

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.

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.

READ: LUKE 5: 1 –11

Peter was not a "what if" thinker. When Jesus asked him to sail his boat back out into fishing waters and throw his nets in again for a big catch, Peter did it. He could have given in to doubts, concentrating on what *might* happen and what the crowd on shore *might* say. After all, the probability of catching many fish in the daytime was slim. Fish in the Sea of Galilee were active at night.

In his obedience to Christ, Peter did not deny these facts. The logical limitations were real. Still he recognized Jesus' deity with one powerful statement of faith: "...Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your bidding I will let down the nets" (Luke 5:5). Peter focused on the One *giving the directions, not the possible consequences of following the directions*. And God sent fish pouring into the nets, a bursting load for two boats.

You can trust God to take care of every problem when His commands seem unreasonable. He is not a God of disappointment or fear; He will never "leave you hanging," afraid of the future. As you obey God's Word with confidence in His provision, He handles the outcome.



MILK CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSS SALE – 2020

Since our church was closed for all of the Easter season, I have about 25 extra milk chocolate Byzantine Crosses for sale @ \$6.00 each. If anyone is interested, please call Sister Barbara @ 330-240-2534.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.



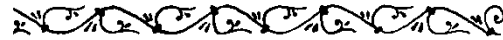
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of September 19:

5:00 PM: 48; 9:00 AM: 40; 11:00 AM: 41

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,163.00



- **Mon., Sept. 28** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon. We could use your help.
- **Thurs., Oct. 1** Protection of the Theotokos – Solemn Holy Day.
- **Wed., Oct. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.



TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a well-known pro-life prayer gathering of local churches held each year on the first Sunday in October. SS. Peter and Paul Parish always take part (on an individual basis) in this silent prayer gathering. The gathering takes place on **Sunday, October 4th, from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**. It will be held on the sidewalk along Elm Road between Warren Plaza and Harding High School.

“Let us invest one hour to save a lifetime.”

GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH

The GCU is holding a raffle in which *the winner will receive \$2,000.00 in Holiday Cash*. We have only 15 tickets to sell so it's first come, first serve. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winning number is based on the PA Daily 3-digit Number (first number drawn at 7 PM) on Sunday, December 6, 2020. **See Betty Zombar to purchase tickets. It only takes one ticket to win.**

FREE ADULT EDUCATION – OCTOBER

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

Wednesday evenings 8:00 – 9:00 PM, October 7 – 28

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

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	27 Sept.	<i>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Int. of George & Donna Bodajlo – 50th Wedding Anniv. +Elizabeth Petrigalla – Betty Blake +Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike
Monday	28 Sept.	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet Baruch. The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949). Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Kiev Near Caves.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (SPP)	29 Sept. 8:30 AM	<i>Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite.</i> Welfare of our Country – Betty Blake
Wednesday (SPP)	30 Sept. 8:30 AM	<i>The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia.</i> Sister Marion Dobos – Benedictine Sisters
Thursday	1 Oct. 6:00 PM	<i>THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father Romanos the Hymnographer. (pgs. 261 – 262)</i> +Barbara Ann Myers – John & Dianna Koza
Friday	2 Oct.	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	3 Oct. 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.</i> Health of Sisters Agnes & Martha – friends
Sunday	4 Oct. 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi.</i> +Mary Butchko – Betty Blake +Benjamin & +Frances Martin – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 5: 1 – 11

Tone 8 Pages 161 – 163

“I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN”



Simon Peter turns from a hearer to a doer. Imagine his boat serving as a primitive church. He and his fellows had just returned from an exhausting night's fishing. They are not just weary; they are a bit discouraged. As he listens to Jesus explaining the wonders of God and a world that is hidden from ordinary eyes, suddenly the Lord turns to him and says that He would like Simon to go back out into the sea. There are fish out there that he missed catching. Was it a test? Quite! Impulsive Simon Peter must have thought: What can He teach me about fishing, I who had been doing this all my life? Besides, he

wanted only to be lulled by comforting words about God, not ordered to return to the sea.

It explains something about Jesus. His sermon was a show and tell lesson. He told Simon what He expected, and when the disciple obeyed, then He showed him where the fish were. Our Lord is the God who acts, and He does so through us. True Christianity is not for spectators. The world is a field, we are in a contest, and every one of us is a player.

Then Simon Peter says: Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! At another occasion he was not averse to rebuking Jesus (Matt. 16:23). But here he realizes that this Teacher is no ordinary human being. His Lord is of one essence with the Lord Almighty. Here is a moment in his lifetime that he will never forget. May each of us have something similar happen to us in our days on this earth.

To understand what happened to Peter that day is to grasp the essential difference between Eastern Christian Christianity and all other varieties. At first, Peter loved, honored, and was ready to obey Jesus. He saw Him as a special human

being, which many Christians and even non-Christians would agree with. But until the net of Christ's true nature caught him, recognizing God at work in Him, he was only an admirer. In time Peter would understand much more about Christ; but at the moment he saw God in Him.

The Byzantine Church never tires of explaining the inexplicable mystery – Jesus Christ is the only-begotten, unique Son of God, true God of true God, as the Creed proclaims. God alone is capable of saving us from sin and death. Because Christ is God, it is not only possible. Salvation has become the supreme goal of our lives.

by Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky



OCT. 1 PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD



This week we celebrate the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. The history of this feast dates back to the year 911 when the Mohammedan hordes (Saracens) attacked the city of Constantinople during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise. Plague was rampant. The terror-stricken people gathered within the church to pray to the Mother of God. St. Andrew and his disciple, St. Theophanius, both from Slavonic tribes, were in Constantinople at the time. They entered the Church of Blachernae where the people were praying all night while the Christian army fought against the attack of the Saracens. At dawn, St. Andrew and St.

Theophanius saw the Mother of God appearing with out-stretched arms and imploring God's mercy upon the besieged Christians. She held a veil as a sign of her protection. To the great joy of the inhabitants, the Christian soldiers were blessed with a striking victory over the Moslems. On their return home the two saints publicized the miracle among the Slavonic people.

As a result, this feast of "Pokrov" (Protection) of the Mother of God was introduced into the Church on October 1st to remind us both of this event, and of the Mother of God's constant protection, whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.

**Holy Mother of God
Guide, Protect, and Pray for us!**