

## 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 REQUEST!

One of our parishioners, Greg Lazor, the Cantor for the 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy, recently suffered a heart attack. After almost a week of tests, he had to undergo by-pass surgery last Wednesday. Greg is at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown. Please remember Greg and his wife, Cathy in your prayers!

## PHILIP'S FAST OUTREACH 2020

As we all know, Philip's Fast begins our preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. Every fast is a special time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the past we have used the "Angel tree" to purchase the items requested by a child or a nursing home resident, etc. Our "Outreach" for this year, literally "fell into our laps."

St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program is in dire need of desserts that can easily be bagged or boxed. Before this pandemic and the loss of jobs, etc., they used to feed approximately 120 people 5 days per week. Presently, they are serving about 300 to 330 people 6 days per week. Since March, they have served only carry-out meals. The containers needed to provide these meals have really depleted their funds, so they had to "rob Peter to pay Paul" and the dessert budget got cut.

*Since St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program is in dire need of desserts that can easily be bagged or boxed, this will be our Parish Outreach for 2020.* There will be a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall to bake cookies, brownies, etc. (anything that does not have icing or is not messy, and that can be put into a baggy.) Your baked goods can be brought to the social hall and will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul for their Meals Program.

There are 33 "food distribution" days between November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. That is going to require a lot of cookies...so much more than one family can sign up for the same day. Make it a fun family Christmas preparation project! Also, if you cannot bake, donations will be accepted. You have always come through for those in need. Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to Me." We are counting on you to do whatever you are able, to help feed our brothers and sisters in Christ! Call Elaine at 330-770-1100 if you have any questions! God bless us all!



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of November 7:**

5:00 PM: 35; 9:00 AM: 32; 11:00 AM: 37

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$3,819.26**



- **Sun. Nov. 15** ECF Classes meet promptly at 10 AM. Try to come a few minutes early so that we can get the temperatures taken in the Social Hall. Parents are asked to remain until after temperatures are taken. Parents may wait for their children in the Social Hall, but they are asked to practice social distancing and to wear a mask. *No one is permitted downstairs except teachers and students.*
- **Sun. Nov. 15** Philip's Fast begins in preparation for Christmas.
- **Sat. Nov. 21** Entrance of the Theotokos – Solemn Holy Day.
- **Mon. Nov. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 Am – Noon. We could use your help.

**ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CELEBRATION – DEADLINE TO SIGN UP NOV. 22**

St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Byzantine Catholics. We cannot let this beautiful feast go by without a celebration! Due to the drastic increase of Covid-19 cases in Ohio, we will have to limit our usual St. Nicholas Dinner to “carry out” only. The main entrée will be provided by DiLucia’s Catering & Banquet Center. The menu will be posted next to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. The cost per dinner is \$10.00. **On the sign-up sheet, please write your requested number of dinners under the Liturgy you will be attending on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.** Even though we cannot be together physically – we hope you will still “celebrate” with us as our Parish family.



**RECEIPE FOR HAPPINESS**

- 2 Heaping cups of Patience
- 1 Heart full of Love
- 2 Hands full of Generosity
- 1 Head full of Understanding and a Dash of Laughter

**SPRINKLE GENEROUSLY WITH KINDNESS; ADD PLENTY OF FAITH AND MIX WELL. SPREAD OVER A PERIOD OF A LIFETIME AND SERVE TO EVERYONE YOU MEET.**

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	15 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Wiley Byers</b> <b>+Tom Vislosky - family</b> <b>+Michael &amp; +Mary Lickwar - family</b>
Monday	16 Nov.	<i>The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	17 Nov.	<i>Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kocylovskyj, Bishop of Peremyshl (1947).</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Stella &amp; +Michael Stemock – son, Mark</b>
Wednesday	18 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Beverly MacPherson – Our Lady of Guadalupe Cenacle</b>
Thursday	19 Nov.	<i>The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+George &amp; +Mary Krupsa – daughter, Cathy Eddy</b>
Friday	20 Nov.	<i>Prefestive Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Our Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople. Our Blessed Mother Josaphata Hordashevska.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	21 Nov.	<i>FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE.</i>
<b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Charles Wilkes – wife, Tammy</b>
Sunday	22 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of the Entrance. The Holy Apostle Philemon and His Companions. The Holy Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Robert &amp; +Esther Shaffer – Jim &amp; Anita Shaffer</b> <b>+Judy Dinko – Wiley Byers family</b>



### Attentive to the Word

## 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Luke 10: 25 – 37**

**Tone 7 Trop. of Resurrection – Pg. 156 & the rest from Feast of Entrance of the Theotokos – Pgs. 268 – 271**

It is easy to identify someone else as the uninvolved priest or Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan, but take a close and honest look at yourself. What do you see? Do you turn your head, so you don't have to see? Do you ignore the plea for help? Are you insensitive to the plight of those who are unfortunate?

You have only one life to live. You cannot go back at a later date and live it the way you knew you should have. This is it. What you do with your time, what you focus on, how you expend your energy, where you place the emphasis on your life - it is all being lived out right now.

It has been said that the most sympathetic people are those who themselves have suffered. They know what it's like to hurt. And yet God through us offers so much more than mere sympathy; He offers the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit Whom He calls "The Comforter."

As the minutes tick by today, look around you. No matter where you are, chances are you will be able to identify a person who is hurting and needs help. Will you walk by? Will you see them only as an inconvenience to your plans? Will you go out of your way to avoid the hurting one, or will you go out of your way to help him? As a Christian, you are an extension of God's life.

## PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS – NOVEMBER 21

*Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God and the herald of the salvation of men, for the Virgin plainly appears in the Temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice cry out to her: "Hail fulfillment of the Creator's plan!"*

*(Troparion of the Feast)*

We celebrate Mary's dedication to God. As we approach this Feast Day, let us be especially aware of the thanks we owe to God for His great mercy, and to the Mother of God for her words: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to thy word."



Joachim and Anna joyfully brought Mary to the temple where she prepared herself to live and accept God's will. Mary's entrance is an announcement that the fulfillment of God's plan is drawing near. She will become the "New Temple" through the birth of Christ, the Son of God. Her entrance also prefigures Mary's role in the plan of Salvation. As a young child, she is offered to the Lord, for she will become the "Holy Tabernacle", the dwelling place of God. During the Matins of the Feast, the first hint of the Incarnation is heard in the singing of the Nativity Canon: "Christ is born, glorify Him!"



## PHILIP'S FAST

Philip's Fast is the 40-day period before Christmas which is devoted to preparation for the coming of the Messiah. It begins on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the day following the feast of St. Philip, and extends through December 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a period of fasting, prayer, Scripture reading, church attendance and participation in the sacraments to enable us to capture the full meaning of the Christ's coming.

This fast before Christmas became the symbol of the prayers and fasts of the Old Testament patriarch and prophets, who looked forward to the coming of the Messiah with great longing. During this period of preparation for the birth of Jesus, the Church remembers many of the Old Testament saints: Obadiah on 19 November; Nahum on 1 December; Habakkuk on 2 December; Zephaniah on 3 December; Haggai on 16 December; Daniel on 17 December; the two last Sundays of December are dedicated to the Old Testament Forefathers and Fathers.

Let us do at least a minimal fast of abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, attending devotions, and doing some Scripture reading to prepare for the Nativity of Christ.