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*Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to Him Forever!*

*Slava Isuzu Christu!
Slava Na'Viki!*

August 23, 2026

Schedule of Liturgical Services at Holy Ghost



Sunday, August 23rd: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am - **Offered for +Eleanor Dietz by Matha Dietz-Hanson**

[Tone 4](#) (page 141/352) **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-42

Sunday, August 30th: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am - **Offered for the health and healing of Marcia Schanne**

[Tone 5](#) (page 146/355) **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, September 6th: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am - **Offered for +Ernest Genzano by Christine Genzano & Family**

[Tone 6](#) (page 152) **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:35-46

Tuesday, September 8th: Nativity of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy (Solemn): 7:00 pm

[Nativity](#) (page 243) **Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11 **Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

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.

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.

Eparchy Anniversary Celebration – if you are celebrating a 5-year point in your matrimonial vows, the Eparchy would like to celebrate with you! If you are interested in this special event (with Liturgy and Dinner) send us an email or drop a note in the basket. Registration deadline is September 14th!

Save the Date! “Fall into Fun” is our Fall Fundraiser which will be held Saturday, October 24th 2:00 PM. More details to follow.

Rosary will be recited at 8:30 am prior to each Sunday Liturgy.

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.

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The Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos

In the icon, Saint Anna is shown reclining in a bed, echoing the posture of Mary in icons of Christ's Nativity. The infant Mary is being bathed by midwives, similar to how the infant Christ is washed in Nativity icons. Saint Joachim, Mary's father, is depicted apart from the main scene, paralleling Joseph's placement in Christ's Nativity.

Unlike Christ's birth, which is shown in a cave, Mary's birth takes place in a richly decorated house within the city walls, reflecting Joachim's wealth. The scene is lively, with attendants and a feast prepared for Mary's first birthday, symbolizing the joy and exalted beginnings of her life.

Traditional iconography also includes symbolic elements: Mary's head is veiled, representing her purity and holiness, and her

garments often combine **blue for humanity** and **red for suffering and sanctity**. Three stars-on her forehead and shoulders-symbolize her virginity before, during, and after Christ's birth, as well as the Holy Trinity.

(Next distribution September 6th)

Any special announcements will be published through e-mail list/social media and on our website between distributions.