

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.

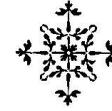
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

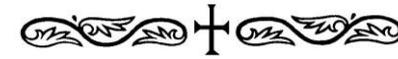
Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 11 AM – 2:30 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Virginia James** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



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.



GOD BLESS AMERICA!

AMERICA – BLESS GOD!



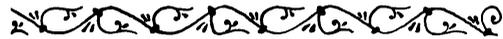
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 23:

5:00 PM: **67**; 9:00 AM: **49** 11:00 AM: **52**

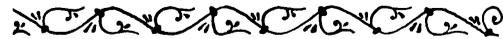
Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,610.76



- **Sun. June 30** SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day Dinner in Social Hall after 11:00 Liturgy.
- **Weds. July 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
- **Thurs. July 4** Parish Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

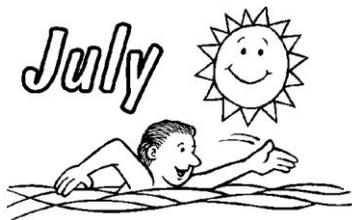


NOTE: The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul will be transferred and celebrated on Sunday, June 30th.



99TH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY - JULY 25, 2019

If there is any interest in possible transportation to Kennywood Park, please call the office by July 1st so arrangements can be made. **See the bulletin board in the Social Hall for discount ticket and lunch prices.** Payment must accompany your reservations. In order to receive your park tickets and lunch wristbands, **orders must be in the office by July 5th.**



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.

JUNE 30, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	30 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles. The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Basil Vsevolod Velychkovsky, secret Bishop (1973). The Passing of the Martyr and priest Zenon Kovalyk (1941).</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	Intention of Steve & Betty Zombar - Wedding Anniversary
	9:00 AM	+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. - son, Andy, Jr. & Mary Kay
	11:00 AM	+John Vazur - Mary L. Sudik
Monday	1 July	<i>The Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	2 July	<i>Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God at Blachernae.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Mary Minerish - daughter, Karen Meehan
Wednesday	3 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Hyacinth.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	4 July	<i>Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete, Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	5 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	6 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sandy Bishop - Ken Bishop
Sunday	7 July	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, Mentioned in the Ladder.</i>
	9:00 AM	Prayer Intention of Rosary Society Members
	11:00 AM	+Randy Rose - Byers Family



Attentive to the Word

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Matt. 6: 22 – 34

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Liturgy will be from SS. Peter & Paul: Pgs. 338 – 340*



Today's Gospel illustrates the loving concern God has for His creation. As you listen to it, you can close your eyes and almost feel Christ take your hand and tell you there is nothing to worry about. Nothing happens without His knowledge.

Jesus was probably sitting in a field with His apostles, trying to get them to understand that if God is first in your life, there is nothing else to worry about. He looked around, pointed out the tall grass, the wild flowers, the birds in the air, and asked: "Are not you of much more value than these?" Jesus tells us that there is much more to life than food, clothing, and material things. Of course, be concerned with life! But don't

worry yourself sick about how you are going to pay the bills this week and still have enough money left for grocery shopping. Don't worry about where the money is going to come for school clothes in September. "Your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. *But seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice.*" He explained: "*....and all these things will be given you besides.*"

That calls for confidence and trust in God. That does not mean that we can be idle, and do nothing, and expect God to provide us with everything we need and want. God doesn't directly feed birds nor nurture wild flowers. He does provide for them indirectly. He does not give it to them directly and immediately.

We are by nature different from the birds and flowers. We have talents, energies, and capabilities which they lack. It is natural for us to work and live by our work. But we must remember God's ways are not our ways. He brings good out of everything for our sake. The mistake we make is... to think that we know what we need and when we need it...and what it is always the best for us.

God also uses people as His instruments to help one another. We are His hands, His feet, His mouth, and His presence of love among people. We should strive to be good helpers.

Have faith, confidence, and trust in God. "Seek first the Kingdom of God....and all these other things shall be given you besides."

SS. PETER AND PAUL



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19) After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch, then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel. At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to present the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, Peter with the keys, and Paul with the Scriptures, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus. The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "rock of faith" and Paul "pride of the universe." Together they are celebrated as "luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ." (Matins Hymn)

TROPARION - O Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the World, pray to the Master of All to grant peace to the world and abundant mercy to our souls.