

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.

APOSTLE'S FAST: The Apostles Fast in preparation for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul begins tomorrow, March 28 through June 28th. It is recommended that you abstain from meat on Wednesday's and Friday's during this time to prepare for the Feast of the Patronal Saints of our Parish.

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 8 AM – 3 PM in the Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 to sell your superfluous items. **Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. These must be returned w/payment by 2 June 2018.** Spaces are limited and registrations will be filled on a "first come, first serve" basis, so get your reservations in early.



MEMORIAL DAY ... St. Paul once said: "You are not your own, for you are bought with a price." The reference here, of course, is to our salvation; Jesus came to earth and paid with His death on the cross to redeem us from eternal death, hell, which is the due payment for our sins.

But we, who live in this great land of ours today, live a life of freedom only because of the great sacrifices of others. Not only have we been "bought with a price" as far as our eternal destiny is concerned, we have also been redeemed, so to speak, as far as our earthly domicile is concerned.

In these days when so much is said about the high cost of living (yes, and of dying, too!), it is fitting to pause on Memorial Day and acknowledge the great price that thousands of others have paid that we might live in this land of freedom, the United States of America.

Memorial Day came as a result of the Civil War. This was America's greatest war-in the lives that were lost, in the issues and principles at stake, in the fact that it was fought on American soil, and in the results that have come from it.

Since that time, Memorial Day has become a national holyday to honor the dead of all wars. In 1971, it was declared a national holiday by Congress, which was to be celebrated the last Monday in May. It differs from Veteran's Day, which is observed on November 11, which honors *all* veterans - *the living and the dead*.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 20 May:

5:00 PM: 72; 9:00 AM: 52 11:00 AM: 64

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,452.61

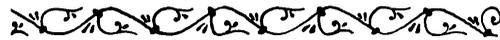


27 MAY 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. May 27** Memorial Services at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery – 2:00 PM – weather permitting.
- **Mon. May 28** Memorial Services at “St. Michael’s” Cemetery at 10:00 AM – weather permitting.
- **Mon. May 28** Beginning of Apostle’s Fast in preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul...Apostle’s Fast ends June 28th.
- **Wed. June 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meal’s Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

We can use your help!



**MEMORIAL SERVICES: PP Cemetery – 2 PM Sun.
(weather permitting) SM Cemetery – 10 AM Mon.**



FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please remember the following at our Parish’s Father’s 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:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation
Donation for each name is \$5.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 10 JUNE 2018

Sunday	27 May	<i>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Carl Verney – John & Jennifer Welch
	9:00 AM	+Julia Pater (40th day)
	11:00 AM	+Julia Pavis – Nancy Sernulka & family
Monday	28 May	<i>Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon.</i>
		No Divine Services
Tuesday	29 May	<i>The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia.</i>
		Clergy Days – Office Clsd
Wednesday	30 May	<i>Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i>
		Clergy Days – Office closed
Thursday	31 May	<i>The Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Silvia Siska – SPP Ladies Guild
Friday	1 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Justin and His Companions.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	2 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family
Sunday	3 June	<i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Theodore Falatic – Greg & Cathie Lazor
	11:00 AM	+Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike



Attentive to the Word
Sunday of All Saints
Mt: 10:32, 33, 37, 38 & 19:27 - 30
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:



I saw this amusing commercial. This basset hound is lying on the floor next to his master, who is totally covered by the newspaper he's reading. On the floor in front of the dog is a page of the newspaper that advertises this incredible bargain airfare from a certain airline. Suddenly, the dog has a bubble over his head in which he sees himself at the kennel again while his master is off traveling. The dog quietly picks up the part of the paper that has the ad, trots over to the garbage can, drops it in, and goes back to his master's side. His master never knows the difference. Of course,

the dog has no way of knowing those great sale fares aren't always as great as they first appear. The sale fare is in big print, but at the bottom is this small print with lots of conditions. Or you call the airline and you get some surprises. You have to fly over a Saturday, there's a penalty for any changes, there are only a few seats at that price, or you may have to book two years in advance! It looks great for a while, but the added conditions change things a bit – conditions you hadn't counted on.

I want to have a word with you today about "Followers With Footnotes."
Our word for today from the Word of God comes from Matthew 19:27-29. By the way, Jesus knows how it feels to call and find out about unadvertised conditions. The Scripture says, "Peter answered Him, 'We have left everything to follow You! What, then, will there be for us?' Jesus said to them ... 'You who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone

who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for My sake, will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."

Peter wanted to know what's in it for him to follow Jesus. Contrast that with his original commitment to Jesus in Mark 1:17-18, "'Come, follow Me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed Him.'" There were no conditions, no footnotes, and no fine print. But now Peter's concerned about houses and fields and closeness to his family.

Peter's not alone. His mindset here uncovers a troubling tendency in our commitment to Christ. Unconditional commitment to Christ tends to become conditional. As our lives get more complex, as we accumulate more and accomplish more, we start to add little footnotes and conditions to what began as an 'anything goes' commitment to the Lord.

There was probably some time in your life when you opened yourself up totally to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. "It doesn't matter where I live, how much money I make, what position I get, what I wear, what I drive, who goes with me." But that can change. Now the Lord might be asking you to do something that might risk or change some of those parts of your life. Suddenly, you're giving the Lord a contract with certain requirements – living in certain conditions, being near your family, keeping your position or some prized possessions, keeping a special person in your life, being comfortable. You're saying, "Yes, Lord, but..." Added conditions. The word "but" cannot follow the word "Lord."

Jesus assured Peter he was losing nothing any more than you lose the money you invest in a stock that later goes sky high. In fact, Jesus promises a reward 100 times any sacrifice you make. What a return! But that kind of reward is reserved for those who give Jesus a blank piece of paper, not a contract. "Even with all I have now, Lord, and all I want, anything goes."

Have you added footnotes and conditions to your once wide-open commitment? Remember, Jesus abandoned everything to rescue you. He's worthy of your "no strings" commitment. You knew that once. It's time to get back to where you began, following Jesus with total abandon.

By Ron Hutchcraft