

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.



Please pray for those who are ill or infirm – that they may regain their strength and health and hold fast to their faith in the goodness of God. They are also a part of our parish family, so when you are able, send them a card, give them a call, or pay them a visit. Our shut-ins are so appreciative of your caring acts of kindness.



MARIAPOCH PILGRIMAGE

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma invites you to its annual eparchial pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, OH on Saturday 18 August and Sunday 19 August. See complete pilgrimage schedule at www.shrineofmariapoch.com.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

The 53rd annual pilgrimage will be held from Monday, 13 August through Wednesday 15 August. Bishop Milan Lach will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Tuesday at 7 PM. He will be joined by the Byzantine priests of the Parma Eparchy for the concelebrated Divine Liturgy. See the bulletin board in the Social Hall for further details and schedules.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 9 – 12 Warren Italian Heritage Festival. See Bulletin board for details.
August 19 – Our Parish Picnic at SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall & grounds.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 29 July:

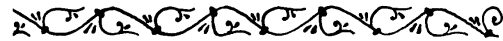
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Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,776.00



5 AUGUST 2018

- **Wed. Aug.1** The Dormition Fast – Aug. 1 – 14 in preparation for the Feast of the Falling Asleep of Mary and her Assumption Body and Soul into Heaven.
- **Mon. Aug. 6 Major Holy Day! Liturgies at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. With Blessing of Fruit**
- **Mon. Aug. 13 Very Important Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.** Please note: Meeting was changed to Mon. due to the Liturgy schedule for the Feast of the Dormition..
- **Mon. Aug. 27** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. We can use your help! Many hands make light work!



PARISH PICNIC



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 19th at Ss. Peter and Paul Social Hall, following the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.** Once again, our parish will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. **You provide your “specialty” to share with everyone else. Please bring a serving utensil and don’t forget to mark your container and utensil.** If you plan on attending, please sign your name and the number attending to the sign-up sheet located in the social hall so that we can properly prepare. We hope to see all of you there!



BLESSING OF FRUIT



As is customary in the Eastern Church on the Feast of the Transfiguration, **GRAPES AND FRUITS** will be blessed following the Divine Liturgy. Grapes are indicative of wine which is “transfigured” into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don’t forget to bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with you.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	5 August	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Prefestive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Kenny Tisher – Ron Mosko +Anne Evans (40th day) – Marjorie Reynolds Health/Welfare of Ann McGrath – Ron Mosko
Monday	6 August	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.</i>
(PP)	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	+Stephen Sernulka, III – Byers family +Harry Reynolds – Dennis & Connie Reed
Tuesday	7 August	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	8 August	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+John Slovinsky, Sr. – Joseph Slovinsky family
Thursday	9 August	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Edward Brienz, Sr. – Rick & Sue Trope
Friday	10 August	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	11 August	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Donald Sutyak – Andy & Pat Kostraba
Sunday	12 August	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus. St. Maximus the Confessor is also remembered due to the Otdanije tomorrow.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society +John Hrop, Jr. – Lisa Clark & Jim Begalla



Attentive to the Word
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Prefestive of Transfiguration

Mt. 18:23-35

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Because of their importance and prominence, it is sometimes quite difficult for us to conceive of distinguished and famous people angry with each other. Such a situation arose one time between the renowned William M. Thackeray and Charles Dickens just before Christmas in 1863. When they met in London, neither would speak to the other. Thackeray, however, disturbed by this set of circumstances, grasped Dickens' hand to say that he could not stand the coldness between them. Dickens was profoundly moved, and the jealous anger gave way to reconciliation. Not long afterwards, Thackeray suddenly died but Dickens was able to stand at the grave of his friend in gratitude

that they had shaken hands so warmly only a few days before.

Time and again, Jesus stressed forgiveness. After teaching the disciples the "Lord's Prayer," He said, "Yes, if you forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will forgive you too. But if you do not forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will not forgive you for your offenses."

After preaching the Sermon on the Mount which contained the Beatitudes, Jesus continued, "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who treat you badly."

As our Lord hung on the cross, He looked upon those who crucified Him and prayed, "Father, forgive them! They do not know what they are doing." This unforgettable scene at the crucifixion underlined what He had always taught: forgiveness – even as it was costing Him His life.

What a contrast to the wicked servant in today's Gospel. He had refused to forgive a fellow servant a small debt even though he had been forgiven one many times greater. Is it no small wonder Jesus concluded His parable: "Then his master called him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound then to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how My heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

Nothing is more contrary to the teachings of Christ than the lack of forgiveness – grudge bearing. For some, this lasts for years – to their own spiritual and often physical detriment. The verb "To forgive" in the gospel story literally means **to set free, to let loose**. When we set others free by our forgiveness, we truly set in motion the dynamic words of Christ, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Jesus insisted on forgiveness because this is the form love must take in our relationship with others. A mark of an authentic follower of Christ is one who speaks the forgiving word first – the word that dissolves grudges, anger and ill-will: the invitation to reconciliation. God, in Christ, took the first step in reaching out to us with forgiveness. The all-consuming task is given to us to follow that example with each other.

By Fr. John Sekellick, J.C.L

THE TRANSFIGURATION



On Aug. 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The whole atmosphere on the Mountain of Transfiguration, as presented by the Evangelists is glory. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and His garments glistened and gleamed like the light.

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Our Lord spoke of His approaching passion and death. The Apostles undoubtedly must have been very hurt and disappointed to hear Jesus tell of His journey to Jerusalem and how he would be humiliated, treated like a criminal, suffer, be crucified and die. The Transfiguration was something which was intended to lift up their hearts. It was to enable them to look beyond the humiliation and shame of Good Friday and the death on the cross to the glorious and

crowning resurrection.

It is no wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the Mount and remain there. He wanted the great moment of glory to be prolonged. He did not want to go down to common everyday things, especially not to face the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Similarly, we too wish to experience the intimacy of peace and joy and our nearness to God at all times. The Mountain of Transfiguration is always more enjoyable than common daily things. But the Transfiguration is intended to give to us, as to the apostles, hope and strength to walk the daily way of the cross and to see beyond this, to the glory of our own transfiguration.