



Byzantine Catholic Campus Ministry Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

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Dear Father,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy that I write to inform you of a new initiative in the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Beginning this Fall, a Campus Ministry program will be established at the heart of the two largest universities in Pittsburgh (Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh) and extending out to all of the colleges in the region. It is our hope to develop a lasting outreach to Byzantine Catholic students, faculty and staff; providing them not only with access to the Sacraments but also the opportunity to be exposed to the full richness and beauty of a distinctively Eastern Catholic theological and spiritual tradition. To this end we will be offering Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days, frequent opportunities for confession, monthly educational programs, opportunity for spiritual direction and pastoral counseling, days of recollection, retreats, community outreach and social events.

The home of campus ministry will be Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church on Fifth Avenue. Three Chaplains have been entrusted with the work: Fr. David Abernethy (Director of Campus Ministry), Fr. Michael Kunitz (Administrator of Holy Spirit Parish), and Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec (Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish). We ask for your support by advertising the initiative in your parish and sharing it with the members of your congregation who will be attending any of universities in the Pittsburgh area.

God Bless,

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