

## Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church

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**Christ is Risen!  
Indeed He is Risen!**

**Christos Voskrese!  
Voistunnu Voskrese!**

**May 3, 2026**

### Schedule of Liturgical Services at Holy Ghost



**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Fifth Sunday of Pascha (Samaritan Woman at the Well)

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am, **Offered for the Health of Christine Genzano**  
[Tone 5](#) (page 186) **Epistle:** Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:** Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Man Born Blind)

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  
[Tone 5](#) (page 189) **Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34 **Gospel:** John 9:1-38

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm, with Mirovanije  
[Tone 4](#) (page 191) **Epistle:** Acts 1:1-12 **Gospel:** Luke 24:36-53

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am, **Offered for +Tom Licisyn by Nancy Licisyn and Family**  
[Tone 6](#) (page 196) **Epistle:** Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38 **Gospel:** John 17:1-13

For more information on the Liturgical Calendar visit the Metropolitan Cantor Institute's website at: <https://mci.archpitt.org/>

**Confessions** - Fr. Vasyl is available after Liturgy every Sunday. For any **Sacramental Emergencies or Funerals** please contact Father Vasyl at (732) 621-3823.

**Intentions** for Sunday Divine Liturgies are being accepted for 2026. Please place an envelope with your intention in the collection basket at the back of church. The liturgical stipend is \$20.

**Anniversary Celebration – *Reminder, our Parish 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is being celebrated after Pentecost Liturgy.*** We need volunteers for assistance in hosting this event. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy is scheduled for Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. The celebration event will be afterwards.

**Bishop's Appeal** - is ongoing, to date Holy Ghost has contributed \$5,275 to our goal of \$7,800.00. If we meet our goal before June 30, 2026, we receive 40% of our donations directly back to the parish.

**Candelabrum** - Offering is \$35. Please place an envelope in the collection basket at the back of church with CANDELABRUM on the front of the envelope.

**Pentecost Scholarship** - Applications for the Pentecost scholarship may be obtained from Dennis Donahue.

**Rosary** will be recited at 8:30 am prior to each Sunday Liturgy and before every Holy Day.

*Kindly remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are confined to home, in a health care facility or in the hospital. May Our Lord, Physician of souls and bodies, extend His healing hand to ease their pain and suffering.*



### Icon of the Ascension

Mary stands peacefully amidst movement that represents confusion, her hands raised in prayer, she stands between the two angels and the Apostles with calm serenity gazing at us. She understands what the Apostles still do not, because she was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit since Christ's conception. She experienced the deep mysteries of her son's birth, death, resurrection and ascension, offering us peace and knowing of Christ's return. The Apostles look to the heavens, their hands outstretched and waving, asking questions until the very end. Even though Jesus taught them over the course of three years, the Apostles still had not fully grasped Jesus' teachings, asking, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

(Acts, 1:6) They did not understand the universality of His message to all people.

*(Next distribution May 17<sup>th</sup>)*

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