

## 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.

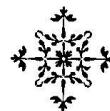
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**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.

## ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Julia Pater** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

## 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.*

## 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. 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!**

**BULLETIN CORRECTION: “TRASH TO TREASURE” IS JUNE 9, 2018.**



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 15 April:**

5:00 PM: **59**; 9:00 AM: **42** 11:00 AM: **85**

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

**Weekly Offering. . . \$2968.50**

**Additional Pascha. . . . . \$690.00**

*Christ is Risen!*

*Indeed He is Risen!*



22 APRIL 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Apr. 22** Last ECF Class until September at 9:45 AM.
- **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!
- **Wed. May 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**BINGO & CARD PARTY TICKETS AND RAFFLE TICKETS**

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, April 29, 2018. **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.*

Sunday	22 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife Loretta &amp; family</b> <b>+Elizabeth Prokop (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Ron Mosko</b> <b>+Harry Reynolds – Trudy Vasco</b>
Monday	23 April	<i>HOLY, GLORIOUS AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+George, +Mary &amp; +David Krupsa – Cathy Eddy</b>
Tuesday	24 April	<i>Holy Martyr Sabbas the Goth.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	25 April	<i>MID-PENTECOST. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Bill Maddox – Robert Fejko</b>
Thursday	26 April	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Sister Margaret Chuma – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Friday	27 April	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Bishop-Martyr Symeon, Cousin of our Lord. Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	28 April	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater. Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintillianus. Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+John E. Mosko – Sylvia Hosu</b>
Sunday	29 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice. Venerable Father Memnon the Wonder-worker.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Kenny Tisher – Ron Mosko</b> <b>+John Slovinsky, Jr. – M/M George Bodajlo</b>

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

*Please remember the following at our Parish's Mother Day Remembrance*

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

**Please circle** Saturday, 5:00 PM    Sunday, 9:00 AM    Sunday, 11:00 AM  
**Liturgy time:**

*Requested by:*

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Please print each name and circle the correct notation

Donation for each name is \$5.00

**\*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 6 MAY 2018\***



*Attentive to the Word*  
*Sunday of the Paralytic Man*

*Jn: 5: 1 - 15*

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## THE PARALYTIC MAN

An elderly American Indian, who had never left his reservation, recently enjoyed a visit to Europe. There he visited many large cities and saw interesting museums and beautiful churches. He was particularly impressed by the massive cathedrals richly endowed with priceless religious artistic decoration. He excitedly told his friends and neighbors upon his return to the reservation that Europeans worship animals because he had found images of eagles, lions, oxen and bulls in the old churches. Obviously, he was not aware that these images symbolize the Evangelists and are derived from the vision of Saint John in the Book of Revelation.

Symbolism plays an important and rich role in our lives. The world-famous Swiss psychologist, Carl Jung, observes, "Because there are innumerable things beyond the range of human understanding, we constantly use symbolic terms to represent concepts that we cannot define or fully comprehend. This is one reason why all religions employ symbolic language or images." Symbols are great teachers. They are constant and meaningful reminders used to typify abstract qualities or concepts for us. Many examples can be cited: The oak is a symbol of strength. Our American flag represents our country. The marriage ring is a sign of life-commitment, fidelity and unending love between a man and a woman. A handshake is an indication of friendliness. A kiss or embrace indicates affection, respect or deep love.

God has revealed many things about Himself through symbols. He has made known His presence and action to us through symbolic forms. He appeared to Moses, for example, under the form of a fiery bush on Mount Sinai. At the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove. The life of Christ itself shows us the form our lives should take. His glorious resurrection is certainly a symbol of our own liberation from sin as well as the guarantee of resurrection to the newness of life after death.

The Gospel lesson for today (John 5: 1-15) depicts our Lord healing a man paralyzed for thirty-eight years. It is a dramatic episode underscoring man's helplessness and God's power. The paralyzed man is a symbol of the spiritual malady

of sin. The presence of our Lord to him meant deliverance from the servitude of sin's curse, namely death. By death, Christ has destroyed death. Christ gave to the paralytic new life when He raised him from his infirmity.

The resurrection of Christ marks His victory over sin which is spiritual paralysis. The same living Savior, who raised the paralytic from this distress, can deliver you also from any spiritual paralysis. *But the power of God never dispenses with the effort of individuals. Our will and God's power must cooperate mutually to make possible our deliverance. If we make the effort along with Christ, we will always succeed.* Herein is the road to achievement even when so many things in the world seem to defeat us. When we have intensity of desire and determination to make the effort, the power of Christ takes leverage, and with Him we can conquer what has conquered us!

*By Fr. John Sekellick*

## MID-PENTECOST

On Wednesday, following the Sunday of the Paralytic, the Eastern Church celebrates the feast of Mid-Pentecost which means "Half Way" because it is the half-way mark between the feast of Easter and the feast of the Pentecost. The Pascal Mystery: the Cross, Tomb, Resurrection, Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit is celebrated for fifty days. The twenty-fifth day of this celebration is called the Feast of Mid-Pentecost and commemorates Christ as Teacher.

The reason for this feast is based on the Gospel of St. John in which it is written: "When, however, the feast of Tabernacles was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach." (John 7, 14) There he spoke of his divine mission and of miraculous water: "My teaching is not my own, but his who sent me. ... If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says, 'from within him there shall flow rivers of living waters.' He said this, however, of the spirit whom they, who believed in Him were to receive." (John 7,16; 37-39)

The feast of the Mid-Pentecost aims to strengthen our faith in the risen Christ, to inspire us to observe the commandments of God and to predispose us for the feast of the Ascension of our Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. In the matins service of that day at the Sticheras of Praises we sing: "Brethren, having been enlightened by the resurrection of the Savior Jesus Christ, and having reached the half-way mark of the feast of the Lord, let us sincerely observe the commandments of God, so that we may become worthy to celebrate the Ascension and receive the coming of the Holy Spirit