

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.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

PLEASE NOTE – Monday, 7/19 – Last day to notify the office:

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and every 5 years thereafter in this year of 2021.

Please inform the Parish Office by July 19, 2021 if you have celebrated or are going to celebrate one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Although it is still uncertain if the actual celebration can be held, you will still be honored in some way. **The Archeparchial celebration will tentatively take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM.** If there is a cancellation, you will be notified. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop your name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our Parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 10:

5:00 PM: **46**; 9:00 AM: **31**; 11:00 AM: **67**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,302.52



- **Tues., July 20** Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah. Divine Liturgy – Mon. Evening 6:00 PM followed by Blessing of Cars. That will be the only Blessing of Cars.
- **Mon., July 26** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., Aug. 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SIMEON

As you know, I haven't been feeling well for some time now, especially since I have had Covid-19. Recovery and side effects have made life difficult for me, and I have not been able to give 100% to our Parish family. For this, I apologize and ask your forgiveness.

I will be away on medical leave for a while. Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec, Jr. will temporarily serve the spiritual needs of the Parish. I ask you to welcome Father Miron and give him the same love and cooperation that you have given me. Please remember me in your prayers! You will be remembered in mine! Any well wishes and correspondence should be sent to the Parish office or placed in the collection basket.

Thank you,
Father Simeon

PARISH PICNIC



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, August 15th at our Social Hall and grounds after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Keep the date open and plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Last year we had a wonderful time! We hope to see all of you there! More details will be coming soon!

LITURGY STIPENDS

The Divine Liturgy Stipend has been increased to \$20 by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh effective July 1, 2021.

JULY 18, 2021 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	18 July	<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris. Holy Martyr Emilian. Passing of Venerable Martyr Tarsykia Matskiv (1944).</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Jeff Hoso – Hoso family +William Schoch (40th day) +Linda Mendenhall – sister, Lisa & John
Monday	19 July	<i>Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of St. Basil the Great. Our Venerable Father Dios.</i>
	6:00 PM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth & family (with Blessing of Cars)
Tuesday	20 July	<i>FEAST OF HOLY & GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH (Pg. 343).</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	21 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and His Fellow Ascetic John. The Holy Prophet Ezekiel.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	22 July	<i>The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Phocas.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday	23 July	<i>The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and Their Companions. Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, Bishops of Ravenna. Repose of Our Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Medila. Our Holy Father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluif.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	24 July	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Christine. The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Tom James – wife, Pat & family
Sunday	25 July	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Dormition of St. Ann, Mother of the Mother of God. Memory of the Holy Women Olympiada and Euphraxia. Commemoration of the Fifth Ecumenical Council.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+John & +Margaret Kostrub – Mary Ann Moneypenny +Mary Passek – daughters & sons



Attentive to the Word EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

Matt. 14: 14 - 22; John 17: 1 - 13

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OUR CARING SHEPHERD

MIRACLE OF LOAVES AND FISH



I want you to see something wonderful about Jesus Christ today. Jesus knows where you are and what you're going through, and *He cares*.

When this huge crowd gathered, Jesus looked out and saw broken people with broken lives. They had brought their sick and their lame, people with all manner of problems. And Jesus felt compassion for them. That tells us a lot about Jesus Christ, because it says that He is more than just a Person of power. He is One who cares. I'm here to tell you today that Jesus knows what you are going through. Jesus feels your pain. The beauty of the Incarnation is that when God became man, He could feel what we feel. We need a

Person like that because we're like sheep. Mark says Jesus had compassion on the people because "they were like sheep without a shepherd." There are three things you need to know about sheep: they are dumb, defenseless, and directionless. It's not flattering, but it's true.

These people were groping for direction. They were defenseless, ripe for plucking. How many times have we been deceived into going to the wrong places, doing the wrong things, thinking the wrong thoughts, hanging out with the wrong people? We are defenseless and directionless. Jesus can do much more than just sympathize with you. His power can overrule your circumstances. His compassion can deal with your situation. *He healed the sick that day (Matthew 14:14), and He fed them too.*

I don't know what impossible situation you may be facing today, but when you bring Jesus Christ into the equation, you have someone who can surmount the insurmountable.

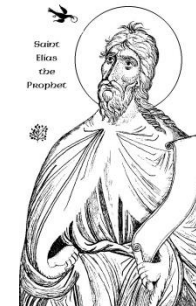
SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of July, our Church remembers the bishops who gathered in collegial assembly under the grace of the Holy Spirit to take common and definitive action for the doctrinal and pastoral good of the Christian faithful. They are called "ecumenical," *meaning universal, involving the entire Church*. Through the history of the Church, only the first seven Councils are universally recognized and undisputed among Christian Churches. An ecumenical council differs from a general meeting or council of bishops in that a *synod* is concerned with local or regional issues and does not involve the Church as a whole.

These Councils decided definitively what we are to believe about Christ. Today, these issues seem almost irrelevant in the face of modern-day concerns; however, without the clear teachings of the Fathers, our Faith would be foundationally weakened.

At Matins for this Sunday, our Church proclaims, "When the holy preachers of Christ fully received the light from the Holy Spirit, they spoke with divine insight, with few but deeply meaningful words inspired from above, bringing to the front the evangelical doctrines and traditions of true worship. When these were clearly revealed to them from on high, they were enlightened and thus established the faith received from God." (*Matins at the Praises*)

THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH:



Elias, also known as Elijah, was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. Of his origin, not much is known, except that he was from the city of Tishba. He appeared on the historical scene during the reign of Ahab (9 cent. B.C.). He delivered to that impious king the message of Yahweh: Israel would be punished by a long drought and Ahab's house would fall. He then lived to see the tragic end of Ahab. Next we hear of Elias in connection with Ochozias, Ahab's son and successor, to whom he predicted that the injuries received in a fall would be fatal. The end of the earthly life of Elias came mysteriously.

As he was conversing with Eliseus on the hills of Moah, "a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (Kgs. 2:11). Jews, Christians and Moslems pay high honor to Elias; Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ's transfiguration.