

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.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION – NOVEMBER

Our parents and all parishioners can also grow in their faith relationship with Our Lord. There are many free Eastern Churches' webinars, books, videos, etc. available to us...Just Google "God With Us Publications" to get started.

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesday evening 8:00 – 9:30 PM, November 11

**“CROWNED WITH GLORY” – Understanding the Marriage Covenant –
by Rev. Stephen Freeman.**

“The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together...Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down.” – St. John Chrysostom

Please pick up a flyer at the entrances of the church for a listing of the November free adult education webinar.

NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CONVENTION

A “must take part in” convention for ALL Byzantine Catholics...Clergy, Monastics, Religious and Laity, sponsored by the four Eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church. It will be a Virtual Convention starting November 1, 2020. There will be a live Panel Discussion on Sat., November 14 from 11am – 3 pm on Zoom. This convention is entitled *GROWING A VIBRANT BYZANTINE CHURCH. (It takes all of us to make that happen!)* ***So please pick-up a flyer and register for the convention. BE INFORMED! BE INVOLVED! AND HELP OUR CHURCH TO BECOME A VIBRANT CHURCH! Communication has improved so much with Tim Byer's emails each week. Everyone loves them. (That was the result of an Eparchial meeting 2 years ago.)***

BYZANTINE CONVENTION UPDATE – IMPORTANT: SAVE NOV. 7 & 14

Free registration: Please register at <https://byzantineconvention.com>

The presenters for the Convention will be pre-recorded for viewing on Nov. 1st on your computer. (Social Hall viewing will not be available until Sat., Nov. 7th, at 1:00 PM.) These viewings will prepare us for the Panel discussion on Nov. 14th. There will be a sign-up sheet for the Nov. 7th & Nov. 14th Social Hall viewings. We need to observe social distancing so the Social Hall viewings will be limited to approx.. 35 – 40 people. **Masks are required!** – This Convention should concern all of us – because it is the lifeblood of our future.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 24:

5:00 PM: 43; 9:00 AM: 34; 11:00 AM: 32

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,217.60



- **Sun. Nov. 1** 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.*
- **Wed. Nov. 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



RESUME STANDARD TIME on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** one hour.

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CELEBRATION

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. 5th or Dec. 6th.** Even though we cannot be together physically – we hope you will still “celebrate” with us as our Parish family.

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word and keep in the ways of your truth. Amen.

Most Americans are tired of the “ugliness” and the negativity of the political campaigns that we have been bombarded with for what seems like an eternity, but we urge you to vote according to your conscience for the issues and candidates who will best serve our local community, our country and our God.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	1 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Craig McKnight – Byers family Health of Christine Johnson Leon – Mary A. Johnson +Dorothy Byers – Ron Mosko
Monday	2 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	3 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Aceptimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; and Aeithalas, the Deacon. Foundation of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his relics are kept.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Eliz. & family
Wednesday	4 Nov.	<i>Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great. The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	5 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl (1950).</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Sister Ambrose Chuchvara – Benedictine Sisters
Friday	6 Nov.	<i>Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	7 Nov.	<i>The Holy Thirty-Three Martyrs at Melitene. Our Venerable Father Lazarus, the Wonder-Worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Wilma Taylor – Duane & Janet Ulery
Sunday	8 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Gloria Sipes – Richard & Sandra Fetsko +David Mosko – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 8: 26 – 39

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Today's Demons

Ours is an age that is filled with demons. There is more possession going on in the first decade of this 21st century than has gone on in centuries. And the problem is that we don't want to mention it because demons are part of the mythical past. We in our scientific world do not believe in demons. That is because demons are powers that take away our control and leave us at the mercy of powers outside ourselves.



It may come as a surprise but one of the key things we need to deal with is demons in our world. We speak of them all the time.

Drug addiction is a demon. Addicts are always speaking of being possessed by the need for their chemical demons. Heroin, cocaine, crack, meth, call them what you will, but they are still "Legion" in the battle for human souls.

Power is a demon. It not only affects individuals, people who must have power to prove their worth, be the power guns or political influence or the power of terror, but it also affects nations. Nations seek to control and maintain without a sense for the need of justice and mercy. When that power rises to a crescendo, we see the results in a Hitler or the Klan, or other groups that thrive on hatred and fear. There are the skeletons of many burned-out churches in our land that testify to the demons of power.

Illness is a demon. With all our scientific expertise, you would think that we would be able to put away this demon, but we haven't. In all likelihood,

that was the demon of the story we started with this morning. Mental illness is still just as powerful and divisive as ever. It comes as a curse, and we treat its victims as pariahs to be shunned and isolated. The word cancer can make us squirm with discomfort and fear. We run away rather than offering our support and care. Coronavirus is just as demonic as any other worldly creature. It ravages individuals while others seek to pretend it will go away if one ignores it long enough.

Greed is a demon, threatening to make us slaves of want. Avarice has always been one of the deadly sins, but today the desire to have and to hold is something that many in our society prize and encourage. Things are often more important than people, more important than faith.

As the scripture passage reminds us, the demons are *legion*. They enslave the individual, destroy the valuable, and release the very worst in us. The only way we can hope to cope with them is to come face to face with one who can drive the demons out and make us willing to sit at his feet, clothed and in our right minds.



WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIAN ARE YOU?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows...they're not good unless pushed. Some are like canoes...they need to be paddled. Some are like kites...if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away. Some are like kittens...contented when they are petted. Some are like footballs...you can't tell which way they'll bounce next. Some are like balloons...full of air and ready to blow. Some are like trailers...they have to be pulled. Some are like neon lights...they keep going on and off.

BUT, *some are like a good watch...open faced, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works. Some work hard to develop their talents...acting as if they are accountable for their abilities, and that doing less than their share and their best would be letting someone down. Some talk about the use of their time and talents...believing that stewardship relates to every area of their life. -----*

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