 8 5-15 *Parable of the Sower* “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” After saying this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.” Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, “Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that ‘they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.’” This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.

“The test of the sincerity of one’s prayer is the willingness to labor on it’s behalf”

St. John Chrysostom

*****Our Praying Community*****

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

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 or request an *Akathist Prayer Book* and 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 October*****

Birthdays: Rosalie Dirda 10/5, John Langol 10/12, Ethan Rhoads 10/14, Sam Siciliano 10/18

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

Special Thanks to all the volunteers that helped pack up and store all of the items after our Annual Rummage Sale: Beth Gulyasy, Ray and Cindy McAnulty, Dave and Elaine Lewis, Bryan Mills, Marie Anderson, Tony Diedra, and everyone who helped during the event. We made a total of \$1,738 that will go towards church expenses.

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*.

Cash Donations expressly for Super Bingo baskets are always welcome. These donations help the bingo volunteers buy items needed to complete the baskets. Envelopes are in the vestibule and should be marked *FOR BINGO* and placed in the collection basket.

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

Super Bingo Preparation. Over the coming months we will have multiple events to prepare for the Super Bingo event on **Saturday, November 14**. Watch this space for more info regarding specific dates and times.

Advent Pierogi Sale. We will be selling frozen pierogi this advent season every Friday beginning on **November 20 and ending on December 18** from 12PM-4PM. Volunteers to pinch pierogis or help sell should see Tom Kalka.

GCU Holiday Food Bank Donation Program: In this seasonal program, monetary donations, along with the GCU’s matching funds up to \$500, may be offered for the benefit of St. Paul’s Food Pantry. Those interested should use specially labeled envelopes provided on the table in the narthex and drop them in the collection basket by Sun. Oct. 25. Cash or check made payable to St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church. Tis the season to be generous!