

## 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.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for the GCU fundraiser. The proceeds benefit SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. The winner gets a cash prize of \$2000. Let's hope that the "winner" will be from SS. Peter and Paul Parish.

We also want to thank Betty Zombar for being our gracious, "very willing seller" of these tickets. Betty also sends her thanks for your cooperation, which makes her job "almost fun!"

## FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. An excellent opportunity for adult education in our Byzantine Church. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

**Wednesday, October 13 @ 8 – 9 PM.**

The presentation will be "Singing Our Faith" - Music as Catechesis in our Eastern Christian Tradition. The presenter is Rev. David Anderson. Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

*Ephesians 5:18-20*

## LITURGY STIPENDS

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

## 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 2:

5:00 PM: **54**; 9:00 AM: **42**; 11:00 AM: **53**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: ..... \$3,736.25**



- **Sun., Oct. 10** ECF Classes meet promptly at 10:00 AM. Try to come a few minutes early so that we can get the temperatures taken in the Social Hall. Parents are asked to remain until after the temperatures are taken. Parents may wait for their children in the Social Hall, but they are asked to practice social distancing and to wear a mask. *No one is permitted downstairs except teachers and students.*
- **Tues., Oct. 12** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall. All Parishioners are invited.

### LADY BUG BOX

One of the prizes in the Lady Bug Box this month is 2 raffle tickets for the GCU Seminary Fundraiser! They were donated by 2 parishioners. The winner of the GCU Fundraiser will receive \$2,000 in Holiday Cash.

This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, October 31st, after the 11:00 AM Liturgy.

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

Stop in the Social Hall and check out the [LADY BUG BOX](#).

### KOLACHI TIME???

Fall is here and we are quickly approaching the time for our Annual Kolachi Baking.

With parishioners aging and Covid concerns, we are not sure if we will have the manpower to have this activity this year. Our younger parishioners who work during the day have commented that they would be glad to help if we baked on the weekend. We really are counting on this younger age group to help us continue this activity; therefore, if we have enough help, we are planning to bake on **Fri. and Sat., Nov. 5 and 6.** *You do not need to know how to bake kolachi.*

This activity will benefit not only our parishioners who traditionally look forward to kolachi for the holidays but also our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. Please help us keep this activity going. **A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.**

Any questions, please call Pat James at 330-507-6273.

### MANY THANKS!!!

A Giant Thank You goes out to the Parish Guild and other volunteers who worked so hard to make the Rummage Sale a huge success! We also appreciate all those who donated items for this sale and to all of you who shopped at the sale. We had a tremendous turn out!

We have a great start towards funding our 100th Anniversary celebration. We need to keep up the great work!

## OCTOBER 10, 2021 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	10 Oct.	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hoso family</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+Harry Reynolds – Marjorie Reynolds</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Micheline Hayda - family</b>
Monday	11 Oct.	<i>The Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons. Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea. Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	12 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maium, the Hymnographer. Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	13 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papilus and Agathonica.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	14 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protasius and Celsus. Our Venerable Mother Paraskevia of Trnovo. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	15 Oct.	<i>Our Venerable Father Euthymius and Younger. The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of Great Church of Antioch.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	16 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Charles “Buddy” Hite – Mary Anne Karchut</b>
Sunday	17 Oct.	<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. The Holy Prophet Hosea (Osee). The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+Jim Johnson, Sr. – Connie Reed</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Stella Susko – family</b>



**Attentive to the Word**  
**20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Luke 7: 11 – 16*

*Tone 3 – Pgs. 135 – 137*



Only the Gospel of St. Luke records the scene that highlights the widow's hopeless situation and Jesus' compassionate response. The woman is portrayed as having neither husband nor other sons and therefore no means of support. She would possibly be a dependent in another relative's household, and therefore little more than a servant. If she lacked even that, she would be a beggar.

Besides losing her independence, the woman also lost whatever joy there was in her life. St. Gregory of Nyssa drew attention to this aspect of her sorrow when he wrote, "Anyone who is not a complete stranger to natural feeling can easily see how great is the grief expressed here. To him alone had she struggled to give birth. Him alone had she nursed at her breast. He alone made her table cheerful. He alone made her home happy. In play, in work, in learning, in gaiety, at processions, at sports, at gatherings of youth – he alone was all that was sweet and precious in a mother's eyes. Now at the age of marriage, he was the stock of her race, the shoot of its succession, the staff of her old age. Imagine, then, his mother's sorrow! Would not her heart be consumed as if by fire? . . ." (On the Making of Man, XXV.10).

In compassion Jesus brings the young man back to life, as He did Jairus' daughter and His beloved friend Lazarus. This was an act of resuscitation: of restoration to physical life. On one level it would point to Christ's prophetic role, looking back to the raising by Elijah of a widow's only son at Zarephath (1 Kings 7:8-24). On both occasions the people's response is, "A great prophet has risen among us!"

Luke sandwiches this narrative between the story of the healing of a centurion's servant and the reaction of John the Baptist. Hearing about "all these things," John

sends two disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Luke 7:19) Jesus responds in the words of Isaiah 61, which the disciples would come to understand as a messianic allusion.

The Church points to these resurrections as indications of Christ's victory over death, which would be sealed with His own resurrection. His resurrection would go beyond any of these revivals, bringing Him and us to a share in the eternal life of the Trinity.



Many years ago, when I was young, a business associate of my father's died under particularly tragic circumstances, and I accompanied my father to the funeral. The man's widow and children were surrounded by clergy and psychiatrists trying to ease their grief and make them feel better. They knew all the right words, but nothing helped. They were beyond being comforted. The widow kept saying, "You're right, I know you're right, but it doesn't make any difference."

Then a man walked in, a big burly man in his eighties who was a legend in the toy and game industry. He had escaped from Russia as a youth after having been arrested and tortured by the czar's secret police. He had come to this country illiterate and penniless and had built up an immensely successful company. He was known as a hard bargainer, a ruthless competitor. Despite his success, he had never learned to read or write. He hired people to read his mail to him. The joke in the industry was that he could write a check for a million dollars, and the hardest part would be signing his name at the bottom.

He had been sick recently, and his face and his walking showed it. But he walked over to the widow and started to cry, and she cried with him, and you could feel the atmosphere in the room change. This man who had never read a book in his life spoke the language of the heart and held the key that opened the gates of solace where learned doctors and clergy could not.

*Harold S. Kushner, WHEN ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED ISN'T ENOUGH,*  
*(New York: Summit Books, 1986)*