



December 10, 2017

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

Dec. 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+Theodore Druga req by Adrienne Frishof</i>	
Dec. 10 (Sun) Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+Anna Kaminsky req by Jim Kaminsky</i>	
Parish St. Nicholas Celebration	12:00noon
Total Parish ECF Program	
Dec. 11(Mon) Divine Liturgy	8:30am
<i>+Theodore Druga req by Mickey & Arlene Dzura</i>	
Dec. 12 (Tue) PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING	6:30pm
Dec. 13 (Wed) Divine Liturgy	8:30am
<i>+Elizabeth Mikulich req by Joseph Rusinko</i>	
PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS	7:00pm
Dec. 15 (Fri) Divine Liturgy	8:30am
Dec. 16 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+George Yarosik req by Janet & David Yarosik</i>	
Dec 17 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+Maria Rusinko req by the Parish Family</i>	



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Fr. Edward Lucas, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.



LOOKING AHEAD

As we plan for our own celebrations of Christmas, it is helpful to see our parish schedule for this time. Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, it makes for an unusual liturgical schedule. Here is our parish schedule for the holy days.

Dec 23 (Sat)	Vigil Divine Liturgy for Sunday	5:00 pm
Dec 24 (Sun)	Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Dec 24 (Sun)	Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St Basil (for Christmas)	8:00pm
Dec 25 (Mon)	Divine Liturgy for Christmas	10:30 am
Dec 26 (Tue)	Divine Liturgy Feast of the Synaxis of the Theotokos	7:00pm
Dec 27 (Wed)	Divine Liturgy Feast of St Stephen the Protomartyr	9:00 am



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Dec. 10 thru Dec.16 for +Ronald Janov req by Michael Janov.

December 3, 2017
Our Tithe to our Parish - \$1,793.00

“KOL’ADY: Carols of Christmas”
CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017 at 2 PM

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archieparchial Choir
invites all to share the spirit and joy of the Nativity season as they present
"CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL"

Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 pm
at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist,
210 Greentree Road in Munhall, PA.

Themed “KOL’ADY: Carols of Christmas,”
the program features beloved carols celebrating the Nativity of our Lord
and the many wonders of the holy season. The hour-long program features
selections from the Byzantine Ruthenian tradition, as well as from Eastern
and Western Europe.

A hospitality reception with refreshments and treats will follow the pro-
gram in the lower level of the Cathedral

Admission is FREE, and there is also plenty of free, level parking.

PENANCE SERVICE

In preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, a part of our personal preparation is taking time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession. This is a way of making our peace with God, with others and with ourselves. It can bring great peace to our hearts as we open ourselves to receive God’s great mercy, forgiveness and healing.



Thus on Wednesday, 13 December we will have a short Service of Penance followed by individual confessions. Fr Robert M Pipta, the rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary and Fr John Cuccaro from SS Peter & Paul Church in Duquesne PA will be here to assist with the confessions.

God is waiting for us to open our hearts so that he may show us his great mercy.

HEALING THE TEN LEPERS

Something about Jesus brought these sick people to him. They heard of him hoped for a cure. And something about them brought healing. They went back better.

HE CURED WITH COMPASSION

We notice he healed without a word. Jesus healed often by being who he was at that moment. He embraced the people whom nobody wanted. He never asked why these people suffering from leprosy got sick, or when. He just saw in front of him a sick man or woman. He cured with compassion. A challenge to all of us in helping people. Medical services today can be so impersonal. Someone asked ‘when will I have my procedure?’ ‘Oh’, he was told, ‘you’re number 5 on the list!’

His non-condemnatory way of healing was a big quality in Jesus. No lectures on life-style. Pope Francis thinks of the church first of all as a sort of ‘field hospital’. A place of being with people in need of care, and healing.

For these people Jesus’ compassion was touched by their faith or their misery.

SAME WITH OURSELVES

We can do a lot for each other just by being who we are. One of the greatest needs today is to be heard. Often we need to be heard – advice is given to a penny, or opinions when all I want is someone to say – what do you mean by that? Even when someone drives you mad, maybe then they need to be heard.



In our culture there is a huge need for the personal. Friendships cannot exist only on e-mails, face-book, or texts. We need to keep the personal alive, to keep compassion active and to be a community of listeners before we are speakers. To look others in the eye with love and care before asking anything of them. To bring mercy, sometimes without words, with a listening ear to the cares of all.