

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.

HERE IS SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU WONDER – THE PARADOX BETWEEN LINCOLN AND KENNEDY.

1. Both of these presidents, Lincoln and Kennedy, were concerned with the issue of Civil Rights.
2. Lincoln was elected in 1860 and Kennedy was elected in 1960.
3. Both were slain on a Friday and in the presence of their wives.
4. Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southerners, Democrats, and had previously served in the U.S. Senate.
5. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808 – Lyndon B. Johnson was born in 1908.
and . . .
6. John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839 – Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.
7. Both Booth and Oswald were slain before trial could be held.
8. Booth and Oswald were both Southerners favoring unpopular ideas.
9. Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while residing in the White House.
10. Lincoln's Secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater the night he was killed.
11. President Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

Did someone say that history does not repeat itself??

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

Wednesday, June 30 @ 8 – 9 PM.

The presentation will be "**Unity is Not Uniformity: *The Development of the Apostolic Churches.***" The presenter is Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo. Why are there so many divisions in the Church when Jesus prayed that we would be one? Join us as we explore the original Biblical concept of what it means to be a Church, as well as the history of the development of the apostolic churches and the unique theological concepts that make us different.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 19:

5:00 PM: No Liturgy; 9:00 AM: 37; 11:00 AM: 67

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,065.00



- **Mon., June 28** Last day of Apostle's Fast.
- **Mon., June 28** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM – Noon. Come and lend a helping hand.
- **Tues., June 29** **SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day. Holy Day of Obligation.**
- **Wed., July 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you for being a part of my 40th Anniversary of Ordination. I am grateful for your good wishes, gifts, and especially your prayers. May we remain a prayerful and kind community for many years to come.

Father Simeon

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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.

JUNE 27, 2021 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	27 June	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller. Blessed Martyr Nicholas Charnetsky, Bishop of Volyn and Pidlashia (1959) and his 24 companions. Blessed Martyr and Priest Emilian Kovch.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM +Carl & +Marialice Verney – daughters & family 9:00 AM Intention of Rosary Society Members 11:00 AM +Andrew & +Richard Susko – family	
Monday	28 June	<i>Translation of Relics of Holy Unmercenary Physicians Cyrus & John. Translation of Relics of Holy Martyr Theodore (Romzha), Bishop of Mukacevo. The Passing of Martyrs Severian Baranyk & Joachim Senkivskyj (1941).</i>
	6:00 PM	Intention of Parish Family
Tuesday	29 June	<i>THE HOLY PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL. (Pgs. 338 – 340)</i>
	9:00 AM	Intention of Parish Family
Wednesday	30 June	<i>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles. The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Basil Vsevolod Velychkovsky, secret Bishop (1973). The Passing of the Martyr and priest Zenon Kovalyk (1941).</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	1 July	<i>The Holy Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i>
	8:30 AM	+Gloria Sipes – Richard & Sandra Fetsko
Friday	2 July	<i>Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God at Blachernae.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	3 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Hyacinth.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+John J. Koza, III – wife, Dianna
Sunday	4 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete. Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Steve Zombar – Raiti family
	11:00 AM	+Eugenia Vesa – Gary Sharon



Attentive to the Word
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 8: 28 - 9:1

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Imagine yourself with Jesus in the boat that came ashore on the far side of the Sea of Galilee. It's twilight. Night approaches. Nearby swine herders are tending their pigs. From a cemetery a wild man emerges, ranting and flailing his arms about, nearly naked. He babbles and screams, speaking at times for himself, at other times as though he were a large body of people. To drive out the demons from such a sick person was not simple, not even for the Lord. He starts by ordering the demons out. Still, they remain. He then demands that the demon

possessing the man reveal his name. The answer: I'm not alone in here. There are thousands of us, indeed as many as 6,000 - the number of soldiers that comprised a Roman legion. What can He do to set the poor soul free from so many foul spirits? What to do with the demons? They cannot be exterminated.

God never destroys whatever He creates, no matter how far they may stray from His original intent when they were made — not humans, not angels, not even the demons. So He orders them to occupy the nearby swine rather than the demoniac, and to set him free from their occupancy. Does it mean that the Lord had no affection for pigs? Not at all. It shows us how precious each human soul is to the loving Lord. That man, that sad creature who had until then spent his life apart from all relatives and former friends, was dear to Jesus. And when the local residents learned what had happened, rather than praise the Lord for the miracle, they pleaded with Him to go away, back where He had come from. They must have loved their pigs more than the Lord of love and life.

By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky

**THE HOLY, GLORIOUS & ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES,
PETER AND PAUL**



We call Saints Peter & Paul “Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the World” in the troparion for their feast day. They are known as the pillars of the Church, because they had a major role in establishing the early Church. They preached about Jesus Christ and baptized many people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

After the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, Saint Peter “stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and proclaimed” (Acts 2:14) to the Israelites that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We read in this story about Saint Peter’s sermons that people wanted more about Jesus. They wanted to know what they must do to become followers of Jesus. Saint Peter told them they must give up their old ways to follow Jesus, in return they would receive the Holy Spirit. He said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). By the end of the day, about 30,000 people accepted Saint Peter’s invitation to be baptized.

In the New Testament are many stories about Saint Paul teaching the people about Jesus. In one story he asked the people who were baptized, about John, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” (Acts 19:2). They did not know of the Holy Spirit and asked to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. “And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied” (Acts 19:6). This story is just one of many that took place as Saint Paul traveled to different cities and established many churches for the people he baptized. We can read about his travels in his letter that are included in the New Testament.

Both Saints devoted their life to preaching about Jesus Christ and inviting people to be baptized members of the Church. Also both were martyred for this belief in Jesus Christ. In Rome, probably in 67 A.D., Saint Peter asked to be crucified with his head downward when he was told he was to be put to death. In 65 A.D. Saint Paul was beheaded because he was a Roman citizen and could not be crucified.