

## 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.

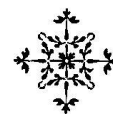
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**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 +**Cathleen Bentley** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



## CELEBRATING "TOGETHER WHILE BEING APART"

The Feast of SS. Peter & Paul is on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Our Parish Feast Day Celebration was scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity during this pandemic. Many of you have mailed in or dropped off your weekly contributions while the church was closed. As a thank you, the dinners for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul are complimentary.

*Just a reminder to those who signed up for the dinner:* You may pick up your complimentary dinner after the Divine Liturgy that you attend on June 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 20:**

5:00 PM: **39**; 9:00 AM: **36**; 11:00 AM: **31**

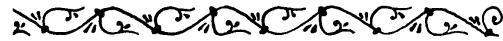
**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,659.33**



JUNE 28, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Mon., June 8 – Sun., June 28 - Apostle’s Fast.** Abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays are recommended.
- **Mon., June 29 FEAST OF SS. PETER & PAUL, OUR PATRONAL FEAST. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – DIVINE LITURGY 6:00 PM.**



**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	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>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Tom James – family</b> <b>+Emory Holowatch – Anne Myers</b> <b>+Gail Byers – Wiley Byers</b>
Monday	29 June	<i>THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL.(Pgs. 338-340)</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Intention of Parish Family</b>
Tuesday	30 June	<i>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Sr. Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Wednesday	1 July	<i>The Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	2 July	<i>Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God at Blachernae.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Mary Pipa – daughter, Virginia</b>
Friday	3 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Hyacinth.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	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>
<b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Anna R. Koza – John &amp; Dianna Koza</b>
Sunday	5 July	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+John Prokop – Kathleen Fetcenko</b> <b>+Earle Limber – Felicia Mooney</b>



**Attentive to the Word**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Matt. 8: 5 - 13*  
**Tone 3 Pages 135 - 137**



This healing was unusual. The one who came seeking this miracle was not a Jew but a Gentile. He was, in fact, a centurion, an officer of the Roman army of occupation. Attractively uniformed and well paid, centurions were often given special assignments by the Roman governors, tasks ranging from controlling riots and conducting public executions to escorting visiting dignitaries. A centurion posted in Jerusalem might well be contemptuous of the local—and often rebellious—inhabitants who were so different from the citizens of Rome.

Yet this centurion, we are told, loved the Jewish people and had built a synagogue for them (Luke 7:5). In humility he went to Jesus seeking a favor. As a man who understood what it was like to exercise authority, he recognized even greater authority in Jesus. Awe-struck, he felt unworthy even to have Jesus enter his house, all the while affirming his faith that Jesus' authority was not constrained by distance.

Jesus pointed out to his disciples that many would come from the east and west (Gentiles) to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God, while many of the children of Israel would remain outside (Matthew 8:11-12). The centurion received much more than he had requested, as noted by St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) in a homily on this passage: "He came seeking health of body for his servant, but went away having received a kingdom. Do you see how the saying had already been fulfilled, 'Seek you the kingdom of heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you,' for, because he showed great faith, and lowliness of mind, he both gave him heaven and added unto him health."

Despite his great faith, the centurion saw himself as unworthy. In truth, none of us is worthy, but the Lord still desires to work in our lives. We are his people, and when we have the faith to ask, we will see him act. We need to approach Jesus with the same faith as the centurion.

**THE HOLY, GLORIOUS & ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES,  
 PETER AND PAUL**



We call Saints Peter & Paul "Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the World" in the troparion for their feast day. They are known as the pillars of the Church because they had a major role in establishing the early Church. They preached about Jesus Christ and baptized many people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

After the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, Saint Peter "stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and proclaimed" (Acts 2:14) to the Israelites that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We read in this story about Saint Peter's sermons that people wanted more about Jesus. They wanted to know what they must do to become followers of Jesus. Saint Peter told them they must give up their old ways to follow Jesus, and in return they would receive the Holy Spirit. He said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). By the end of the day about 30,000 people accepted Saint Peter's invitation to be baptized.

In the New Testament are many stories about Saint Paul teaching the people about Jesus. In one story he asked the people who were baptized, about John, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" (Acts 19:2). They did not know of the Holy Spirit and asked to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. "And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied" (Acts 19:6). This story is just one of many that took place as Saint Paul traveled to different cities and established many churches for the people he baptized. We can read about his travels in his letters that are included in the New Testament.

Both Saints devoted their lives to preaching about Jesus Christ and inviting people to be baptized members of the Church. Also both were martyred for this belief in Jesus Christ. In Rome probably in 67 A.D. Saint Peter asked to be crucified with his head downward when he was told he was to be put to death. In 65 A.D. Saint Paul was beheaded because he was a Roman citizen and could not be crucified.

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, PRAY FOR US!**



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**AMERICA - BLESS GOD!**