

## 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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY/ MEMORIAL SERVICES ...*(weather permitting)*

**(PP) Pentecost Sunday, June 9 – 2:00 PM** at SPP Cemetery

### 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. There will be more information to follow.

### FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

*Please remember the following at our Parish's Father's Day Remembrance*

_____	Living	Deceased	
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_____	Living	Deceased	
<b><u>Please circle</u></b>	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
<b><u>Liturgy time:</u></b>			

*Requested by:*

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

**\*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019\***



### Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 2:

5:00 PM: 69; 9:00 AM: 42; 11:00 AM: 63

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . \$3,818.00**



JUNE 9, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sat. June 8** Trash to Treasure Sale & Bake Sale 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Good Food and Good Fun! Hope to see you there!
- **Tues. June 11** Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 PM in Social Hall.
- **Sat. & Sun. June 15 & 16** Coffee and Donuts after all Liturgies in honor of Father's Day.
- **Mon. June 17** Beginning of Apostles Fast in preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. Fast goes through Fri. June 28.
- **Sat. June 29** **SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day. Holy Day of Obligation.**
- **Sun. June 30** SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day Dinner. Sign-up sheet in Social Hall. More information to follow.



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Let's put the seniors in jail, and the criminals in a nursing home.*

This way the "seniors" would have access to showers, hobbies, and walks. They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental, and medical treatment, wheelchairs, etc. They'd receive money instead of paying it out. They would have constant video monitoring, so they could be helped instantly, if they fell or needed assistance. Bedding would be washed twice a week, and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them. A guard would check on them every 20 minutes, and bring their meals and snacks to their cell. They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose. They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counseling, pool, and education. Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, pajamas and legal aid would be free, on request. They would have private, secure rooms with an exercise outdoor yard with gardens. Each senior could have a PC, a TV, radio, and daily phone calls. There would be a Board of Directors to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered to.

The "criminals" would get cold food, be left all alone, and unsupervised. Lights would be off at 8 pm and showers once per week. They would live in a tiny room, and pay \$5,000 per month and have no hope of ever getting out.

**Justice for all??**

Sunday <b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	9 June <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</i> <b>+Andrew Susko, Jr. – daughter, Suzanne</b> <b>Health of James Holmes – M/M Michael Johnson</b> <b>+Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike</b>
Monday	10 June <b>6:00 PM</b>	<i>PENTECOST MONDAY.</i> <b>+Kim Uhlin – Bob &amp; Marianne Cabosky</b>
Tuesday	11 June	<i>Pentecost Tuesday. The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday <b>(Chapel)</b>	12 June <b>8:30 AM</b>	<i>Pentecost Wednesday. Our Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i> <b>+Paul &amp; +Mildred Homa – Chris &amp; Gene Krupsa</b>
Thursday <b>(Chapel)</b>	13 June <b>8:30 AM</b>	<i>Pentecost Thursday. The Holy Martyr Aquilina. Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia.</i> <b>+Paul Ivan – wife, Patricia</b>
Friday	14 June	<i>Pentecost Friday. The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday <b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	15 June <b>5:00 PM</b>	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pentecost. The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon.</i> <b>Father's Day Remembrance</b>
Sunday	16 June <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<i>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis.</i> <b>Father's Day Remembrance</b> <b>Father's Day Remembrance</b>



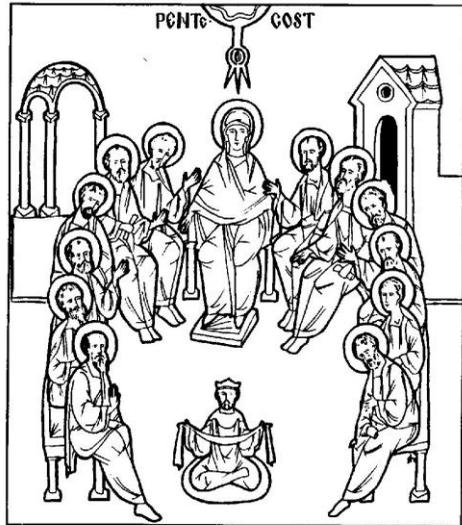
## Attentive to the Word

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

(GREEN SUNDAY)

*John 7: 37 - 52 & 8: 12*

*Follow Directions on Pages 203 - 208*



The Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord's glorious Resurrection from death to life, represents a renewal of life. Green foliage and branches of trees (in many of our churches the branches of the I'pa tree) will decorate the church symbolically reminding us of this. Some writers refer to Pentecost as the "Birthday of the Church," as we place great emphasis on the correlation between Pentecost and new beginnings.

If Pentecost, however, means nothing more to us than green vestments and freshly-cut branches of trees, we have overlooked the real significance of Pentecost and this Feast's message to a world groping in search of a new beginning. The Apostles were given by Christ the challenge of laying the foundation for His

Church. They completed their task well, but we must remember that it was only a foundation that they built. The Apostles left the responsibility for the growth and development of the Holy Church to us! Empowered by the Lord, they bequeathed to all generations of Christians to follow them the great testimony of faith that they left them, with the bold summons to action given by the Lord Himself: "Go...teach...baptize." If we are to be obedient to this divine command, like the Apostles on that first Pentecost, we must open our hearts and minds and be receptive to the "descent, power and operation of the Holy Spirit."

We pray the familiar words of the "Carju Nebesnyj" ("O Heavenly King") prayer at the beginning of the Pentecost Liturgy. What we will ask for is the fervent plea for the Holy Spirit to bring life to our Church! We will ask that the Spirit of all truth come and dwell in us as we commence any effort, any endeavor in the life of the

Church, whether in our routine daily lives or in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which takes us to the heights of worship. Without the Spirit of God, we are nothing! On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were transformed into something they had not been, just as we are capable of becoming. Just as the fiery tongues descended upon each of the Apostles to purify, refine and consecrate, the working of the Holy Spirit does the very same for us as we endeavor to do God's will. This is truly the meaning of the Pentecost Feast.

Let us prayerfully accept the driving force of His descent upon us, as we will pledge when we incline our heads during the reading of the Kneeling Prayers at the Pentecost Liturgy. I pray that we can respond to the admonition of David of old: "Be still and know that "I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Let us place ourselves at the disposal of God's Holy Spirit. Let us cooperate with God. Let us make God and His plan for us first. Let us go in the direction He has mapped out for us. Let us faithfully follow where He leads, not questioning, but confident that our destiny is eternal salvation.

We are not orphans, for the Holy Spirit has come to take Christ's place until He comes again on the Great Day! The results of Pentecost must propel us towards that goal. Not one of us can do anything holy or spiritual on our own; only the Holy Spirit can change us; only He can provide us with the spiritual comfort that allows us to turn to Him as a treasury of blessings.

"O Holy Spirit, come and dwell within us, and save our souls, O Gracious One."

(by +Metropolitan Nicholas of Johnstown)

### THE USE OF POWER

Power can be used in at least two ways: it can be unleashed, or it can be harnessed. The energy in ten gallons of gasoline, for instance, can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into the can. Or it can be channeled through the engine of a Honda in a controlled burn and used to transport a person 350 miles. Explosions are spectacular, but controlled burns have lasting effect, staying power. The Holy Spirit works both ways. At Pentecost, he exploded on the scene; His presence was like "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:3). Thousands were affected by one burst of God's power. But He also works through the church--the institution God began to tap the Holy Spirit's power for the long haul. Through worship, fellowship, and service Christians are provided with staying power.

(Author unknown)