

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.

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.

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 2020. **Please inform the Parish Office by July 20, 2020 if you have celebrated or are going to celebrate one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Archieparchial celebration will tentatively take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM. If there is a cancellation, you will be notified. 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.

WEEKLY HUMOR

Pastor Smith had practiced the vows with the bride and groom twice the night before. Yet when the wedding came, the bride said: “God has prepared me for you and so I will ever strengthen, help, comfort, and discourage you.”



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 13:

5:00 PM: **45**; 9:00 AM: **28**; 11:00 AM: **35**

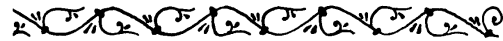
Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,709.00



JUNE 21, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!** PLEASE PICK UP YOUR “GIFT” AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY.
- **Mon., June 8 – Sun., June 28 - Apostle’s Fast.** Abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays are recommended.
- **Mon., June 22** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon. We can use your help.



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

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

***** FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION, PLEASE ENTER THE CENTER AISLE ONE ROW AT A TIME FROM EITHER SIDE. USE SOCIAL DISTANCING BY FORMING A SINGLE LINE WHERE THE “X’S” ARE MARKED. SEPARATE AT THE ICON TABLE TO FORM TWO LINES.**

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.**

Sunday	21 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta Int. of Nicholas & Agnes Ihnat – 62nd Wedding Anniv. +Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike
Monday	22 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	23 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Agrippina. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Ioan Suciu.</i>
(Vigil - SPP)	6:00 PM	Liturgy of Thanksgiving – John J. Koza, III
Wednesday	24 June	<i>BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i> No Divine Liturgy (See Vigil above)
Thursday	25 June	<i>Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Judy Dinko – mother, Loretta Greskovich
Friday	26 June	<i>Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Nicholas Konrad and the Blessed Martyr the Cantor Vladimir Pryjma (1941).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	27 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller. The Blessed Martyr and Priest Emilian Kovch.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Tom James – family
Sunday	28 June	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians Cyrus and John. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Martyr Theodore (Romzha), Bishop of Mukacevo.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Emory Holowatch – Anne Myers Intention of Parish Family



Attentive to the Word

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 6: 22 – 34

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It takes just a bit of imagination to be with the Lord Jesus on the hillside at the time when the anemones and scarlet poppies, here called *lilies of the field*, burst into an array of exciting colors. They last but for a few days, then dry up, and they were gathered by the women to heat up their ovens. Why then bother to offer the world such beauty if but for a few days? It remains a sublime mystery. Some are curious, others don't care. For those, however, who do see the loving Creator in nature, it is proof if evidence is needed that He is responsible for it all. Whether noticed in a rose, a newborn kitten or from the vantage of a space ship orbiting the earth, one finds it difficult to refute Sachmo Armstrong's gravel lyric: *"It's a wonderful world."*

On a given day we may pass by dozens of persons. Most will ignore us and go on their way. We hardly remember their faces. Nevertheless, now and then one will perform an act of kindness that makes the day worthwhile, causing us to be glad we were in a position to touch that soul with warmth, and giving God the glory for creating us for the capacity to care about one another.

These are examples of ways that God abides within us. Nature with its beauty, order and majesty is for those with eyes to see, the most self-evident proof. Those whom the Master calls our brothers and sisters, every now and then prove by their kindness and affection that He lives in them as well as in us. The third place we find Him is within ourselves. Perhaps the third location is most difficult of all, especially in these days when so much of society is constantly calling attention to what's happening outside, training us to be bored with silence, carrying cell phones because we can't wait to talk on those connected to walls, urging us to pay attention to the trivialities and nonsense that take up much of television. Despite that, we can, if we train ourselves to cherish our souls and flee from noise and distractions, nourish the bond with the Holy Spirit within our souls.

Finally but first and most precious is our life in Christ. Read slowly the Sermon on the Mount and ponder on who but He could conceive of such a program for spiritual perfection. Granted, for the cynic it may be absurd, but for those who are serious about salvation, it lays out the only way to the Kingdom. Then read the last chapters of any or all the gospels and ask who but He would do that for the life of the world? He, Jesus Christ, is the greatest proof for the existence of God, Himself being of the same nature and essence of the Father Whom He presents to the world.

By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On June 24th we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was a priest who belonged to the section of Abijah. His wife, Elizabeth, was a direct descendent of Aaron, the brother of Moses. Both "walked blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord." Both were advanced in years and were childless. They dearly longed for a child.

While serving in the temple according to his lot, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias and informed him that their prayers will be answered, and Elizabeth will conceive a son to be called John. Zacharias was unable to speak until the birth of the child because he did not believe the angel's words.

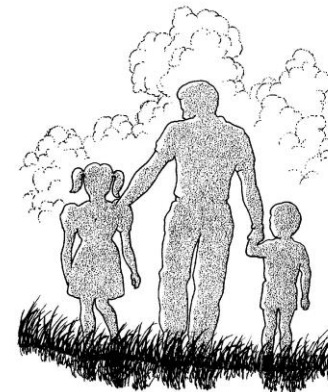
"When Elizabeth's time to bear the child was completed, she brought forth a son" (Luke 1:57). On the eighth day the boy was to be circumcised and given a name, usually that of the father. Asked for the name he desired to be given to the boy, Zacharias wrote on a writing tablet, "John is his name," at which time his tongue was loosed and he began to speak praising God.

Zacharias had a great vision for his son. He saw in his son the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. The beautiful words of Zacharias' joy are expressed in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:67-80).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dad's Greatest Job

"And I will be a father to you,
and you shall be my sons and daughters,"
says the Lord Almighty.
-2 Corinthians 6:18



I may never be as clever as my neighbors down the street,
I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet;
I may never have the glory that some other men have had,
But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's dad.
There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true.

There are things I would accomplish when my working time is through;
But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad,
And to make myself successful as that little fellow's dad.
I may never get earth's glory; I may never gather gold;
Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told;
But if he who follows after is a Christian, I'll be glad,
For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's dad.