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Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Parish is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist): Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Pre-baptism instructions are required. Contact Fr. Simeon to schedule.

➤ **Mystery of Crowning:** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Simeon before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Simeon. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM and upon request.

Mystery of Anointing: Celebrated upon request. Ideally celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

Visitation of the Sick: The parishioners confined to their homes or nursing homes due to health reasons are visited monthly. Also, persons who are hospitalized are visited when Fr. Simeon is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Simeon whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only through the pastor by appointment. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

- **Sun. Apr. 16** NO ECF CLASSES TODAY. Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. We will see you next week for our last class.
- **Mon. Apr. 17** Meeting of St. Benedict's Auxiliary – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Mon. & Tues. Apr. 17 & 18** Divine Liturgy on both days is at 6:00 PM. These are Holy Days. P.S. (We may re-establish the custom of "Dunking Days").
- **Sun. Apr. 30** First Solemn Communion at the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All of our ECF Students and Catechists are asked to attend this Liturgy and sit together in rows 2&3 on the Blessed Mother side of the Church.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH MEETING

St. Michael Parishioners are invited to attend and participate in a parish meeting on Wednesday evening, April 19, 2017, at 6:00 PM in St. Michael's Social Hall. We would like everyone to attend, if at all possible.

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE – JUST A "HEAD'S UP"

Saturday, 3 June 2017, from 8 AM – 4 PM in the Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 per table or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 per space to sell your superfluous items. More information will be forthcoming.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 9 April:

5:00 PM: 77; 11:00 AM: 136

Pre-sanctified: Fri.: 31

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$5,299.30

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 9 April:

27 from St. Michael; 10 from St. Peter & Paul

Pre-sanctified Liturgy: Wed.: (SM) 11; (PP) 7

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$735.00

We call this Day “*The Great Passover.*” The day when Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, thereby giving us New Life. When things become “new” or “Re-newed” they are changed. For this reason, everything in our lives is changed because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the way we pray, our posture in Church, the Church building itself, everything

THERE IS NO KNEELING...

from Easter until Pentecost Sunday. We are a resurrected people and we stand in the glory of Christ’s Holy Resurrection.

THE RESURRECTION ICON...

shows Christ coming from the tomb and raising up Adam and Eve. We, too, are raised up with Him.

THE BELLS ARE RUNG...

over and over again on this day as we proclaim to all that Christ has trampled down death for us.

THERE IS NO FASTING...

during the entire Bright Week in honor of the Resurrection of Christ.

THE GOSPEL IS READ IN AS MANY LANGUAGES AS POSSIBLE...

announcing that the Resurrection is for ALL peoples. Aside from the Gospel being read in English, portions will be read in Slavonic, Greek, Latin, Spanish and Slovenian.

THE DOORS OF THE ICON SCREEN...

remain open during this entire week – even when no services are celebrated. The tomb is empty and Heaven is open to all of us!

BRIGHT VESTMENTS AND DECORATIONS...

are used to constantly remind us that we celebrate the Feast of Victory.

BRIGHT MONDAY PROCESSION

proclaiming the Gospel and Good News to the four corners of the world to all people of every nation.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!



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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	16 April	<i>FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy
(PP)	11:00 AM	Intention of the parish Families
N.B.	On Easter Sunday, the Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place in the Church.	
		This is a fast-free week
Monday,	17 April	<i>BRIGHT MONDAY. (Solemn Holy Day) (pg. 172)</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	+John Hrop, Jr. (40th day) – Ron Mosko
Tuesday,	18 April	<i>BRIGHT TUESDAY. (Simple Holy Day) (pg. 172)</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	+Elizabeth Superak (40th day) – Pete Superak
Wednesday,	19 April	<i>BRIGHT WEDNESDAY. (pg. 173)</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Rose Ferdeber – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
Thursday,	20 April	<i>BRIGHT THURSDAY.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	21 April	<i>BRIGHT FRIDAY.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday,	22 April	<i>BRIGHT SATURDAY.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Mary & +Michael Pipa – daughter, Virginia Pipa
Sunday,	23 April	<i>THOMAS SUNDAY. THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Robert Blake (40th da.) – Andy & Loretta Greskovich



Attentive to the Word
PASCHA – The Resurrection of Our Lord

Jn. 1: 1 – 17
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PASCHA

The iconography of the Byzantine Church does not dare attempt to depict the Resurrection of Christ. Iconography can only portray what Scripture describes of God's self-revelation and none of the four Gospels offers a description of how Jesus rose from the dead. The scriptural accounts of the Resurrection can do no more than invite us to faith in the risen Lord. Two elements in the Gospel accounts make that invitation: the sign of the empty tomb and the testimony of witnesses. All the Gospel accounts agree in reporting that the myrrh-bearers discovered our Lord's tomb empty in the early hours of the first day of the week (Matthew 28, 1-10; Mark 16, 1-11; Luke 24, 1-12; John 20, 1, 11-13). This in itself is no proof of the Resurrection, however. The Jews presume (Matthew 27, 62-66; 28, 11-15) and even Mary Magdalene (John 20, 15) initially suggests that Jesus' body had been stolen. The myrrh bearing women and the Apostles leave the tomb confused and doubtful. The empty tomb is, therefore, no proof that Jesus rose from the dead.

Still, viewed with faith, it becomes a sign that Christ has indeed risen as He foretold. Whence comes the faith that makes this possible? According to the Gospels, its source is an experience of the continued presence of the risen Christ on earth or a flash of understanding wherein one realizes how Jesus' Resurrection fulfills God's plans and promises as set out in the Old Testament. Mary Magdalene (John 20, 11-18), the Apostles in the upper room, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24, 27ff) all encounter the risen Christ in just this manner. Much later, St. Paul would encounter Him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9, 1-6). At Emmaus and in the upper room (Luke 24,44-47) Jesus helped His disciples to understand the Scriptures and so come to recognize how the Resurrection fit into God's plan.

The Gospels are not shy in relating that the disciples' doubts melted very slowly. Once assured, however, their personal encounter with the risen Lord expressed itself in a desire to share the good news with others. The angel at the tomb had told the myrrh-bearing women "Go announce to His disciples" (see Matthew 28, 7; Mark 16,7). Christ

Himself commands the Apostles, "You must be my witnesses" (Luke 24/48). It is no coincidence that our own Resurrection Matins focus our attention on the empty tomb and repeat again and again the joyful message of the Resurrection: "Christ is risen from the dead."

Our Liturgy invites us to experience the Resurrection just as the Apostles did. Thus, we can actually pray, "Now that we have seen the Resurrection of Christ..." for indeed, we have. We can and should come away from Resurrection Matins eager witnesses to the Resurrection, just as the Apostles were. Our tradition encourages us to witness by proclaiming the good news "Christ is risen" "Indeed He is risen!" in our daily lives and ordinary conversations. We would be all the poorer were we to lose this very biblical greeting, or to replace a Gospel proclamation with the bland, commercialized, non-sectarian and profoundly meaningless, "Happy Easter." Such a greeting suffices for those whose holiday consists of bunnies and chocolates, eggs and lilies. The Gospel proposes for us a very different Easter: the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the Scriptures fulfilled, the joyful message passed along until it fills the whole created world with the promise of new life. For we are not mere spectators at an Easter parade. We are witnesses of – participants in – the Resurrection itself.

By Rev. John S. Custer, SSL, STD



Paschal Greetings

<u>English:</u>	Christ is Risen!	Indeed He is Risen!
<u>Church Slavonic:</u>	Christos Voskrese!	Voistinnu Voskrese!
<u>Rusin:</u>	Christos Voskres!	Voistinu Voskres!
<u>Greek:</u>	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
<u>Hungarian:</u>	Feltamadt Kristus!	Valoban feltamadt!
<u>Arabic:</u>	Al Masee Kam!	Hakku Kum!
<u>Italian:</u>	Cristo e risorto!	In verita e risorto!

Spanish:

Cristo es resucitado! En verdad es resucitado!