

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 CLEAN-UP

There will be a spring clean-up at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery on **Saturday, May 15th**. This will start at **9 AM and will continue until 1 PM as needed**. All parishioners are asked to volunteer some time on this day to lend a hand on the grounds. Please bring any tools you may have to do light yard work. Also pack a lunch for yourself.

Old decorations at grave sites should be removed before this date.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Tim or Mary Beth Byers. Tim can be reached at 419-577-8993.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

Wednesdays, April 14 – June 16 @ 8 – 9:30 PM.

This 10-part series, “**I BELIEVE**” will allow us to dive deeply into the mysteries of our faith, so that we can rejoice in it always! Let the Creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. Rejoice every day in your faith.

Presenter - Rev. David Anderson.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 1:

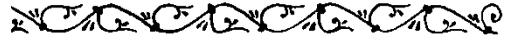
5:00 PM: **40**; 9:00 AM: **40**; 11:00 AM: **44**

First Solemn Communion – Sat., May 1: 37

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,290.00



- **Thurs., May 13** Major Holy Day – Ascension of our Lord.
- **Sat., May 15** Cemetery Clean-up – 9 AM – 1 PM as needed.



Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

For all the ladies of the Parish, please pick up a gift for all mothers, mothers-to-be, grandmothers, and single women.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

“A Mother like yours is more than a memory. She is a living presence.” Your Mother is always with you. She’s the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street; she’s the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks; she’s the cool hand on your brow when you’re not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she’s crystallized in every teardrop. She’s the place you came from, your first home; and she’s the map you follow with every step you take. She’s your first love and your first heartbreak; and nothing on earth can separate you – not time, not space – not even death!

YOU DON'T KNOW MY MOTHER

A teacher asked a boy this question: "Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you--your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get?" "A sixth," replied the boy. "I'm afraid you don't know your fractions," said the teacher. "Remember, there are seven of you." "Yes, teacher," said the boy, "but you don't know my mother. My mother would say she didn't want any pie."

Bits and Pieces, June, 1990.

MAY 9, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	9 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. Holy Prophet Isaiah. Holy Martyr Christopher. Translation of Relics of Holy Father Nicholas to Bari. Repose of Blessed Martyr Alexandru Rusu, Archbishop of Fagaras and Alba Julia.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Michael Hoso – Hoso family
	9:00 AM	Health of Christine Johnson Leon – Mary A. Johnson
	11:00 AM	+Betty Vazur – Patricia Sudik & family
Monday	10 May	<i>The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Vasile Aftenie.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	11 May	<i>Foundation of Constantinople. The Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius. Our Holy Fathers Cyril & Methodius, Apostles of Slavs. The Blessed Martyr Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	12 May	<i>Leave-taking of Pascha. Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	6:00 PM	+Elizabeth Prokop – Donald Bailey, Jr.
Thursday	13 May	<i>THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (Pages 191 – 195)</i>
	9:00 AM	+Marialice Verney – Suzanne Susko
Friday	14 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Isidore.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	15 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. Our Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family
Sunday	16 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL. Post-festive Day of the Ascension.</i>
	9:00 AM	+John J. Koza, III – wife, Dianna
	11:00 AM	+Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike



Attentive to the Word SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

John 9: 1 - 38

Follow Directions on Pages 189 - 191

BLINDNESS OF THE HEART

A Fellow by the name of Tim Bruster tells a powerful story about a mom who took her children to a crowded restaurant one day. Her six-year-old son asked if he could say the grace. He prayed: "God is great and God is good, Let us thank him for the food, and God I would thank you even more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!" Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, the woman at the very next table growled loudly: "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. The very idea... asking God for ice cream! Why I never."

Hearing this, the little six-year-old boy burst into tears and he asked his mother: "Did I do it wrong? I'm sorry. Is God mad at me?" The little boy's mother pulled him over into her lap. She hugged him tightly and assured him that he had done a terrific job with his prayer and God was certainly not mad at him. Just then an elderly gentleman walked over to the table. He winked at the little boy and he said: "I know God really well. We visit every day and I happen to know that God loved your prayer. It may have been the best one He has heard all day." "Really?" the little boy asked. "Cross my heart," said the man. Then he leaned over and whispered into the little boy's ear. Pointing at the woman at the next table who had made the remark that started the whole thing, he said: "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

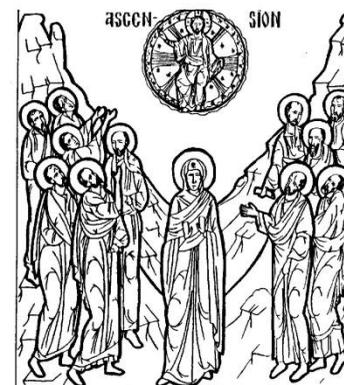
Naturally, the mom ordered ice cream for her kids at the end of the meal. The little six-year-old boy stared at his for a moment and then he did something that no one in that restaurant that day will ever forget. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman at the next table. With a big smile he said to her: "Here, this

is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!" The people in the restaurant applauded and somewhere in heaven Jesus was smiling...because that little boy had already learned how to look at others with the eyes of sacrificial love. *Sight (true sight) is always a matter of the heart... not the eyes.*

Jesus cured the man of his blindness...He can cure us of the "blindness" of our hearts, if we let Him.



ASCENSION THURSDAY



This holy day is celebrated on the fortieth day after the Resurrection of Christ, on the Thursday of the sixth week of Pascha.

The Church's celebration of the Ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the Ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The Holy Scripture stresses Christ's *physical departure* and His *glorification with God the Father*, together with the great joy which His disciples had as they received the *promise of the Holy Spirit* who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16-19)

In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all people that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for us, and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to Him and His gospel in the world, by making Him powerfully present in the lives of His disciples.