

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.

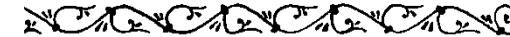
Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a Parish Member, they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this 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.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Absolutely no shrubbery or bushes of any kind.
- Any shrubbery or bushes will be removed by the cemetery committee.
- Planting of flowers within 12" of front of monument only.
- No fencing or border is to be placed in front of monument or grave.
- All monuments must be approved by the pastor and cemetery committee. Crosses are permitted only until a monument is placed.
- Toys, balloons, stuffed animals, etc. are not permitted.
- General Cemetery Cleanup: May of each year. At this time, the previous year's décor and Christmas items are to be removed or they will be removed by the cemetery committee.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Come work for the Lord. The work is hard,
the hours are long, and the pay is low.
But the retirement benefits are out of this world.*



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 8:

5:00 PM: 39; 9:00 AM: 42; 11:00 AM: 42

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

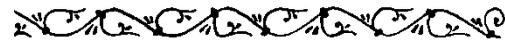
Here are the Totals for: Good Friday. . . . \$ 465.00

Easter \$9,270.00

THANK YOU FOR SENDING IN OR DROPPING OFF YOUR DONATIONS!

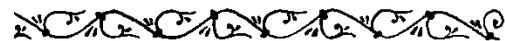


- **Fri., May 22** 5th All Souls Saturday – Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM – Page 428.
- **Mon., May 24** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon.
We can use your help.
- **Wed., June 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., June 8** Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 PM in Social Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



PENTECOST SUNDAY/MEMORIAL SERVICES *(weather permitting)*

Pentecost Sunday, May 23 – 2:00 PM at SPP Cemetery



WELCOME BACK, FATHER SIMEON!

We are blessed to have you back to celebrate the Liturgies, and pray that you get stronger everyday!

Also, we thank Father Michael for helping us out during Father Simeon’s recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to our parishioners, Andrew and Carol Nemeth, who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 29th!

May God grant you peace, health and happiness for many years!



MAY 16, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	16 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL. Post-festive Day of the Ascension. Our Venerable Father Theodore the Consecrated, Disciple of St. Pachomius. The Holy Martyrs Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Vladimir Bajrak at the Drohobych Prison (1946).</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family
	9:00 AM	+John J. Koza, III – wife, Dianna
	11:00 AM	+Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike
Monday	17 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and His Companions. The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	18 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and their Companions. The Holy Seven Virgins.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Sister Margaret Chuma – Benedictine Sisters
Wednesday	19 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	20 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Thaleleus.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Sister Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters
Friday	21 May	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Ascension. The Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother Helen, Equals to the Apostles.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	22 May	<i>Memory of all the Faithful Departed.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	9:00 AM	5th All Souls Sat. Remembrance w/Reading of Diptychs
	5:00 PM	Intention of Parish Family
Sunday	23 May	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</i> 9:00 AM Intention of Parish Family 11:00 AM Intention of Parish Family



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS
OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

John 17: 1 – 13

Follow Directions on Pages 196 – 202

The Sunday which follows the Feast of the Ascension in addition to being the Seventh Sunday after Easter, also commemorates the Holy Fathers of the Council of Nicea. This Ecumenical Council, held in 325 A.D., affirmed the divinity of Christ. Our celebration this weekend pays respect to the collective witness that the Bishops gave to Christian truth. We are already looking towards Pentecost and how the power of the Holy Spirit can give courage to speak for Christ and the truth.

In the Epistle for this Sunday from Acts (20:16-18a, 28-38), St. Paul is on his way to Jerusalem as the end of his ministry begins. He charges the leaders of the Church of Ephesus to keep watch for wolves who would lead the flock astray. It might be said that what causes corrosion in the Church is both on the universal and local levels.

As this Sunday of the Fathers of the Nicean Council testifies, theological error is part of this corrosion. However, studies have shown that other people drop out of the church for a number of reasons: mobility without deep religious roots, too little or too much change, deterioration of Catholic family life, diminishing loyalty to a specific parish, impersonalism of the large parish, a quarrel with or perceived insult from a priest or sister. To be honest, the major reasons that people drop out of the Church are more personal than theological.

This Epistle Reading is a real warning to us to be honest with God and ourselves as well as to constantly make the effort to be active members of the Body of the Christ, the Church!

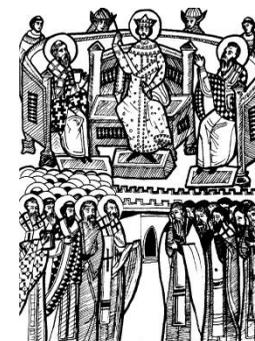
In the Gospel Reading for St. John (17:1-13) we have one of the most intimate sections of his Gospel. It is the prayer of Jesus as He looks back over His ministry. He also used all the opportunities the Lord gives us by always living in the future. "Tomorrow, I will get down to my spiritual life." "Tomorrow, I will start spending more time with my family." "Tomorrow, we'll reconcile."

Or, we can live in the past as we re-fight old battles and rehearse old hurts. It is, however, in the *present* that the dynamics of salvation take place! God's Word is spoken to us in the now. Christ's offer of peace and the healing power of the Resurrection are available to us now. The time of salvation and of the experience of God's presence are now. *It is in our particular parish, this Archdiocese, this neighborhood, with these people, that God is present and calling us to respond.*

Fr. Gary Powell, O.F.M. Cap.



NICEA I



On this day, the Church celebrates the memory of the three hundred and eighteen God-bearing Fathers who attended the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325), in the course of which the Catholic doctrine of the Holy Trinity was defined.

Arius (280-336), an arch-priest of Alexandria, had taught the heresy that the Son was not equal to the Father, being neither of the same essence nor infinite nor eternal; that He was a creature, the most perfect creature of God, but yet not God, and that consequently his Mother was not the Mother of God. Athanasius, Archbishop of Alexandria, opposed these errors with all his might. He eloquently exposed the true teaching, that the Word of God was indeed God in reality, and that through the incarnation He became a real man.

The controversy raged throughout the Roman Empire, throwing it into a state of turmoil. Emperor Constantine decided to submit the matter to the judgment of the Universal Church, and so he called a general council that convened in Nicea. From the discussion came the Nicene Creed in which the answer to Arianism is expressed in the following passage: "*I believe in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father.*"

By Archbishop Joseph Raya