

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.

JUST A REMINDER...

We, as parishioners, are encouraged to join our voices with the Cantor when attending our Services. When the Priest sings, *we do not sing with him. We sing when the Cantor begins. The Cantor is our leader in song.*

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Monsignor Hladky Memorial Foundation will continue to offer scholarships toward tuition for students of all grade levels who wish to attend a Catholic elementary, junior high or high school. **Parents may request applications** for the 2018-2019 school year until April 22, 2018. Please call 330-847-8257. Completed applications must be returned by May 22, 2018.

NEW BYZANTINE PRAYER APP!

Eastern Christian Publications has announced a new app for smartphones. The App is free and available in both the Apple Store for iPhone and iPads, and from Google Play for Android devices. Search for **ECPubs** and install with a few clicks.

Check it out! It has some really good information for anyone to grow spiritually!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 8 April:

5:00 PM: **69**; 9:00 AM: **38** 11:00 AM: **78**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . .

Weekly Offering. . . \$2538.25

Additional Pascha. \$982.00

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!



15 APRIL 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Apr. 8** ECF Classes at 9:45 AM.
- **Sun. Apr. 15** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Monastery. Please Ring #301.
- **Mon. Apr. 16** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Very informative DVD by Fr. Thomas Hopko. *All Parishioners and friends are invited to view the DVD.*
- **Mon. Apr. 23** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. Many Hands make light work. Come and join us!
- **Sun. Apr. 29** – BINGO-CARD PARTY – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM...JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!



BINGO & CARD PARTY TICKETS AND RAFFLE TICKETS

Beginning this weekend, Ladies Guild members will be selling Bingo & Card Party tickets before and after all Liturgies. **Tickets are \$6.00.** Ticket purchase includes eligibility for the door prize, other drawings and a box lunch with beverage.

Raffle Tickets will also be sold before and after all the Divine Liturgies, The drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild Bingo/Card Party, October 1, 2017. **Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.** Winner need not be present.

1st Prize: Lottery Wreath 2nd Prize: \$100.00 Cash

Please support the Ladies Guild activities as they host the various functions for our Parish Family.

FOR WOMEN – FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, 5 May 2018 9:00 AM – 2:20 PM

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – Munhall, PA

“Angels Build Bridges” was chosen as the “Theme” for this day of Reflection, because bridges provide transportation, connect people and inspire strength and purpose. Equally important are those persons who connect and inspire us with their purpose in life. The three gifted presenters are like angels who build *bridges of compassion, service and support.* They will share their stories of assisting others and, thus motivate us to find our way of easing the suffering of others and being an example of compassionate love. **Registration forms and directions are at the entrances of the Church!** All proceeds from the day are donated to local women’s shelters. A very worthwhile event.

Sunday	15 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Holy Apostles Aristarchus. Pudens and Trophimus.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Health of Zachery Smith – John & Dianna Koza +Richard McGrath, Sr. (40th day) – Ron Mosko +Michael Kuhar – wife, Helen & daughter, Karen
Monday	16 April	<i>Holy Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	17 April	<i>Venerable Father Simeon of Persia. Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Joanne Emory – sister, Elizabeth & family
Wednesday	18 April	<i>Venerable Father John, Disciple Holy Gregory the Decapolite.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Patricia Mindek – Elaine Borowski
Thursday	19 April	<i>Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Mary Minarish – daughter, Karen
Friday	20 April	<i>Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas, the hairshirt wearer.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	21 April	<i>Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and His Companions. Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga.</i>
(Sunday Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta & family
Sunday	22 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Elizabeth Prokop (40th day) – Ron Mosko +Harry Reynolds – Trudy Vasco



Attentive to the Word
Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

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The Second Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the memory of seven of the most dedicated and courageous women of the New Testament. We know a great deal about the Twelve Apostles of Christ, but we know very little about the Myrrh-Bearing Women who were devoted to Christ equally as much as the Apostles themselves. They were with Jesus as He preached the message of Salvation. They were with Him when He was taken down from Calvary. It was these women who came to anoint His Sacred Body and prepare it for burial. This is why the Church refers to them as the

"Myrrh-Bearing Women."

Who were they?

1. **Mary Magdalene**, (Her feast day is celebrated on July 22nd). This remarkable woman is the most famous of the Myrrh-Bearing Women of the New Testament. If you remember, it was she whom our Blessed Lord healed of a terrible illness which Holy Scripture describes as "being possessed by seven demons." Holy Tradition tells us that after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, Mary Magdalene journeyed to Rome and convinced Emperor Tiberius that both Pontius Pilate and the archpriests of Jerusalem should be punished for their participation in the crucifixion of Christ. She later lived on the Greek island of Ephesus in the Christian community founded by St. John the Evangelist. Although she died on the island, her remains were eventually taken to the ancient temple of Constantinople.

2. **Salome**, the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee (her feast day is celebrated on August 3rd). Salome was a very saintly woman who loved Jesus

very much. Her great love was shared by her two famous sons, James and John, two of the original Twelve Apostles of Christ. Tradition tells us that Salome enjoyed a very close relationship with the family of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She remained devoted to Mary after the Ascension of Christ.

3. **Mary, the Mother of James and Joses**, the wife of Cleophas (her feast day is celebrated on May 23rd). Very little is recorded concerning her life: however, she devoted many years in the service of our Lord.

4. **Joanna, the wife of Chuza**, Herod Antipas' steward (her feast day is celebrated on June 27th). Joanna first heard of the coming of Christ during His first visit to the temple in Jerusalem. She became a true believer and assisted the Apostles during their first years as leaders of the new Faith. She was a woman of great courage.

5. **Susanna**, (her feast day is celebrated on the Sunday of the Forefathers, which falls on the Sunday before Christmas). Susanna was a close friend of Mary Magdalene and 'was constantly by her side during her affliction. Susanna remained with the Apostles of Christ and shared in the work of spreading the message of salvation. She assisted with the serving of the "Communion Suppers" and administering to the sick and the aged.

6 & 7. **Mary and Martha**, the sisters of Lazarus - (feast day, June 4th). Our Blessed Lord was very fond of Lazarus, and on many occasions He visited his home in Bethany. The sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, became followers of Christ and dedicated their lives to Him. After the miracle of the "Resurrection of Lazarus" by Jesus Christ, Mary and Martha returned with Jesus and His Apostles. They devoted their lives to the spreading of the new Faith. These are the famous "Seven Myrrh-Bearing Women" of the New Testament. These glorious ladies of the Church remained steadfast in their faith and brought glory to the Church of Christ. The Fathers of the Church consider them "equal to the Apostles."

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