

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.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Our Parish is planning to host a combined Celebration honoring:

- ❖ ***Father Simeon's 40th Anniversary of Ordination***
- ❖ ***Father's Day***
- ❖ ***Belated Mother's Day***
- ❖ ***Feast of Saints Peter & Paul***

This event will take place at DiLucia's on Elm Road on Father's Day - Sunday, June 20th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to a complimentary dinner. If you have guests who would like to celebrate with us, the charge for each dinner is as follows: Adults - \$15.00; Children (10 & under) - \$8.00. You can pay at the door. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Social Hall. Dine-in only. **Reservation deadline is Sunday, June 13th.**

Father Simeon would like to thank you for your continued support. Hope you can join us for this special celebration!

MANY THANKS



...to those parishioners who volunteered their time to clean up the cemetery in May.

...to all of our wonderful parishioners who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Family. God Bless You!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 22:

5:00 PM: **44**; 9:00 AM: **40**; 11:00 AM: **44**

Feast of the Ascension: 27

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,994.25



- **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.

APOSTLE’S FAST

In order to prepare for the Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul, our Byzantine Catholic Church gives to us a period of fasting known as the *Apostle’s Fast*. This fasting period begins on Monday, May 31 (the day after All Saints Sunday) and continues until the eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 28th. Although the fast is not obligatory, *each of us should try to at least abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays* during this time.

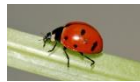
OUR PARISH’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SS. Peter & Paul Parish is looking forward to its 100th 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 100th 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 100th 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 30, 2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	30 May	<i>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Mary Louise Palovich (40th day) – John Chekan & Anna Mae Prindle & families
	9:00 AM	+James Johnson, Sr. – Michael & Sue Johnson
	11:00 AM	+Annie Closson – daughter, Sandy
Monday	31 May	<i>The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	1 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Justin and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	2 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday (SPP)	3 June 8:30 AM	<i>The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</i> Fr. Simeon Sibenik, Good Healing & Recovery – Elizabeth Cantelmo
Friday	4 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	5 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	Joe & Nancy Tomko (65th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	6 June	<i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Hilarion the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Stella & +Michael Stemock – son, Mark R. Stemock
	11:00 AM	+Charles “Buddy” Hite, Jr. – wife, Luanne & family



Attentive to the Word SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Matt. 10:32, 33, 37, 38 & 19:27 – 30

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ALL SAINTS

This Sunday is everyone's name day, because on this day we celebrate all the saints who have lived and labored and prayed from the beginning of time until now.

The list of saints whom the Church honors is very large, but we know it is not complete, for there are many saints who have lived who are unknown to us. God chooses to reveal saints to the world at certain times because their lives have specific meaning for us in our struggles. This is a great and wondrous feast day, a feast day of great joy and celebration. Metropolitan Hierotheos of Machos says that the proof of any church is not to be found in the rational argumentation it offers in defense of its doctrine, because rational arguments can be made for anything. The proof of the Church is certainly not to be found in the money she has amassed, or in the buildings she has built, or in her influence in the world. Rather, the proof of the Church is in her saints. The saints prove that this is the place where God the Holy Spirit dwells.

Jesus said: "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." St. Paul says in Galatians that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

How do we know that this Church is connected to the very life of God? How do we know that this is where God the Holy Spirit dwells, and that if we want to be connected to the energy of God the Holy Spirit, we must be connected to the Church? Because where the Spirit lives, there are produced men and women who are love, who are joy, who are peace, who are patience, who are long-suffering, who are kindness, who are goodness, who are faithfulness, who are gentleness, who are self-control. The Holy Spirit produces people who *are these things*, not people who *have these things* episodically. You and I have them episodically. Every now and then we have love – it comes and it goes. Every now and then we have patience. Every now and then we have joy, or peace, or long-suffering, or kindness.

The saints, the holy ones, do not *have* love – they *are* love. They do not *have* joy, they *are* joy. They do not *have* peace, they *are* peace. Look at the martyrs and the stories of what they endured. We say, "How could *they* have endured that? There's no way I could have endured." How do we know that this is the Church, and that God dwells here? The answer is found in the saints. It was by clinging to the Church that the saints found God.

We think back in time to the great Fathers of the Church: St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory the Theologian, St. Basil the Great. They lived in this Church. The great defenders of the faith – St. Athanasius, St. Gregory of Nyssa – lived in this Church. The holy martyrs – St. Barbara, St. Anastasia, St. Photini, St. Katherine – lived in this Church. Think back to the days of the Apostles: St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Nathaniel, St. Andrew the First-Called, St. Timothy. They all dwelt in this Church. We think more recently to the newly declared saints: St. John Paul, II and St. John the Twenty-third. They lived in this Church. This is the Church of the saints. This is where we know God the Holy Spirit dwells, because "by their fruits you will know them" (Matt. 7:20).

By Fr. John Mack



MEMORIAL DAY



St. Paul once said: "You are not your own, for you are bought with a price." The reference here, of course, is to our salvation; Jesus came to earth and paid with His death on the cross to redeem us from eternal death, hell, which is the due payment for our sins.

But we, who live in this great land of ours today, live a life of freedom only because of the great sacrifices of others. Not only have we been "bought with a price" as far as our eternal destiny is concerned, we have also been redeemed, so to speak, as far as our earthly domicile is concerned.

In these days when so much is said about the high cost of living (yes, and of dying, too!), it is fitting to pause on Memorial Day and acknowledge the great price that thousands of others have paid that we might live in this land of freedom, the United States of America.

Memorial Day came as a result of the Civil War. This was America's greatest war in the lives that were lost, in the issues and principles at stake, in the fact that it was fought on American soil, and in the results that have come from it.

Since that time, Memorial Day has become a national holyday to honor the dead of all wars. In 1971, it was declared a national holiday by Congress, which was to be celebrated the last Monday in May. It differs from Veteran's Day, which is observed on November 11, which honors *all* veterans - *the living and the dead*.