

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

LECTOR MINISTRY

Fr. Simeon has commissioned Timothy Byers to conduct Lector Classes at our Parish. This is for anyone, male or female, who would like to learn about this ministry in our church. A video series from our Archdiocese will be used during these sessions (approx. 4 sessions.) Perhaps, after attending these informative Lector Sessions, you may feel called to assist in this ministry. Anyone interested, please sign up in the Social Hall.



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."



SUMMER FESTIVALS:

St. Demetrios Greek Festival – July 24 – 28
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.warregreekfest.com for more information.

35th Warren Italian Heritage Festival – August 8 – 11
Courthouse Square – Downtown Warren

Entertainment, Exhibits, Games, Pageants, Wine-tasting Competition, Contests, Parade, Fireworks and much more. Italian Outdoor Mass – 9:30 AM August 11th.
Visit www.warrenitalianfestival.com for schedules and more information.



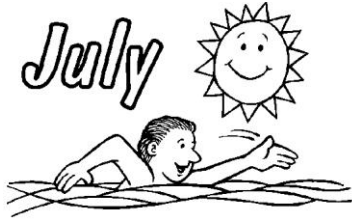
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 7:

5:00 PM: 71; 9:00 AM: 34 11:00 AM: 56

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,120.85



- **Mon. July 22** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM - Noon. We could use your help!
- **Thurs. July 25** Kennywood Byzantine Catholic Family Day.



SUMMER IS HERE – and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God’s people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling. There are many opportunities to give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.

A PRAYER WHEN LIGHTING A CANDLE

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for You to burn out of me all pride, selfishness, and impurity. May it be a flame for You to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbors, and all those who meet me. Through the prayers of Mary, Virgin and Mother, I place in Your care those I come to especially remember. (*Mention your intention.*) I cannot stay long here with You in Your church. In leaving his candle, I wish to give You something of myself. Help me continue my prayer in everything I do this day. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and every 5 years thereafter in this year of 2019. **Please inform the Parish Office by July 28, 2019 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, September 8, 2019 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 your 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.

JULY 14, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	14 July	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. The Holy Apostle Aquila.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Craig McKnight - John & Dianna Koza +Mary & Michael Johnson - Mike & Sue Johnson +Anne Evans - William Burick Family
Monday	15 July	<i>The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta. The Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles, who was baptized Basil.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	16 July	<i>The Holy Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste and His Ten Disciples.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Harry Reynolds - Mike & Julie Hornyak
Wednesday	17 July	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Marina. The Blessed Martyr Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Presov.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Millie Simko - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Inhouse
Thursday	18 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris. The Holy Martyr Emilian. The Passing of the Venerable Martyr Tarsykia Matskiv (1944).</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Alice Ondrejko - St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
Friday	19 July	<i>Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of St. Basil the Great. Our Venerable Father Dios.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	20 July	<i>FEAST OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Jeffrey Hoso - Hoso Family
Sunday	21 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and His Fellow Ascetic John. The Holy Prophet Ezekiel.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Gloria Hatfield - Michael & Sue Johnson +John Prokop - Michael Prokop



Attentive to the Word

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

Matt. 8: 28 – 9:1

Tone 4, Pg. 141 and follow directions on Pgs. 341 – 342

PEACE TO THE DISTURBED

The persons involved in this story had a need for peace, and Jesus provided that peace. This dramatic incident is most revealing. It shows what Satan does for a man: robs him of sanity and self-control; fills him with fears; robs him of the joys of home and friends; and (if possible) condemns him to an eternity of judgment. It also reveals what society does for a man in need: restrains him, isolates him, threatens him, but society is unable to change him. See, then, what Jesus Christ can do for a man whose whole life within and without is bondage and battle. What Jesus did for these two demoniacs, He will do for anyone else who needs Him.

Christ came to them, and even braved a storm to do it. This is the grace of God! He delivered them by the power of His Word. He restored them to sanity, society, and service. The account in Mark 5:1-21 shows that one of the men asked to become a disciple of the Lord. But, instead of granting his request, Jesus sent him home to be a witness. Christian service must begin at home.

There are three prayers in this event: (1) the demons besought Jesus to send them into the swine; (2) the citizens besought Him to leave; and (3) the one man besought Him to let him follow (see Mark 5:18-20). Jesus answered the prayers of the demons and the citizens, but not the prayer of the healed man!

We can construct a "statement of faith" from the words of the demons. (Demons do have faith; see James 2:19.) They believed in the existence of God and the deity of Christ, as well as the reality of future judgment. They also believed in prayer. They knew Christ had the power to send them into the swine. The fact that the demons destroyed 2,000 pigs is nothing compared with the fact that Jesus delivered two men from the powers of Satan. God owns everything (Ps. 50:10-11) and can do with it as He pleases. Jesus values men more than pigs or sheep (Matt. 12:12). He brought peace to these men's lives and to the community where, for a long time, they had been causing trouble.

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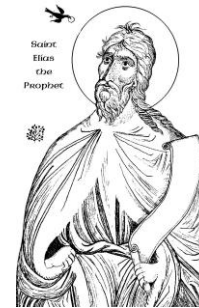
SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

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. 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.