

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.

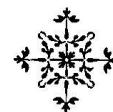
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Ph. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown**, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



CELEBRATING "TOGETHER WHILE BEING APART"

The Feast of SS. Peter & Paul is on June 29th. Our Parish Feast Day Celebration was scheduled for June 28th at DiLucia's Banquet Center. However, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, our festive dinner at DiLucia's was cancelled.

As a Parish Family, we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day on Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, with the options of "Carry-out" or "Dine-in" while observing social distancing.

DiLucia's will provide the main entrée, so we do need an accurate count of dinners to be ordered.

We hope you will join us in celebrating our Feast Day. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall indicating your choice of "Carry-out" or "Dine-in."

You may pick up your complimentary dinner after the Divine Liturgy that you attend on June 27th or 28th. In this way we can "Celebrate Together" virtually and look forward to a normal next year.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinar, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events. **Wednesday evening 8 – 9 PM on June 17.** The presentation will be "The Third Heaven – The Key to the Epistles of Saint Paul." The presenter is Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo. In this Bible study we'll explore what the scriptures tell us about the life of the thirteenth Apostle and the impact of his conversion on the Church, and learn how to read Saint Paul's epistles in the context of his life to understand them and his ministry to the Church more fully. An excellent opportunity for adult education in our Byzantine Church.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 6:

5:00 PM: **41**; 9:00 AM: **38**; 11:00 AM: **31**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$5,261.00



➤ All June regular events are cancelled at this time.



THANK YOU!



Many thanks for your prayers, cards and good wishes on My 70th birthday. The cupcakes were delicious! You all are remembered in my prayers. Thank you again!
Fr. Simeon

WELCOME “HOME”. . . It is so good to be back to worship in our Church!

Byzantine Catholics of the Archeparchy continue to be relieved of the obligations to attend Sunday and Holy Day Divine Liturgy. Even in areas where it is permitted, those who are ill, those vulnerable to infection, or who have a serious fear of catching the virus are encouraged to **not attend** services. These Faithful are encouraged to attend Divine Liturgy and services online.

During the time of this virus, please follow these guidelines during the pandemic:

1. Pews and center aisle are marked with blue tape to ensure 6 feet social distancing.
2. Families that live together, may sit together.
3. You are encouraged to wear masks.
4. In order to encourage participation in the Liturgy and to eliminate sanitizing Liturgy Books, members are encouraged to take a book home with them, wipe it off, and bring it back the following week.
5. For the reception of Holy Communion:
 - a.) The priest will wear a mask.
 - b.) The faithful are asked to tilt their heads back, open their mouths wide (like a big yawn), and DO NOT CLOSE their mouths on the spoon.
 - c.) Parishioners are asked to refrain from the reception of Holy Communion if they don't feel well, or if they are not able to hold their heads back and open their mouths wide.
6. There will be no congregating in the Social Hall.

In order to practice Social Distancing – Weekday Liturgies will be held in the Church until further notice. **If anyone is able to help with the “wipe downs” of the pews after any of the Liturgies, please call the office at 330-372-1875.**

JUNE 14, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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| Sunday | 14 June | <i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | +John Hosó – Hosó family +Suzie Petricko – Marjorie, Paul, & Cheryl +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike |
| Monday | 15 June | <i>The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday | 16 June | <i>Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis.</i> |
| (SPP) | 8:30 AM | +Dorothy Byers – Elaine & Harry Vislosky & family |
| Wednesday | 17 June | <i>The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael. Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery.</i> |
| (SPP) | 8:30 AM | +Sandra Slyk – Dom Marchese family |
| Thursday | 18 June | <i>The Holy Martyr Leontius.</i> |
| (SPP) | 8:30 AM | +Andrew & +Richard Susko – Suzanne Susko |
| Friday | 19 June | <i>The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 20 June | <i>The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara.</i> |
| (Vigil Liturgy) | 5:00 PM | +Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta |
| Sunday | 21 June | <i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i> |
| | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Int. of Nicholas & Agnes Ihnat – 62nd Wedding Anniv. +Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike |



Attentive to the Word

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 4: 18 – 23

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The ancient Greeks have provided for the world a valuable legacy of learning in all branches of education, philosophy and scientific discipline. In the fifth century before Christ, two famous Athenian personalities met for the first time: Xenophon, a historian and general, and Socrates, an idealist philosopher. The legend of their first meeting locates the elderly Socrates walking in a narrow street of the city of Athens. He stops Xenophon asking him where a certain type of merchandise could be obtained and where it was made. Xenophon gave the required information. Then Socrates asked him, “Do you know where men are made good and virtuous?”

“No,” said the young Xenophon. “Then,” said Socrates, “follow me and learn!”

Today’s gospel records the call by another great Teacher, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as He begins His public ministry. Saint Matthew describes quite simply the circumstances and personalities involved (Matt. 4:18-22). Jesus chose His disciples from among plain and ordinary folk, common fishermen, telling them that in the future they would become fishers of men. He molded and instructed them carefully because His teaching and mission were not destined to end with Himself. It would be the task of His twelve apostles to continue His teaching and mission.

He gave them power over the Kingdom of God and eternal life; they were enabled to bind and loose everything connected with the service of man’s eternal destiny; they were to receive the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins or to retain them (John 20:21-23). And when, at the Mystical Supper, He prefigured His sacrifice of the cross under the symbols of bread and wine, He said to them, “Do this in memory of Me” (Luke 22:19). He gave them the injunction to baptize and to teach all nations. As His Father had sent Him, so He in turn sent them; He handed on to them His mission (Matt. 28:19-20).

Jesus chose people not of great scholarship, influence, wealth or social background, but simple working people devoted to their task in life. They probably were not poor but undoubtedly had little to give after taking care of their own needs.

Once there came to Socrates a very ordinary man called Aeschines. “I am a humble soul,” said Aeschines. “I have nothing to give, but I give myself.” “Don’t you see,” said Socrates, “that you are giving me the most precious thing of all?” Jesus, too, needs ordinary folk who will give of themselves. The call of the first four disciples in today’s gospel invites us to renew our response to discipleship in accordance with our present state of life. The challenge is raised to follow Christ, to live and spread His message, leading others to Him in accordance with the divine plan, “It is My Father’s will that whoever sees the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life” (John 6:40).

By Msgr. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.



APOSTLE’S FAST

In order to prepare for the Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul, our Byzantine Catholic Church gives to us a period of fasting known as the *Apostle’s Fast*. This fasting period begins on Monday, June 8th (the day after All Saints Sunday) and continues until the eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 28th. Although the fast is not obligatory, *each of us should try to at least abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays* during this time.

THE LIGHT BEGINS WITH ME

The keeper of a lighthouse was boasting of the brilliance of his lamp. Asked what would happen if the lamp went out or if the reflectors became dull, he replied, “Impossible! Out there are ships sailing. If this light goes out tonight, someone will be shipwrecked.”

In a similar way the eyes of the world are fixed on the followers of Jesus. For this reason Jesus said,

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.”

It is a solemn thought that our lives are continually radiating light or darkness, and there are ripples of influence that we can never control or stop. No man lives unto himself.

No one is entirely without influence. Everything we say and do has a ripple effect. It either hurts or helps. It either leads or misleads. It either advances God’s Kingdom or hinders it. We are responsible – and are held responsible by God – for the influence we are sending out from our lives.