

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 and Lisa Mosko are in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

PRAYER OF PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart.

O Lord Who loves mankind deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Send Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your Most Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of April 11:
5:00 PM: 0; 9:00 AM: 0; 11:00 AM: 0

Church closed due to virus.

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$4,086.00



- **All April events are cancelled.**
- **Weds. May 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.



THANK YOU

I would like to thank all who remembered me during the celebration of the Feast of Feasts with Paschal greetings, food and generous gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless us as we live out the reality of the Resurrection as a family of faith.

FATHER SIMEON

MANY THANKS



A Very Big “Thank-You” to those who cut and brought in their pussywillows. We are grateful to you and especially to Mary Beth Byers, Wiley Byers, Tim Byers, and Loretta Greskovich, who gave of their time to get the palms and pussywillows ready for distribution to our parishioners. Thanks also to Diana and John Koza, Mary Beth Byers, Wiley Byers, and Victoria Smolak, who distributed them to our “drive-thru” parishioners. Last but definitely not least, our thanks go out to Father Simeon for blessing the palms and pussywillows and greeting our parishioners.



Dear Friends, This is a “goldmine” of a website for us at this very difficult time. We encourage you to tune in to the different services.

Once you open the website, click on "Eastern Catholic North America" to see Liturgy opportunities from all over the U.S. and Canada.

http://liveliturgy.com/?fbclid=IwAR3Y0osLGL5cC6m6w_ng7yO9FwTd_O7VB JpJq6WnEAe3awruGyFfICmf_UQ

APRIL 19, 2020 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday (Sun. Vigil)	19 April 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>THOMAS SUNDAY.</i> No Divine Liturgy No Divine Liturgy No Divine Liturgy
Monday	20 April	<i>Thomas Week. Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	21 April	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and His Companions. The Holy Martyr Theodore of Perge.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	22 April	<i>Thomas Week. Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	23 April	<i>Thomas Week. THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	24 April	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Martyr Sabbas the Goth.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	25 April 5:00 PM	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Sunday	26 April 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN.</i> <i>The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.</i> No Divine Liturgy No Divine Liturgy

No Divine Liturgies due to the Coronavirus.





Attentive to the Word

THOMAS SUNDAY

John 20: 19 – 31

Follow Directions on Pages 175 – 177

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS



Jesus is understanding and sympathetic with Thomas, as our Lord would be with any one of us who has difficulty “seeing”. We live in darkness, and Faith is a struggle that is frequently a challenge for us. Sometimes, what we think is Faith is not much more than a token acknowledgement of the things we are told. Compare that with a deeper Faith that comes as a result of a genuine searching in mysteries and the challenges of the unknown. This is a growing Faith. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we will experience Him more...and in the end, say with St. Thomas, “**My Lord and My God**”.

SUNDAYS OF PASCHA

Each of the weeks of the “Paschal Season” has a theme generated by the Gospel Readings of the Sundays. **Faith** is the great theme of the Resurrection, . . . as St. Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and our faith is empty too.”

St. Thomas Sunday for example suggests that our human, understandable and darkened “unbelief” (doubt) may have the search-for-God element characteristic of **Faith** itself.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women has the experience of the first physical encounter with the Risen Christ, as the beginning of all encounters.

Sunday of the Paralytic Man compares the **Faith** inspired by physical cures with spiritual redemption.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman wonderfully assures us that God sees beyond our complex appearances to the well of sincerity with its potential for great **Faith**.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind shows that just as by **Faith** such unimaginable vision is given to a man born blind, so also an unimaginable vision is in store for our souls by **Faith**.

FEAST OF ST. GEORGE APRIL 23

St. George, the titular saint and patron of England. St. George was born in Cappadocia, of Christian parents; and giving proofs of his courage, was promoted in the army of the emperor Diocletian. During the persecution, St. George threw aside his command, went boldly to the senate house, and avowed his being Christian, taking occasion at the same time to remonstrate against paganism, and point out the absurdity of worshipping idols. This freedom so greatly provoked the senate that St. George was ordered to be tortured, and by the emperor’s orders was dragged through the streets, and beheaded the next day. The legend of the dragon, which is associated with this martyr, is usually illustrated by representing St. George seated upon a charging horse and transfixing the monster with his spear. This fiery dragon symbolizes the devil, who was vanquished by St. George’s steadfast faith in Christ, which remained unshaken in spite of torture and death.

By John Foxe

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!