

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.

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 26 – Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park.

August 19 – Our Parish Picnic at SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall & grounds.



SUMMER FESTIVALS:

St. Demetrios Greek Festival – July 25 – 29

Wednesday & Thursday – 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Friday & Saturday – 4:00 PM to 12 Midnight

Sunday – 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Greek Dining and Greek Pastries; Greek Music; Greek dancers; Fireworks
Visit www.warrengreekfest.com for more information.

Warren Italian Heritage Festival – August 9 – 12

Courthouse Square – Downtown Warren

Entertainment, Exhibits, Games, Pageants, Wine-tasting Competition, Contests, Parade, and Rides and much more. Italian Outdoor Mass – 9:30 AM August 12th.

Visit www.warrenitalianfestival.com for schedules and more information.

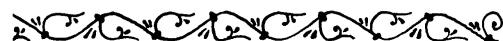


Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 8 July:

5:00 PM: 56; 9:00 AM: 43 11:00 AM: 59

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,348.25

- **Fri. July 20** Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah. Divine Liturgy – Thurs. Evening 6:00 PM followed by Blessing of Cars.
- **Mon. July 23** Church Cleaning Party 9AM – Noon
- **Thurs. July 26** Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kenywood Park.

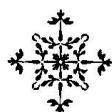


A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, (and every 5 years thereafter) in this year of 2018. **Please inform the Parish Office by 22 July 2018 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.** The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, 9 September 2018 at 3:00 PM. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop you name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Wednesday 11

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the souls of Your servants **+Mildred Simko and +Charles Wilkes** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

SOME HUMOR FOR ST. ELIAS DAY:

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "Can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl raised her hand with great enthusiasm and said "To make the gravy."

15 JULY 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	15 July	<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. The Holy Great Prince Vladimir Equal to the Apostles, who was baptized Basil.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Sandra Bishop – husband, Ken +Andy Greskovich, Sr. – Rick & Sylvia Perhacs +Julia Pater – Irene Marchin
Monday	16 July	<i>Holy Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sabasteand and his Ten Disciples</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	17 July	<i>Holy Great Martyr Marina, Blessed Martyr Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Presov.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Paul & +Mildred Homa – Chris & Gene Krupsa
Wednesday	18 July	<i>Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris. Holy Martyr Emilian.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Bill Maddox – Robert Fejko
Thursday	19 July	<i>Venerable Mother Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great. Venerable Father Dios.</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	+Doris Mosko – Ron Mosko (with Blessing of Cars)
Friday	20 July	<i>FEAST OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	21 July	<i>Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and his Fellow Ascetic John. Holy Prophet Ezekiel.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+George Teringo, Sr. – Eleanor Hovotny
Sunday	22 July	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-martyr Phocus.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Harry Reynolds – Jim & Barbara Hash +Margaret Gnat – Grandchildren



Attentive to the Word
Sunday of the Fathers of
the Six Ecumenical Councils
Mt. 14:14-22 and Jn. 17:1-13
Follow directions on Pages 341 - 342
(Res. Tone 7 Page 156)

OUR CARING SHEPHERD

MIRACLE OF LOAVES AND FISH



I want you to see something wonderful about Jesus Christ today. Jesus knows where you are and what you're going through, and *He cares*.

When this huge crowd gathered, Jesus looked out and saw broken people with broken lives. They had brought their sick and their lame, people with all manner of problems. And Jesus felt compassion for them. That tells us a lot about Jesus Christ, because it says that He is more than just a Person of power. He is One who cares. I'm here to tell you today that Jesus knows what you are going through. Jesus feels your pain. The beauty of the

Incarnation is that when God became man, He could feel what we feel. We need a Person like that because we're like sheep. Mark says Jesus had compassion on the people because "they were like sheep without a shepherd." There are three things you need to know about sheep: they are dumb, defenseless, and directionless. It's not flattering, but it's true.

These people were groping for direction. They were defenseless, ripe for plucking. How many times have we been deceived into going to the wrong places, doing the wrong things, thinking the wrong thoughts, hanging out with the wrong people? We are defenseless and directionless. Jesus can do much more than just sympathize with you. His power can overrule your circumstances. His compassion can deal with your situation. *He healed the sick that day (Matthew 14:14), and He fed them too.*

I don't know what impossible situation you may be facing today, but when you bring Jesus Christ into the equation, you have someone who can surmount the insurmountable.

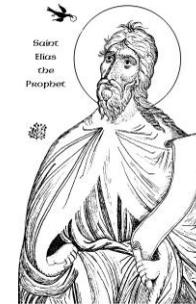
SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of July, our Church remembers the bishops who gathered in collegial assembly under the grace of the Holy Spirit to take common and definitive action for the doctrinal and pastoral good of the Christian faithful. They are called "ecumenical," *meaning universal, involving the entire Church*. Through the history of the Church, only the first seven Councils are universally recognized and undisputed among Christian Churches. An ecumenical council differs from a general meeting or council of bishops in that a *synod* is concerned with local or regional issues and does not involve the Church as a whole.

These Councils decided definitively what we are to believe about Christ. Today, these issues seem almost irrelevant in the face of modern-day concerns; however, without the clear teachings of the Fathers, our Faith would be foundationally weakened.

At Matins for this Sunday, our Church proclaims, "When the holy preachers of Christ fully received the light from the Holy Spirit, they spoke with divine insight, with few but deeply meaningful words inspired from above, bringing to the front the evangelical doctrines and traditions of true worship. When these were clearly revealed to them from on high, they were enlightened and thus established the faith received from God." (*Matins at the Praises*)

THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH:



Elias, also known as Elijah, was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. Of his origin, not much is known, except that he was from the city of Tishba. He appeared on the historical scene during the reign of Ahab (9 cent. B.C.). He delivered to that impious king the message of Yahweh: Israel would be punished by a long drought and Ahab's house would fall. He then lived to see the tragic end of Ahab. Next we hear of Elias in connection with Ochozias, Ahab's son and successor, to whom he predicted that the injuries received in a fall would be fatal. The end of the earthly life of Elias came mysteriously. As he was conversing with Eliseus on the hills of Moah, "a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (Kgs. 2:11). Jews, Christians and Moslems pay high honor to Elias; Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ's transfiguration.