

## 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 – OCTOBER/ 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 – 9:00 PM, October 28**

**“GOD WITH US” – The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox (Byzantine) Tradition –  
by Rev. David Anderson.**

As an old saying goes, the law of prayer is the law of belief. The foundation and authority of catechesis is and always has been the Divine Liturgy of the Church. Rooted in prayer and looking to the Lord, we discover the Byzantine Faith in the face of Christ.

**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 for October/November free adult education webinars.*

## 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.)**



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 17:**

5:00 PM: 46; 9:00 AM: 40; 11:00 AM: 38

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,717.00**



- **Sun. Oct. 25** 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.*
- **Mon. Oct. 26** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM to Noon. See you there!



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

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**



Please join us in the celebration of *Pastor Appreciation Month*. There will be a “take home cupcake” in the Social Hall after all the Liturgies this weekend, October 24 & 25, to honor our Pastor, Father Simeon. Stop to greet Father after the Liturgies, but we will observe the social distancing and masks are mandatory. Hopefully, next year, we can have a “real” celebration.

**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.*

OCTOBER 25, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	25 Oct.	<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius. The Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Susan Welch – Don &amp; Helen Firment</b> <b>+Harry Reynolds – Mary A. Moneypenny &amp; Kostrub family</b> <b>+Joan Bernard – Janice &amp; Michael Clark</b>
Monday	26 Oct.	<i>The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius. Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	27 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Nestor. The Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.</i> <b>+Estella Susko – family</b>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	
Wednesday	28 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Our Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer. The Holy Martyr Paraskevia of Iconium.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta</b>
Thursday	29 Oct.	<i>The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Our Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Health of Sr. M. Martha Kacmarek – Sr. Anna Maria</b>
Friday	30 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	31 Oct.	<i>The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. The Holy Martyr Epimachus. The Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i>
<b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Craig McKnight – Byers family</b>
Sunday	1 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Health of Christine Johnson Leon – Mary A. Johnson</b> <b>+Dorothy Byers – Ron Mosko</b>



## Attentive to the Word

### 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Luke 16: 19 – 31*

*Tone 4 pages 141 - 142*



Today's parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is only related in the Gospel of St. Luke. This parable is particularly rich in meanings – many meanings. It speaks of the Jews and the Gentiles – Lazarus being the Gentiles, and the Rich Man being the Jews. He makes several comparisons, and basically says that the Gentiles are at the threshold of salvation – they were lying at the gate of the rich man. We also learn about the righteous and the unrighteous – how we are to act and how we are not to act. We see the endurance of Lazarus and the greediness and lack of compassion of the rich man. We learn something about how you are to act if you are rich, and something about how you are to act if you are poor. Also, we learn something about what it will be like in the next life, especially for the damned. We see how it will be in the next life, both for the rich and the poor – that is, those who are rich in God, otherwise known as “poor in spirit.” We also learn something about rewards and punishments in this parable.

Indeed, we will be rewarded or punished, depending on how we live our life. This is true! It is only recently, in the past few hundred years, that this heresy has come about that tries to remove responsibility from a person. Yes, we have plenty of responsibility. Our Lord tells us on every page of the Gospels how we are to act, how we are to live, and if we do not try to live in that way, we will be judged. We can see something of this judgment in this parable. Lastly, at the end of this parable, we hear about the word of God and it must be listened to. If we don't listen to the Word of God, we cannot be

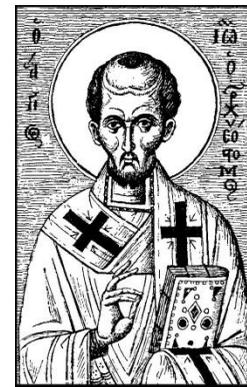
expected to be convinced by any other means, even if a man would rise from the dead.

Why is it some people will not be persuaded, whether by the Word of God, or even obvious miracles? Certainly, most people here in America, would say they “believe” in God, and even call themselves Christians, and yet so many are not really persuaded to live as Christians. Why is this so? It is because they do not understand that the Christian life is a moral life, with moral change and amendment a necessity.

The rich man, like so many in this life, said he believed, but did not change. He was not compassionate. His wallowing in luxury dulled his senses, and he perished in worldly splendor. Lazarus, the blessed one, endured with patience and was saved. May God help us to endure all things, and to change ourselves to be like Him – to love, to be patient – and eventually to see Him in Eternity.



### IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM . . .



“In the matter of piety, poverty serves better than wealth, and work better than idleness, especially since wealth becomes an obstacle even for those who do not devote themselves to it. Yet, when we must put aside our wrath, quench our envy, soften our anger, offer our prayers, and show a disposition which is reasonable, mild, kindly, and loving, how could poverty stand in our way? For we accomplish these things not by spending money, but by making the correct choice. Almsgiving, above all else, requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster

when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all.”