

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 scription 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.

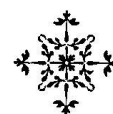
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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 Vasil** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

Wednesday, November 17 @ 8 PM.

(started November 3 but you can find it online)

The presentation will be "*Genesis: An Eastern Christian Perspective.*" The presenter is Andrew Hayes, Ph.D.

LADY BUG BOX

You have to play to win! Tickets are 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. **This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, November 28th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.**

THERE WILL BE NO LADY BUG IN DECEMBER.

We are going to let our Lady Bug rest in December. No tickets will be sold. We would still appreciate donations of Gift Cards – Lottery Tickets – Cash for prizes for our St. Nicholas' Day Dinner.

CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN FR. SIMEON'S ABSENCE:

While Fr. Simeon is recuperating, any needs required by parishioners are to be arranged through the church office.

If a priest is needed for emergency anointing of parishioners who are seriously ill, please call the office and we will do our best to take care of your request. If a parishioner is hospitalized at St. Joseph's, St. Elizabeth's or Trumbull Memorial, there is a Catholic Chaplain who is on call for emergency anointing, confession, "last rites," etc., and they will be able to take care of these needs at this time.

In case of the death of a parishioner, the Funeral Home will call the office and we will arrange for a priest to work with the funeral director and the family for the funeral service and burial.

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of November 6:

5:00 PM: **36**; 9:00 AM: **51**; 11:00 AM: **45**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,313.25



- **Sun., Nov. 14** ECF Classes 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Mon., Nov. 15** Phillip's Fast begins in preparation for Christmas.
- **Tues., Nov. 16** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall. All Parishioners are invited.
- **Mon., Nov. 22** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon.
- **Tues., Nov. 23** Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Come to give thanks to God with our Christian brothers and sisters.



SAVE THE DATES:

Homemade Cookie Tray Sale – Sat. & Sun., Dec. 18 & 19

More info to follow.



MANY THANKS!!!

A huge “Thank You” to everyone who participated in Kolachi baking this year! Our plea for help went as far as Fredericksburg, Virginia and Columbus, Ohio, where we had family members of one of our parishioners bring in 7 extra helpers. In 2 days of baking, we made over 600 kolachi and even sold 400 the first weekend.

We will continue selling kolachi after the Liturgies until they are all sold. We only have Nut and & Apricot Nut left. They are \$12 each and freeze well for the holidays. Proceeds will benefit our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

If you have any questions, please call Pat James at 330-507-6273.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating our annual St. Nicholas' Day Dinner at DiLucia's Banquet Hall on Sunday, December 12, following the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. Doors will not be opened until noon. Dinner is \$10 for adult parishioners and \$8 for children under 12. (Church will cover the additional cost.) Payment will be accepted on the day of the dinner. The served dinner will include soup, salad, stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, French-style green beans, dessert, and beverage.

Please sign up in the Social Hall. No reservations will be taken after December 5.

Come join us as a Parish Family for dinner, games, and prizes!

LITURGY STIPENDS

The Divine Liturgy Stipend has been increased to \$20 by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh effective July 1, 2021.

NOVEMBER 14, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	14 Nov.	<i>25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip. Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Pat Rinda – Elaine Vislosky +Douglas Winland – Trudy Vasco +Michael J. & +Doris Mosko – Janice & Mike Clark
Monday	15 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	16 Nov.	<i>The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	17 Nov.	<i>Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kocylowskyj, Bishop of Peremyshi (1947).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	18 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	19 Nov.	<i>The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Bariaam.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	20 Nov.	<i>Pre-festive Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Our Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople. Our Blessed Mother Josaphata Hordashevskia.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Nancy Sernulka – Peter & Janet Superak
Sunday	21 Nov.	<i>26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE.</i> 9:00 AM +Tom Vislosky – Parents, Harry & Elaine 11:00 AM +Andrew Wujick – The Wujick family



Attentive to the Word
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 10: 25 - 37

Tone 8 Pgs. 161 - 163



THE MARK OF A 2021 GOOD SAMARITAN



A special obligation binds us to make ourselves the neighbor of absolutely every person, and of actively helping him when he comes across our path, whether he be an old person abandoned by all, a foreign laborer unjustly looked upon, a refugee, a child born of an unlawful union and wrongly suffering from a sin he did not commit, or a hungry person who disturbs our conscience by recalling the voice of the Lord: "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me."

Furthermore, whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as sub-human living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonor to the Creator.

Since all men possess a rational soul and are created in God's likeness, since they have the same nature and origin, have been redeemed by Christ, and enjoy the same divine calling and destiny, the basic equality of all must receive increasingly greater recognition.

True, all men are not alike from the point of view of varying physical power and the diversity of intellectual and moral resources. Nevertheless, with respect to the fundamental rights of the person, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language, or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent. How do you measure up?

Documents of Vatican II, *The Church Today* [Guild]

PHILLIP'S FAST

Phillip's Fast is the 40-day period before Christmas which is devoted to preparation for the coming of the Messiah. It begins on November 15th, the day following the feast of St. Phillip, and extends through December 24th. It is a period of fasting, prayer, Scripture reading, church attendance and participation in the sacraments to enable us to capture the full meaning of Christ's coming.

The Church has traditionally taught four main ways to engage in Christian self-denial, no matter what our state in life. *These are prayer, fasting, almsgiving and love.* By actively engaging in these disciplines of discipleship during the time of the fast, we unite ourselves more perfectly to Christ as we celebrate the joy of the feast of His Nativity.

Below we offer some suggestions for ways to put into practice the four forms of Christian self-denial during the Nativity fast.

Prayer: Spend at least 15 minutes in the morning and evening in prayer each day. Pray the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Display an icon of the Nativity in the prayer corner of your house or room and spend 10 minutes each day meditating on the saving mysteries surrounding the story of Christ's Birth. Receive the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) at least once during the fast.

Fasting: Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Fast from certain foods, such as soda, alcoholic beverages or candy. With each meal, eat only an amount that is sufficient for nutritional needs, without feeling full. Fast from select forms of entertainment (television, movies, radio, internet, novels, etc.).

Almsgiving: Give your time, talent and/or treasure to a parish outreach or a special charity. Increase your parish tithe for the season. Clean out your house of any excessive items or possessions and share them with the poor and needy. Purchase gifts for homeless or needy children or families.

Love: Meditate on the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and identify one or two of these to put into practice each week. Examine your conscience each night, asking for forgiveness from God and others as needed. Find opportunities to share your faith with others.

Let us do at least a *minimal fast* of abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, attending devotions, and doing some Scripture reading to prepare for the Nativity of Christ.