

ST. PIUS X BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Schedule of Services: October 11– October 18, 2026

- **Sunday, October 11** *Sunday of the Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council*
In Honor of October Birthdays: Rosalie Dierda (5), Gertrude Bozak (10),
John Langol (12), Ethan Rhoads (14), Sam Siciliano (18)
10:00 AM Rosary
10:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*
- **Tuesday, October 13**
11:00 AM Confessions
Noon: *Akathist, Searcher for the Lost*
- **Wednesday, October 14**
11:00 AM Confessions
Noon: *Divine Liturgy* In Honor of Ethan Rhoads' 4th Birthday
by Gerry & Steve O'Connor
- **Sunday, October 18** *21st Sunday after Pentecost*
+Laura Hanula, 40th Day Memorial by St. Pius X Parish

Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book: Tone 3, page 133-137.

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

Yummy, it's Hoagie Time! The American Legion Post 935 Hoagie sale benefits Veterans in the Pittsburgh area. Orders due by Oct 30th. Hoagies are \$10 each and will be delivered to St. Pius on Sunday, Nov 8th. See Beth Gulyasy if interested.

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

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 for October 4, the attendance & contributions will be in next week's bulletin. (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. For October, our parish is participating in the GCU Food Bank Drive for *St. Paul's Monastery Food Bank*. Please see details in the "Opportunities" section of the bulletin.

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

Deadline is TODAY! **Sign-Up for the 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. **Deadline is Today: 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: Galatians 1:11-19. *His Call by Christ.* Now I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when [God], who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, I so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16. *Raising of the Widow's Son.* Soon afterward he journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

"The test of the sincerity of one's prayer is the willingness to labor on its 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 Dierda 10/5, Gertrude Bozak 10/10, John Langol 10/12, Ethan Rhoads 10/14, Sam Siciliano 10/18

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

Special Thanks to all that helped pack up & store all items after our Annual Rummage Sale: Beth Gulyasy, Ray & Cindy McAnulty, Dave & 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 and used to buy items needed to complete the baskets. Envelopes are in the vestibule and are to be marked *FOR BINGO* & placed in the collection basket.

*****Volunteer & Giving Opportunities*****

October 25 (after Liturgy), Super Bingo Preparation. Volunteers will be meeting in the Rectory after church to assemble baskets, review Super bingo refreshments menu and assign bingo day “jobs”. There will be light refreshments for the meeting.

GCU Holiday Food Bank Donation Drive: All monetary donations, along with the GCU’s matching funds up to \$500, will be offered for the benefit of *St. Paul’s Food Pantry*. Please use the specially labeled envelopes provided on the table in the narthex. Drop them in the collection basket by Sun., Oct. 25. Cash or check made payable to St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church will be consolidated into one donation. This is the season to be generous!

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.