

## 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 11 AM – 2:30 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

## Attitudes Color our Lives

One afternoon I found an elderly member of my congregation in a state of utter misery. When I asked her how she was, she could do nothing but complain. She did not like the particular hospital she was in—the bed was too hard, the sheets too scratchy, and the staff not considerate enough. When I noticed she was having a soft diet, she began to lament that she had lost most of her teeth and could not chew well. On and on she went, cataloguing her complaints, and every time I tried to speak some positive word, she shot it down with her negativism.

I left that room thoroughly depressed, for I had never seen a human being more miserable. A few minutes later, I entered the room of another woman who was also up in years and facing a painful situation. Because the other visit was fresh in my mind, I immediately began to commiserate with this woman about her lot. And yet, from the first, her attitude was noticeably different. When I suggested that having to be in the hospital was an unpleasant experience, she countered by saying she was very grateful that there were such places when one was as sick as she was. I surmised that the noise of the hospital and the hardness of the bed made hospital life inferior to life at home, but she said, “No, this bed suits me just fine, and I actually enjoy the company of the nurses coming in and out.” I saw that she too was on a soft diet, and I remarked that she must find this difficult, but a smile came to her face as she said, “Well, I just have two teeth left, but, thank the Lord, they hit!” *ATTITUDE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!*

John Claypool, *THE LIGHT WITHIN YOU*, (Waco, Texas: Word, Inc. 1983).  
(Still relevant in 2018)



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 11 November:**

5:00 PM: **51**; 9:00 AM: **44**; 11:00 AM: **86**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,956.00**



SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Nov. 25** No ECF Classes Today – **Thanksgiving Vacation**
- **Mon. Nov. 26** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon! We would be grateful for your help!
- **Sun. Dec. 2** ECF Children’s Program and a visit from St. Nicholas – 10:00 AM. You are all invited!
- **Tues. Dec. 4** Marriage Annulment Workshop for Byzantine Catholics, is being held, 7:00 PM at St. John’s Cathedral, Munhall, PA. The seminar is free. Email [archpitt@aol.com](mailto:archpitt@aol.com) or call 412-456-3033 if you plan to attend! (Very informative workshop!)
- **Sat. Dec. 15** – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Cookie Sale. More info to come.
- **Sun. Dec. 16** – Spirituality Day in preparation for Christmas. More about the speaker and his topic next week.

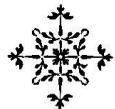
**ST. NICHOLAS DINNER – NEW LOCATION . . .**

Our St. Nicholas Dinner will be held *at DiLucia’s Banquet and Catering Facility, 2610 Elm Road, NE, Warren, OH* after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy on 2 December 2018. The Facility is better able to accommodate our needs. The cost is the same. Cost per person is: Adults = \$10.00; Children (ages 7-12) = \$5.00; Children (6 & under) free. ***Deadline is today: Sun. Nov. 25.*** *Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. It will be a very pleasant afternoon with very good food and very good company. We hope to see all of you there!*

**“O KTO KTO, NIKOLAJA L’UBIT” – *You are invited!***

Adaptation is part of Life...and because we love St. Nicholas, we adapt! It was difficult to incorporate a program into all the activities at the parish, so this is how we “adapted”. The ECF children are planning a short program honoring St. Nicholas. It will be held during their class time on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Social hall. The program will begin at 10:00 AM and will end with a visit from St. Nicholas. The children are extending an invitation to all of you to attend their program. They are the future of our Parish...we ask that you support them by your attendance.

**ETERNAL MEMORY**



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servants +**Kim Uhlin** and +**Randall Rose** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Sunday	25 November	<i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Leave-taking of the Entrance. Our Holy fathers and Martyrs Clement Pope of Rome and Peter, Bishop of Alexandria.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Steve Zombar, Jr. – Steve, Betty, Jen &amp; John Prayer intention of the Rosary Society members +Joseph Chaky (40<sup>th</sup> day)</b>
Monday	26 November	<i>Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite. Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Great Martyr George.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	27 November	<i>Holy Great Martyr James the Persian. Venerable Father Palladius. Holy Icon of the Theotokos, called “the Sign.”</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Health of Rebecca Kapusta – Betty, Steve, Jen &amp; John</b>
Wednesday	28 November	<i>Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger. The Holy Martyr Irenarchus.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+George, +Mary &amp; +David Krupsa – Cathy Eddy</b>
Thursday	29 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Paramon and Philemon. Venerable Father Acacius, mentioned in The Ladder of St. John Climacus.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+John P. Slovinsky, Jr. – George &amp; Irene Slovinsky</b>
Friday	30 November	<i>Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-called.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	1 December	<i>The Holy Prophet Nahum.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta &amp; family</b>
Sunday	2 December	<i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, Passing of the Blessed Confessor Ivan Slezyuk (1973).</i>
	<b>9:00 AM 11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Kim Uhlin – Marjorie, Paul &amp; Cheryl Simon +George Dufalla – B. Dufalla &amp; J. Cunningham</b>



## Attentive to the Word Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Lk. 13: 10 - 17*

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Theotokos into the Temple. Pg. 268 - 272*

### THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

It was not only the physical condition of this woman that was restored on that Sabbath day. Many scholars point to this text as the place where Jesus restored the dignity of all women. Jesus argues that this crippled woman is of more importance to God than livestock because she is a daughter of Abraham. And so, with the touch of his hand he not only restores her health but her place in the community. It reminds me of the song by the Christian artist Wayne Watson "The Touch of the Master's Hand," which coincidentally the lyrics were a poem written by a woman by the name of Myra Brooks Welch.

Listen to her words:

Tw'as battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.  
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who will start bidding for me?  
A dollar, a dollar" --then, "Two!" "Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?  
Three dollars, twice;  
"Going for three --" But no,  
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings.  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As sweet as a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said what am I bidden for the old violin?  
And he held it up with the bow.  
A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?

Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand twice;  
And going, and gone!" said he.  
The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand  
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of the master's hand.

And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scattered with sin,  
Is auctioned off cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;  
A game -- and he travels on.  
He's "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and "almost gone."

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd  
Never quite understands  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

I think Ms. Brooks understood what happened to the crippled woman in today's Gospel  
and how one touch from the Master's Hand can transform a life.

(Brett Blair)

