

## 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:** Lisa Mosko is 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.

O honorable myrrh-bearers, you followed Christ's footsteps during his earthly life, serving Him with eager hearts. You would not leave Him even when He died. Driven by compassion, you came to his tomb bringing myrrh mixed with tears. Therefore, we bless your holy memory.

The holy choir of women yearned to see the Life who lay dead in the tomb. They came in the night and heard from the angels: Christ is risen as He said. Go with haste and tell his disciples: Cast sorrow away from your souls. Instead of tears, receive inexpressible joy.

Today we rejoice in your memory, O myrrh-bearers. We glorify the most gracious Lord who glorified you. Never cease to intercede for us, O blessed ones, that we may attain to eternal glory, and that we may inherit the splendor of the saints; for you have boldness before Him.



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Monsignor Sylvester Hladky Memorial Foundation is offering scholarships toward tuition for students of all grade levels who are attending a Catholic elementary school, junior high school or high school. Parents must request applications by April 23, 2021. Please call 330-847-8257. Completed applications must be returned by May 22, 2021.



### Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of April 10:

5:00 PM: 0\*; 9:00 AM: 35; 11:00 AM: 36

*\*No Divine Liturgy*

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$7,458.00**



- **Mon., April 26** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon.
- **Wed., May 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.



**SPECIAL NOTICE:**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Father Simeon on April 25, 2021 is cancelled at this time. Please keep Father in your thoughts and prayers.



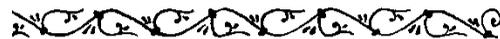
**FREE ADULT EDUCATION**

Live webinars, free of charge. An excellent opportunity for adult education in our Byzantine Church. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

**Wednesdays, April 14 – June 16 @ 8 – 9:30 PM.**

This 10-part series, “**I BELIEVE**” will allow us to dive deeply into the mysteries of our faith, so that we can rejoice in it always! Let the Creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. Rejoice every day in your faith.

Presenter - Rev. David Anderson.



Dear Friends, This is a “goldmine” of a website for us. We encourage you to tune in to the different services.

Once you open the website, click on "Eastern Catholic North America" to see liturgy opportunities from all over the U.S. and Canada.

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APRIL 18, 2021

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

Sunday	18 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN.</i> <i>Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of the Holy Gregory the Decapolite.</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> +Bernard Williams, Jr. (40 <sup>th</sup> day) – John/Kathy Shinosky <b>11:00 AM</b> +Bill & +Helen Sorbes – Jim & Mary Elko
Monday	19 April	<i>Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	20 April	<i>Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas</i> <i>(“the Hairshirt Wearer”).</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	21 April	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and His Companions.</i> <i>The Holy Martyr Theodore of Perge.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	22 April	<i>Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	23 April	<i>THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND VICTORIOUS GREAT</i> <i>MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	24 April	<i>The Holy Martyr Sabbas the Goth.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Sunday	25 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> +Andrew Greskovich – wife, Loretta Greskovich <b>11:00 AM</b> Intention of Father Simeon (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)



## Attentive to the Word

### SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

*Mark 15: 43 - 16:8*

*Pages 177 - 180*



The Second Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the memory of seven of the most dedicated and courageous women of the New Testament. We know a great deal about the Twelve Apostles of Christ, but we know very little about the Myrrh-Bearing Women who were devoted to Christ equally as much as the Apostles themselves. They were with Jesus as He preached the message of Salvation. They were with Him when He was taken down from Calvary. It was these women who came to anoint His Sacred Body and prepare it for burial. This is why the Church refers to them as the "Myrrh-Bearing Women."

Who were they?

1. **Mary Magdalene**, (Her feast day is celebrated on July 22nd). This remarkable woman is the most famous of the Myrrh-Bearing Women of the New Testament. If you remember, it was she whom our Blessed Lord healed of a terrible illness which Holy Scripture describes as "being possessed by seven demons." Holy Tradition tells us that after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, Mary Magdalene journeyed to Rome and convinced Emperor Tiberius that both Pontius Pilate and the archpriests of Jerusalem should be punished for their participation in the crucifixion of Christ. She later lived on the Greek island of Ephesus in the Christian community founded by St. John the Evangelist. Although she died on the island, her remains were eventually taken to the ancient temple of Constantinople.

2. **Salome**, the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee (her feast day is celebrated on August 3rd). Salome was a very saintly woman who loved Jesus very much. Her great love was shared by her two famous sons, James and John, two of the original Twelve Apostles of Christ. Tradition tells us that Salome enjoyed a very close relationship with the family of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She remained devoted to Mary after the Ascension of Christ.

3. **Mary, the Mother of James and Joses**, the wife of Cleophas (her feast day is celebrated on May 23rd). Very little is recorded concerning her life: however, she devoted many years in the service of our Lord.

4. **Joanna, the wife of Chuza**, Herod Antipas' steward (her feast day is celebrated on June 27th). Joanna first heard of the coming of Christ during His first visit to the temple in Jerusalem. She became a true believer and assisted the Apostles during their first years as leaders of the new Faith. She was a woman of great courage.

5. **Susanna**, (her feast day is celebrated on the Sunday of the Forefathers, which falls on the Sunday before Christmas). Susanna was a close friend of Mary Magdalene and was constantly by her side during her affliction. Susanna remained with the Apostles of Christ and shared in the work of spreading the message of salvation. She assisted with the serving of the "Communion Suppers" and administering to the sick and the aged.

6. & 7. **Mary and Martha**, the sisters of Lazarus - (feast day, June 4th). Our Blessed Lord was very fond of Lazarus, and on many occasions He visited his home in Bethany. The sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, became followers of Christ and dedicated their lives to Him. After the miracle of the "Resurrection of Lazarus" by Jesus Christ, Mary and Martha returned with Jesus and His Apostles. They devoted their lives to the spreading of the new Faith. These are the famous "Seven Myrrh-Bearing Women" of the New Testament. These glorious ladies of the Church remained steadfast in their faith and brought glory to the Church of Christ. The Fathers of the Church consider them "equal to the Apostles."

*Christ is Risen!*

*Indeed He is Risen!*