

## 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.



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

## GIVE THANKS AND GIVE BACK

We will be collecting non-perishable pantry items to provide Thanksgiving food baskets for St. Vincent de Paul/Trumbull County neighbors in need. To make a monetary donation, make check payable to: SVdP Trumbull County.

The following items are needed:

Canned Green Beans  
Canned Corn  
Canned Sweet Potatoes  
Boxed Stuffing Mix  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Cake/Brownie Mix

*Please drop items off by Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.* There is a box located at the Belvedere entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

## PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

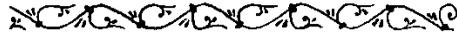
**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 23:**

5:00 PM: **43**; 9:00 AM: **47**; 11:00 AM: **42**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,374.25**



- **Sun., Oct. 31** ECF Classes 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Wed., Nov. 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Fri. & Sat., Nov. 5 & 6** Kolachi Baking in Social Hall.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

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



**LADY BUG BOX** 

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**.

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.

**KOLACHI TIME**

We wish to thank parishioners who signed up for Kolachi Baking on Friday and/or Saturday, November 5 and 6. Your volunteering is making it possible to continue this activity.

This year we will be baking: Nut – Cranberry Nut – Apricot – Apricot Nut. No pre-orders will be taken. Kolachi are \$12 each and will be sold after the Liturgies on November 6 and 7. They freeze well for the holidays.

Volunteers are asked to be at the Social Hall at 9 AM. If you have a rolling pin, bring it along.

If questions, please contact Pat James at 330-507-6273.

**LITURGY STIPENDS**

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

OCTOBER 31, 2021  
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	31 Oct.	<i>23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. Holy Martyrs Epimachus &amp; Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Intention of Rosary Society Members</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Bill Fusselman (40<sup>th</sup> day) – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary</b>
Monday	1 Nov.	<i>The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	2 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	3 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; and Aeithalas, the Deacon. Foundation of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his relics are kept.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	4 Nov.	<i>Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great. The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermus.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	5 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl (1950).</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	6 Nov.	<i>Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Andre Leon – The Leon &amp; Jim Johnson, Jr. families</b>
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>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+Anna Shuluga (40<sup>th</sup> day)</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+John Koza, III – Wiley Byers family</b>



**Attentive to the Word**  
**23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Luke 8: 26 – 39*

*Tone 6 Pgs. 152 – 153*



The lesson from St. Luke tells us today of an incident that is typical of Christ the Good Shepherd. Jesus had been teaching and helping in the city of Capernaum, which was a sort of headquarters for Him. Throngs of people kept coming to Him for help. Suddenly, He decided to go to the other shore of the Sea of Galilee. What was pulling the Lord to the other shore of the lake? There was a "lost sheep" there, and the Good Shepherd was going to find him.

Jesus found him in the country of the Gadarenes, a demon-possessed man who lived in caves and tombs off the shore. We might call him a "wild man" in our day, naked and uncontrollable. The Good Shepherd had come to save this lost sheep. The Lord healed the man, and in the process of driving out the evil spirits, a herd of swine perished into the sea. The man was "wild" no more, but sat quietly, now clothed, at the feet of Christ.

When the people saw the great change that had come over the sick man, and when they learned of the loss of swine that was involved with his healing, they came to Christ and asked Him to leave. They were afraid. As Jesus got into the boat to go back to His land, the healed man came and asked to go along with Him. But Jesus told him to go to his own home and to tell others what wonderful things God had done for him.

May we learn from this Gospel what a truly Good Shepherd the Lord was. He met the people's needs as He found them. The Lord is still our Good Shepherd! Seated at the right hand of the Father, He still feels and knows human heartache and intercedes for our help and comfort.

We notice the ingratitude of the Gadarene people in asking Christ to leave their land, all because they had lost their property. They had put "gold" before God and wanted no part of Christ and His teaching because the herd of swine had perished into the sea at the time of the healing miracle. When Jesus disturbed their great love, they wanted no part of Him.

This is a common human attitude. We get set in our loves, our ways and our sins. And we don't want anyone or anything to disturb us. People will pray, will give, will belong, will work, so long as the Church doesn't disturb them. Yet it is the function of the Church to change us, to give us the "abundant life" of Christ. How careful we must be, lest we, in so many ingenious ways, tell the Lord to leave us alone in our set ways.

Remember what Christ told the healed man after his request to go with the Lord to Galilee? Jesus told him he should not come with Him. "Return to your own house," Jesus said, "and tell the great things that God has done for you." The man obeyed and did as the Lord had requested.

How much Christian work is left undone right in our own backyards! Our own families, our own neighborhoods, our own communities, need to feel the impact and influence of Christ. We talk to our children and to others about everything under the sun – from A to Z – except Christ the Son of God. Somehow our lips are sealed and we find it so difficult to speak of that Name, which is above every other Name, the Name of Him Who is the Alpha and Omega the Beginning and the End, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life.

The healed man, once possessed with evil spirits, was now possessed with Christ. He spoke to others of his wonderful encounter with the Lord. What a tremendous change had resulted from his meeting with Christ there on the shores of the sea. Others, who knew him well, were amazed at the change for good that had come over him.

Now, every Sunday we meet Christ here in the Divine Liturgy. We believe He is here. We believe Him when He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." We believe we unite ourselves with Him in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. "God is with us," becomes a reality for us in the Church. Can others later tell that we have been with the Lord?

It is said that Mohammedans can tell when one of their number has been to a mosque; they can tell by the scent of incense which is carried forth. Can others tell when we have been in the Lord's Presence, not by the scent of incense, but by the joy and beauty of our lives – our thoughts, words and actions? This, after all, is Christianity on the practical, meaningful level. May we come to know Christ as our Good Shepherd, and may we realize that we are His flock, whom He loves and cares for, each and every one.