

## 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.

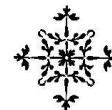
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**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.

## ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Mary Passek**, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



## PENTECOST SUNDAY/MEMORIAL SERVICES . . . . (weather permitting)

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



## 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.



## Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 15:

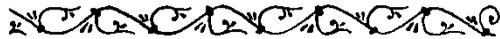
5:00 PM: 42; 9:00 AM: 48; 11:00 AM: 47

Feast of the Ascension: 27

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$3,429.00



- **This weekend the 2020 Financial Statements are available alongside the bulletins.**
- **Mon., May 24** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon. We can use your help.
- **Mon., May 31** Beginning of Apostle’s Fast in preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. Fast goes through Mon., June 28.
- **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 encouraged to attend.



### OUR PARISH’S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SS. Peter & Paul Parish is looking forward to its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We were established as a church on January 7, 1925.

Even though we are looking ahead 4 years, we need to begin preparations now. Power Point presentations outlining what plans need to be made for this great milestone event will be scheduled. The first presentation will be on **Tuesday, June 8, at 7:00 PM** at the Parish Guild Meeting. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The participation of all parishioners is important in making this truly a Parish project and a successful 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

### LADY BUG BOX



You may have noticed tickets being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the **Lady Bug Box**. This box contains Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and can be purchased after each Liturgy. The winning ticket will be drawn after the 11:00 AM Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We would like to continue this fundraiser monthly with your support. Any donations of Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and appreciated.

### MAY 23, 2021 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday 23 May *PENTECOST SUNDAY.*  
(Sun. Vigil) **5:00 PM Intention of Parish Family**  
**9:00 AM Intention of Parish Family**  
**11:00 AM Intention of Parish Family**

### THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST IS A FAST FREE WEEK!

Monday 24 May *PENTECOST MONDAY.*  
**No Divine Liturgy**

Tuesday 25 May *Pentecost Tuesday. Feast of the Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist.*  
(SPP) **8:30 AM +Sr. Agnes Knapik (40<sup>th</sup> day) – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary**

Wednesday 26 May *Pentecost Wednesday. The Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy. Our Holy Father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England.*  
(SPP) **8:30 AM +Emory Holowatch – Anne Myers**

Thursday 27 May *Pentecost Thursday. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont.*  
**No Divine Liturgy**

Friday 28 May *Pentecost Friday. Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon.*  
**No Divine Liturgy**

Saturday 29 May *Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pentecost. The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia. Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome.*  
(Vigil Liturgy) **5:00 PM +Mary Louise Palovich (40<sup>th</sup> day) – John Chekan & Anna Mae Prindle & families**

Sunday 30 May *SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.*  
**9:00 AM +James Johnson, Sr. – Michael & Sue Johnson**  
**11:00 AM +Annie Closson – daughter, Sandy**



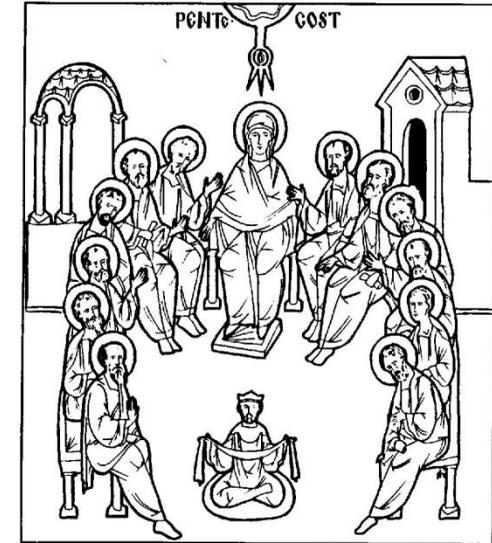
## Attentive to the Word PENTECOST SUNDAY (BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH)

*John 7: 37 – 52 & 8: 12*

*Pages 203 – 208*

The Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord's glorious Resurrection from death to life, represents a renewal of life. Green foliage and branches of trees (in many of our churches the branches of the l'ipa tree) will decorate the church symbolically reminding us of this. Some writers refer to Pentecost as the "Birthday of the Church," as we place great emphasis on the correlation between Pentecost and new beginnings.

If Pentecost, however, means nothing more to us than green vestments and freshly-cut branches of trees, we have overlooked the real significance of Pentecost and this Feast's message to a world groping in search of a new beginning. The Apostles were given by Christ the challenge of laying the foundation for His Church. They



completed their task well, but we must remember that it was only a foundation that they built. The Apostles left the responsibility for the growth and development of the Holy Church to us! Empowered by the Lord, they bequeathed to all generations of Christians to follow them the great testimony of faith that they left them, with the bold summons to action given by the Lord Himself: "Go...teach...baptize." If we are to be obedient to this divine command, like the Apostles on that first Pentecost, we must open our hearts and minds and be receptive to the "descent, power and operation of the Holy Spirit."

We pray the familiar words of the "Carju Nebesnyj" ("O Heavenly King") prayer at the beginning of the Pentecost Liturgy. What we will ask for is the fervent plea for the Holy Spirit to bring life to our Church! We will ask that the Spirit of all truth come and dwell in us as we commence any effort, any endeavor in the life of the Church, whether in

our routine daily lives or in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which takes us to the heights of worship. Without the Spirit of God, we are nothing! On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were transformed into something they had not been, just as we are capable of becoming. Just as the fiery tongues descended upon each of the Apostles to purify, refine and consecrate, the working of the Holy Spirit does the very same for us as we endeavor to do God's will. This is truly the meaning of the Pentecost Feast.

Let us prayerfully accept the driving force of His descent upon us, as we will pledge when we incline our heads during the reading of the Kneeling Prayers at the Pentecost Liturgy. I pray that we can respond to the admonition of David of old: "Be still and know that "I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Let us place ourselves at the disposal of God's Holy Spirit. Let us cooperate with God. Let us make God and His plan for us first. Let us go in the direction He has mapped out for us. Let us faithfully follow where He leads, not questioning, but confident that our destiny is eternal salvation.

We are not orphans, for the Holy Spirit has come to take Christ's place until He comes again on the Great Day! The results of Pentecost must propel us towards that goal. Not one of us can do anything holy or spiritual on our own; only the Holy Spirit can change us; only He can provide us with the spiritual comfort that allows us to turn to Him as a treasury of blessings.

"O Holy Spirit, come and dwell within us, and save our souls, O Gracious One."  
(by +Metropolitan Nicholas of Johnstown)

### THE USE OF POWER

Power can be used in at least two ways: it can be unleashed, or it can be harnessed. The energy in ten gallons of gasoline, for instance, can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into the can. Or it can be channeled through the engine of a Honda in a controlled burn and used to transport a person 350 miles. Explosions are spectacular, but controlled burns have lasting effect, staying power. The Holy Spirit works both ways. At Pentecost, he exploded on the scene; His presence was like "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:3). Thousands were affected by one burst of God's power. But He also works through the church--the institution God began to tap the Holy Spirit's power for the long haul. Through worship, fellowship, and service Christians are provided with staying power.

(Author unknown)