

# HOLY TRINITY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 18, 2026

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of Zaccheus

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Office Hours

9am–5pm Tuesday–Friday

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Weekend Services

5pm Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy

9am Sunday Divine Liturgy

Confession

6–6:30pm Wednesday

4–4:30pm Saturday

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*“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustains their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, and those saddened, joy. In the Church, the troubled find relief, and the heavy-laden, rest.”*

- St. John Chrysostom

# Week at a Glance

Our return to God for His abundant gifts (1/11): \$1,848

Online giving: <https://holyltrinitysykesvilles.org/onlinegiving>

Sun, Jan 18      Sunday of Zaccheus

9am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Jan 21      6:30pm Vespers

Fri, Jan 23      6:30pm Paraklesis (N)

Sat, Jan 24      5pm Vigil Divine Liturgy (+ Ann Mehok, given by Shannon Shaffer)

Sun, Jan 25      Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

9am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social Bakers for January 25: Natasha Matts, Marcy Kennis



Diane Gresock (January 20)

Carol Mehok (January 21)

Erika Sweka (January 23)

Joseph Chrusch (January 24)

Bobby Kennis (January 25)

## CANTORS' CORNER

Saturday	Sunday
<p><u>1/3</u> Cantor: Victor K. Propers: Start (104), “O Lord I have cried” and 3 stichera in tone 5 (143), closing hymn, “Now you may dismiss” (452)</p>	<p><u>1/4</u> Sunday before Theophany Cantor: Zeb B. Lector: Corey M. (2 Tim 4:5-8) Propers: Tone 5 (146), the rest of prefeast of Theophany (309ff), Cherubikon in “A”</p>
<p><u>1/10</u> Cantor: Victor K. Propers: Start (104), “O Lord I have cried” and 3 stichera in tone 6 (149), prokeimenon and all else from postfeast (317ff), closing hymn, “Now you may dismiss” (452)</p>	<p><u>1/11</u> Sunday after Theophany Cantor: Zeb B. Lector: Mike K. (Eph 4:7-13) Propers: Tone 6 (152), the rest is Sunday after Theophany (316ff), Cherubikon in “B”</p>
<p><u>1/17</u> Great Vespers Cantor: Zeb B. Propers in supplement</p>	<p><u>1/18</u> Sunday of Zaccheus Cantor: Victor K. Lector: Joseph C. (1 Tim 4:9-15) Propers: Tone 7 (156ff) Cherubikon in “C”</p>
<p><u>1/24</u> Cantor: Victor K. Propers: Start (104), “O Lord I have cried” and 3 stichera in tone 8 (159), closing hymn, “Now you may dismiss” (452)</p>	<p><u>1/25</u> Sunday of the Prodigal Son Cantor: Victor K. Lector: Corey M. (2 Tim 3:10-15) Propers: Tone 8 (161ff), troparion for Sunday of Prodigal (215), Cherubikon in “A”</p>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ Dates to Remember

- Monday, February 2: Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord with the Elder Simeon
- Monday, February 16: Beginning of the Great Fast (Clean Monday)

✠ Donation statements for 2025 are now available in the narthex. Parishioners who donated online through Tithely will also receive a statement electronically.

## ✠ House Blessings in 2026

A sign-up sheet for house blessings will be posted in the narthex. House blessings will be offered on weekdays during the months of January. If you did not have a chance to get your house blessed last year, now is your chance to sign up. House blessings will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## ✠ “Called by Name” Vocation Awareness Program

In the early years of the Church, individual Christian communities would often identify and nominate worthy members of their communities for service in leadership positions in the church, such as in the role of priest. In a similar light, following upon the travelling icon vocation program held in our church and nationwide, the entire Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States is the Called by Name program today. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic life (both men and women). Perhaps you know a man or woman (senior high school age or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualifications to become a priest, deacon, monk, or sister. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination brochure form and send it directly to the Office of Vocations.

## ✠ *Life and Liturgy* Adult Catechesis Series

- Next Session: The next instalment of *Life and Liturgy* will take place on February 7. Fr. Roland Nosov, a priest of the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Košice, Slovakia and a talented, self-taught iconographer, will be giving a presentation on the theology and creation of traditional Byzantine icons.
  - 5pm Great Vespers
  - 6pm Potluck and Presentation

- Session Recordings
  - Parish website: [holytrinitysykesville.org/resources](https://www.holytrinitysykesville.org/resources)
  - YouTube: Search “Holy Trinity Byzantine Sykesville” and find the “Life and Liturgy Adult Enrichment Series 2025–2026” playlist  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhMUIKohjH84WPLgf3eWj1stcEvZr7d26&si=CLkimL6ToHBx-XXV>
- As a reminder, these sessions will take place on a monthly basis until June 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather for beautiful liturgical prayer outside of the Divine Liturgy and to learn more about why we do what we do at church and how it relates to the rest of our lives.

#### ✠ Standing Reminder

After Pentecost 2026, we will be celebrating Great Vespers or Vigil only on Saturday evening (no longer with Divine Liturgy). Until then, any change in the Saturday schedule is only on those dates when a session of *Life and Liturgy* takes place.

#### ✠ Lenten Retreat

This year on Saturday, March 14, Holy Trinity will be hosting an all-day Lenten retreat. The day will include common prayer, multiple talks by a guest speaker, opportunities for silent prayer, confession, and fellowship. More details will be announced soon; for now, mark your calendars, as it will be a powerful experience!

✠ Youth Events in 2026

Registration for the ByzanTEEN Rally will be opening soon. Details will be shared as soon as possible. As a reminder, our fundraising efforts for our youth typically go towards sending our youth to these events. Our archbishop has asked that the parishes share a donation form to help cover the costs of the rally—this year being sponsored by the Eparchy of Parma. Those forms may be found in the narthex for anyone interested. If you would prefer a more direct contribution, consider donating directly to our youth fund at Holy Trinity so that we may cover the costs of our own young members. In addition to this, the Youth and Young Adult Office of our eparchy has published a schedule for events for much of the rest of the year, see the next page.



The poster features a lighthouse on the left with the text: **EARLY BIRD (BEFORE APRIL 1) & SIBLING DISCOUNT \$350**. Below this, it says **Registration Opens JANUARY 2026**. The main title is **BYZANTEEN RALLY** in large, stylized yellow and red letters, with **AGES 13 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL!** written below it. The dates **JULY 9-12 2026** are prominently displayed. The full price is **\$380 AFTER APRIL 1**. The quote **“TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.” JOHN 16:33** is centered. On the right, there is an illustration of Jesus with two disciples. At the bottom, a silhouette of the Cleveland skyline is shown above the text **CLEVELAND OHIO** and **JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY** in a red arc. A small circular logo is in the bottom left corner.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT  
**EVENTS 2026**  
& more to come

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**FEB 7**

SATURDAY  
/TEENS

CALLED TO LOVE AND  
TO DANCE

St. John Chrysostom  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
Pittsburgh, PA

**FEB&MAR APR 11** ●

TUESDAYS  
/YOUNG ADULTS

GREAT FAST BIBLE  
STUDY

6:00 pm via Zoom

SATURDAY  
/TEENS& YOUNG ADULTS

2026 ARCHEPARCHIAL  
YOUTH AND YOUNG  
ADULT GATHERING

With the metropolitan  
archbishop William  
Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic  
Church, Sykesville, PA

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**MAY 16**

SATURDAY  
/TEENS

2026 SPRING  
BYZANTEEN HIKE

Racoon State Park, PA

**JUNE 8-20**

13 DAYS  
/YOUNG ADULTS

MISSION TRIP TO  
ATHENS, GREECE

Athens, Greece

**JULY 9-12**

4 DAYS  
/TEENS

BYZANTEEN RALLY

John Carroll University,  
Cleveland, OH  
Eparchy of Parma

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**AUG 8**

SATURDAY  
/TEENS

2026 BYZANTEEN  
SPLASH BASH & MORE  
AND BYZANTEEN RALLY  
REUNION 😊

St. Nicholas Chapel, Beaver  
& Seven Oaks Country Club  
Swimming Pool, PA

**SEP 12**

SATURDAY  
/TEENS

2026 FALL BYZANTEEN  
HIKE & COOKOUT

Riverview Park and the  
Chancery, Pittsburgh, PA

**OCT 3**

SATURDAY  
/YOUNG ADULTS

2026 ARCHEPARCHIAL  
YOUNG ADULT  
PILGRIMAGE

Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady  
of Lebanon, North Jackson, OH

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The Office of Youth and  
Young Adult Ministry  
The Byzantine Catholic  
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

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# MYSTERIES OF THE CHURCH

**Parish Membership:** To be a parish member, you must (1) be registered in the parish; (2) demonstrate faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish on Sundays and holy days; and (3) regularly offer time, talent, or treasure to the parish according to your ability. Parish membership is required for participation in the sacraments below (but exceptions may be made with Fr. Nate's discretion). All are welcome to become members after attending the parish for one year.

Contact Fr. Nate to register.

**Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist):** Contact Fr. Nate to schedule pre-baptism instruction. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

**Mystery of Crowning:** Contact Fr. Nate before setting a date or reserving your reception hall (at least six months before the desired wedding date). Pre-Cana program and three sessions with Fr. Nate are required. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the Byzantine Rite.

**Mystery of Anointing and Visitation of the Sick:** This mystery may be celebrated upon request for anyone navigating spiritual or physical challenges. If you or your loved one is homebound or hospitalized, notify Fr. Nate as soon as possible to ensure they can be visited.

**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Nate before setting the time and date of funeral. The deceased need not be a member in good standing. Cremation is discouraged but permitted within certain limitations.

**Liturgy Intentions** can be requested through the offertory envelopes provided or in person from Fr. Nate or Dcn. Luke. A liturgy may be requested with or without the conventional \$20 stipend, which is considered a donation not a requirement.