

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.

BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE 2018

... is being held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM. The Title is: *“Parish Life from Maintenance to Discipleship.”* **This conference will take a look at life in our Byzantine Catholic Church from the time of immigration up to the present era, and will also address the challenge of Discipleship for the Future.** Registration is required and is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch). Registration brochures are next to the bulletins. Deadline is Nov. 5, 2018.

“HALLOWEEN MOVIE AFTERNOON”



Sunday Afternoon – October 28th at 2:00 PM – we will meet in the Social Hall for an afternoon of relaxation, camaraderie, and enjoyment. The “Price” is right ... No Charge...Movie “refreshments” will be provided. The “Feature” of the day will be *“The Dog Who Saved Halloween”*. Laughter is good for whatever ails you, so come and enjoy yourselves.

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 21 October:

5:00 PM: **64;** 9:00 AM: **54;** 11:00 AM: **72**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,430.14



- **Sun. Oct. 28** Classes for **K through 12** will meet from **9:55 to 10:45 AM**. Our children are the future of our parish and our Church. Please bring your children to church every week unless they are ill.
- **Sun. Oct. 28** Movie afternoon – 2:00 PM in the Social Hall...come & join us!
- **Wed. Nov. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Extra help is needed this week...an hour or two will be appreciated.



THANK YOU!



Thank you for the very nice expression of gratitude and appreciation shown to me last weekend. The cakes were delicious, as well as beautifully decorated. But just sharing a little time together was great. You also are much appreciated by me and are remembered in my prayers. Thank you again! *Fr. Simeon*



NUTROLL SALE – DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS OCT. 31st

St. Benedict's Auxiliary is taking orders for nut, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut, cranberry-nut and lekvar rolls. They will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, from 3:00 to 6:30 PM. *The rolls are \$10.00. An order sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall; orders may also be placed through any member of St. Benedict's Auxiliary, or you may call Marge Basista at 330-544-0107.* They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking.



SPRING AHEAD! FALL BACK!

Time change – November 4th.

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour so that you will not be late for church or ECF classes.

28 OCTOBER 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	28 October	<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Our Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Estella Susko – daughter, Suzanne +Andy Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta & family Intention of Janet Yocum – Aunt Helen
Monday	29 October	<i>Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (Chapel)	30 October 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Martyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia.</i> +Michael Ivan – wife, Patricia
Wednesday (Chapel)	31 October 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus. Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i> +James Danko – Oblates of St. Benedict
Thursday (Chapel)	1 November 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Unmercenary Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i> +Sr. Ambrose Chuchvara – Benedictine Sisters
Friday	2 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	3 November 5:00 PM	<i>Acepsimas Joseph and Aeithalas. Foundation of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his relics are kept.</i> +Barbara A. Myers – John & Dianna Koza
Sunday	4 November 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Joannicus. Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.</i> +Peter Sernulka – wife Nancy Sernulka & family +Michael & +Mary Lickwar – Lickwar family



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 8: 26 - 39

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The lesson from St. Luke tells us today of an incident that is typical of Christ the Good Shepherd. Jesus had been teaching and helping in the city of Capernaum, which was a sort of headquarters for Him. Throngs of people kept coming to Him for help. Suddenly, He decided to go to the other shore of the Sea of Galilee. What was pulling the Lord to the other shore of the lake? There was a "lost sheep" there, and the Good Shepherd was going to find him.

Jesus found him in the country of the Gadarenes, a demon-possessed man who lived in caves and tombs off the shore. We might call him a "wild man" in our day, naked and uncontrollable. The Good Shepherd had come to save this lost sheep. The Lord healed the man, and in the process of driving out the evil spirits, a herd of swine perished into the sea. The man was "wild" no more, but sat quietly, now clothed, at the feet of Christ.

When the people saw the great change that had come over the sick man, and when they learned of the loss of swine that was involved with his healing, they came to Christ and asked Him to leave. They were afraid. As Jesus got into the boat to go back to His land, the healed man came and asked to go along with Him. But Jesus told him to go to his own home and to tell others what wonderful things God had done for him.

May we learn from this Gospel what a truly Good Shepherd the Lord was. He met the people's needs as He found them. The Lord is still our Good Shepherd! Seated at the right hand of the Father, He still feels and knows human heartache and intercedes for our help and comfort.

We notice the ingratitude of the Gadarene people in asking Christ to leave their land, all because they had lost their property. They had put "gold" before God and wanted no part of Christ and His teaching because the herd of swine had perished into the sea at the time of the healing miracle. When Jesus disturbed their great love, they wanted no part of Him.

This is a common human attitude. We get set in our loves, our ways and our sins. And we don't want anyone or anything to disturb us. People will pray, will give, will belong, will work, so long as the Church doesn't disturb them. Yet it is the function of the Church to change us, to give us the "abundant life" of Christ. How careful we must be, lest we, in so many ingenious ways, tell the Lord to leave us alone in our set ways.

Remember what Christ told the healed man after his request to go with the Lord to Galilee? Jesus told him he should not come with Him. "Return to your own house," Jesus said, "and tell the great things that God has done for you." The man obeyed and did as the Lord had requested.

How much Christian work is left undone right in our own backyards! Our own families, our own neighborhoods, our own communities, need to feel the impact and influence of Christ. We talk to our children and to others about everything under the sun -from A to Z--except Christ the Son of God. Somehow our lips are sealed and we find it so difficult to speak of that Name, which is above every other Name, the Name of Him Who is the Alpha and Omega the Beginning and the End, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life.

The healed man, once possessed with evil spirits, was now possessed with Christ. He spoke to others of his wonderful encounter with the Lord. What a tremendous change had resulted from his meeting with Christ there on the shores of the sea. Others, who knew him well, were amazed at the change for good that had come over him.

Now, every Sunday we meet Christ here in the Divine Liturgy. We believe He is here. We believe Him when He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." We believe we unite ourselves with Him in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. "God is with us," becomes a reality for us in the Church. Can others later tell that we have been with the Lord?

It is said that Mohammedans can tell when one of their number has been to a mosque; they can tell by the scent of incense which is carried forth. Can others tell when we have been in the Lord's Presence, not by the scent of incense, but by the joy and beauty of our lives – our thoughts, words and actions? This, after all, is Christianity on the practical, meaningful level. May we come to know Christ as our Good Shepherd, and may we realize that we are His flock, whom He loves and cares for, each and every one.