

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 scriptio 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEXANDRA BISEL –



THIS MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER OF THE 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. 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.

Next month's drawing will be held on *Sunday, November 28th*, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

Wednesdays, November 10 & 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.

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 October 30:

5:00 PM: **40**; 9:00 AM: **46**; 11:00 AM: **48**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,593.73



- **Sun., Nov. 7** ECF Classes 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Mon., Nov. 8** Synaxis of Archangel Michael and All Angels – Solemn Holy Day.
- **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. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Tues., Nov. 23** Thanksgiving Service. More information to follow.



SAVE THE DATE:

... Sun., Dec. 12 – St. Nicholas’ Day Dinner at DiLucia’s.



RESUME STANDARD TIME ... on Sun., November 7th.
Don’t forget to turn your clocks **back** one hour.



KOLACHI SALE!

Kolachi will be sold this weekend after the Saturday and Sunday Liturgies. Available kolachi are: Nut – Cranberry Nut – Apricot – & Apricot Nut. They are \$12 each and freeze well for the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this activity possible. Proceeds will benefit our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

REMINDER:

Thanksgiving food for St. Vincent de Paul. To make a monetary donation, make check payable to: SVdP Trumbull County.

Please drop items off by Sunday, November 14th.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	7 Nov.	<i>24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy 33 Martyrs at Melitene. Our Venerable Father Lazarus, the Wonder-Worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Andre Leon – The Leon & Jim Johnson, Jr. families +Anna Shuluga (40th day) – daughter, Anita Schmitt +John Koza, III – Wiley Byers family
Monday	8 Nov.	<i>SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS. (Pgs. 265 – 266)</i>
	6:00 PM	H/W of SPP Church Community – Greg & Cathie Lazor
Tuesday	9 Nov.	<i>Venerable Mother Matrona. Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	10 Nov.	<i>The Apostles Erastus, Olympas & Rhodion & Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	11 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent. The Holy Martyr Stephanis. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr and Bishop Vincent Eugene Bossilkov in Bulgaria.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	12 Nov.	<i>Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Our Venerable Father Nilus. The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	13 Nov.	<i>Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Pat Rinda – Elaine Vislosky
Sunday	14 Nov.	<i>25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip. Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Douglas Winland – Trudy Vasco +Michael J. & +Doris Mosko – Janice & Mike Clark



Attentive to the Word
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 8: 41 - 56

Tone 7 Pgs. 156 - 158



WHEN FAITH GOES THE DISTANCE



Through his recounting of these two interwoven miraculous healings from Jesus' ministry, Luke puts the exclamation point on just how powerful faith in the risen Christ can be in transforming our lives.

The woman "who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years" has reached the limits of her resources; though she had spent "all she had on physicians" her condition persists. When she touches "the fringe of Jesus' clothes," however, she is healed because of her faith. Even such a barely perceptible encounter with Jesus amid a crowd of people is sufficient.

In the second story, Jairus' daughter's illness has gone beyond all human limits. As Jesus makes his way to the synagogue leader's house, some people meet the party and say to Jairus, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." Yet even death, the ultimate storm of human life, poses no problem for Jesus. "Do not fear," he says to Jairus, "only believe, and she will be saved." Jesus enters the room in which the dead girl lay, takes her by the hand and calls out, "Child, get up!" Immediately, "her spirit returned."

It is a particularly powerful temptation of our post-Enlightenment age that prompts us to dismiss such stories as pre-modern fables. Certainly, a more rational consideration of the miracles of Jesus can help us separate elements of superstition in the stories from the miraculous intervention of God at their core. We must never lose sight, however, of a basic truth: The power of the risen Christ in our lives is only limited by our refusal to believe in it. Where in my life am I being called to greater faith at this time?

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS



On the 8th of November each year, the Byzantine Church celebrates the Holy Archangel Michael and the other Powers of Heaven.

Most of us are familiar with this lovely and nostalgic carol: Angels We Have Heard on High. No Christmas pageant would be complete without angels, especially the cute little "baby angels." But in reality angels are very strong and powerful beings. We say they are "spirits," meaning that they have no material component. That means they are not simply "invisible," like air or electricity. They are like

God in that they have no physical component at all, and can be everywhere at once! One theologian said simply that "an angel IS where it operates."

The Bible tells us that from time to time angels take on a visible form and interact with people. According to the Tradition, certain angels have special duties, they are forces directing or carrying out certain vital functions. The Bible speaks of Raphael, an archangel who is in charge of healing; of Gabriel, who is the chief messenger; of Michael, who is responsible for protecting the chosen people and defending God's domain. We also know of Uriel, the archangel responsible for death and conducting the departed into the realm of God.

How can we come to grips with this idea of "angels," which seems so foreign to our "modern" thinking (although we're always searching the skies for the coming of the aliens!)? Perhaps this idea might help.

Love is determined by the lover and the love-ee. A weak and neurotic individual cannot lavish love very well on anyone or anything, while a mature individual is capable of rich human relationships. So much for the lover, now what about the love-ee? The object of our affections is granted our love in proportion to its value to us. We love our spouse (I hope) more than our hound, and our children more than our car! So consider that God is a perfect lover! The objects, however, are of various and differing values. God loves himself so perfectly that He is Triune: a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The love God bestows on various aspects of creation, however, gives rise to an angel. Since God has an individual love for each of us, a guardian angel is generated by his love for us.

How many angels are there? Probably beyond counting. And, frankly, that's just what the Bible says!

(Msgr. George Appleyard)