



A brief background of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh

The Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh is an autonomous Byzantine Rite particular church of the Catholic Church, originally serving members of the Ruthenian Catholic Church (mostly Rusyns from the Carpathian Mountains, but also Hungarians and Slovaks) and their descendants in the United States. The Archeparchy is a separate entity from the Latin Rite (Roman Catholic) Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The **Metropolitan Church** consists of four territorial components:

- Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
- Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma
- Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic
- Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

The Metropolitan Church is governed by the Council of Hierarchs, comprised of the Metropolitan Archbishop and the bishops of each of the eparchies.

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh was established on Sept. 1, 1924 as the first Byzantine Catholic exarchate in the United States. The center, originally in New York, was moved to Munhall, Pa. in 1925. In 1963, it was raised to the status of an eparchy. In 1969, the Byzantine Metropolitan Church and Archeparchy of Munhall were established. The Archeparchy was renamed the Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh in 1977, its current title. The Chancery office is located at 66 Riverview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214. The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is located at 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120.

The Eparchy of Passaic was established July 31, 1963 by dividing the then-single Eparchy of Pittsburgh into two separate eparchies. The Passaic Chancery office is located at 415 Lackawanna Avenue, West Paterson, NJ 07424. The Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel is located at 96 First Street, Passaic, NJ 07055.

The Eparchy of Parma was established February 21, 1969 as the third eparchy of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America. The Chancery and the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist are located at 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, OH 44134.

Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix (originally the Eparchy of Van Nuys) was established March 9, 1982 as the fourth eparchy of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America. The Cathedral of St. Stephen and Chancery are located at 8141 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

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