

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 Father Simeon to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father Simeon before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father 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 Father Simeon is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Father Simeon whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father 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 souls of Your servants +**Clarence Bates** and +**Michael Mihalcho** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



ATTENTION PLEASE:

Covid-19 and its variants just do not seem to want to leave us! We have just begun to get back to “normal.” Parishioners are returning to church to worship together, and we have also returned to Parish Guild activities and working together on various fundraisers for our 100 Year Anniversary.

With the continued rise of Covid cases these past few weeks, especially in Trumbull County, we are asking for your cooperation in minimizing the spread of this virus among our parishioners. We have an obligation to care for one another! So we are recommending that you use the hand sanitizers provided at the entrances of the church, wear a mask and use social distancing...for your own protection and for the protection of your fellow parishioners! *This is not a mandate, but a recommendation!* But we are asking for your cooperation to “care for one another!”...so that we can all stay well and enjoy the upcoming events planned for our parishioners...Picnic, Pasta Dinner, etc.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change;
courage to change
the things I can;
and wisdom to know
the difference.



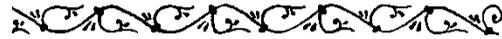
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of August 6:

5:00 PM: 52; 10:00 AM: 82

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,520.25



- **Mon., Aug. 15 Holy Day of Obligation** – Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos with Blessing of Flowers. Come and bring your flowers to be blessed.
- **Mon., Aug. 22 Church Cleaning Party** 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please pick up a new calendar list of Upcoming Events in the Social Hall.

PARISH PICNIC (Patriotic Theme) – TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP!

When? Sunday, August 21 - 1:00 PM

Where? SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall and Grounds.

Who? YOU...Parishioners & Manor residents.



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts. Plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Last year we had a wonderful time! We hope to see all of you there!

P.S. Don't forget your quarters! "The wheel" is waiting!

LADY BUG BOX

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 Cash, Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, August 28th, after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

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

LITURGY STIPENDS

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

AUGUST 14, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	14 Aug.	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Pre-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Micah. Translation of the Relics of our Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Charles "Buddy" Hite, Jr. – wife, Luanne, & family +John Koza, III – Bob & Marianne Cabosky
Monday	15 Aug.	<i>THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. (pgs. 352 – 355)</i>
	6:00 PM	Health & Welfare of Srs. Barbara & Marion - SS. Peter & Paul Church Community
Tuesday	16 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, the icon not made by human hands, from Edessa to Constantinople (944). The Holy Martyr Diomedes.</i>
		No Divine Services
Wednesday	17 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Myron.</i>
		No Divine Services
Thursday	18 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus.</i>
		No Divine Services
Friday	19 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and His Companions.</i>
		No Divine Services
Saturday	20 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Samuel. The Holy King Stephen of Hungary.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Dorothy Byers – daughter, Dianna Koza
Sunday	21 Aug.	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Apostle Thaddeus. The Holy Martyr Bassa.</i>
	10:00 AM	+Fio & +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mark Clark



Attentive to the Word
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 1 Matt. 17: 14 – 23

*Troparion from Pg. 125 and from
Pre-festive Day of the Dormition Pgs. 351 – 352*



The famous story of the Old Testament involving a small, shepherd boy by the name of David and a towering giant by the name of Goliath is well-known. The Israelites were fighting a losing battle against their enemies, the Philistines. The Jews were overwhelmed by the size of this towering enemy warrior. When they saw him, they reacted by noticing only how *big* he was. But David saw how much *smaller he was than God*.

In today's gospel (Matt. 17:14-23) Jesus helps us put into perspective the giants that intimidate and try to control our lives. He tells His disciples and us, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you."

The gospel is telling us that there is no difficulty bigger than God. He is bigger than any temptation, any sin, any failure, any problem. When we place our lives in His hands, through a personal act of faith, He gives us the power to become bigger than we ever dreamed we could be – bigger than an illness, bigger than our weaknesses, bigger than our hatred, bigger than our prejudices, bigger than our defeats. With Christ we can have a giant within us. Saint John writes in his first epistle: "He who is in you (that is Christ) is greater than he who is in the world (that is Satan)" (1 John 4:4).

In today's gospel, Jesus Himself restores a boy to his right mind after His own disciples fail because they doubted the powers He had given them. In those disciples we easily see ourselves when we confront the giants and mountains of life. The secret to understanding and undoing them is to believe that no person, no situation, no set of circumstances is bigger than God.

A man whose life was guided by that kind of belief was Saint Paul. He was afflicted with a serious physical infirmity which he talks about in his second letter to the Corinthians. He calls it his "thorn in the flesh". Even though he prayed to be delivered from it, *God instead gave Him the power to live with it*. That thorn in the flesh did not make Paul an invalid; it drove him to greater dependence on Christ and to greater power.

Today's gospel helps us to face the mountains in our own lives; the conviction that faith can **and will** move them.

By Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS



The celebration of Mary's passage into heaven at the end of her life has been celebrated in the Church of Rome since the 7th century, and in the Eastern Churches even before that! There is no direct Biblical description of this event, and the imagery we use is taken from one of the apocryphal gospels so popular in the earlier eras of the Church. These sources describe the event this way. When Mary realized her earthly life was coming to an end, she asked for the company of the twelve apostles, who had now dispersed all over the world on their various missions. By God's miraculous intervention, they were all gathered to her bedside, except Thomas. When she passed away, they buried her in a tomb near the Mount of Olives. When Thomas finally arrived, he asked to see her mortal remains, so they took him to the tomb and opened it, only to find a profusion of flowers inside and the body gone. As they returned to Jerusalem, the story says they heard singing and – looking back over their shoulders – they saw her in the sky being lifted up into heaven.

The story is theologically rich, and says more about the Church perhaps than it does about Mary herself. If we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church, this present feast tells us about the "ascension" of the Church, how it moves in each of us – you and me – into the realm of heaven. The presence of the twelve apostles and their involvement in the funeral of the Virgin is symbolic of the ministry of the Church in ferrying her children from this world to the next.

BLESSING OF FLOWERS



In the Byzantine Church we bless flowers on this festival, not simply because they were found in the tomb of the Virgin Mary, but because they are the seeds of next year's plantings. What we see in any bloom now is the seed of another one to come, and therefore a strong symbol of resurrection. Besides seeds, we also bless herbs on this day. The prayers speak of all these things, flowers, herbs and seeds, as medicine. There is a *healing that comes from death*, as contradictory as that might sound. St. Gregory Nyssa once referred to death as "the final remedy." Things which cannot be set right in this world can be made right in the next. **Bring your flowers to the Church for blessing on Monday evening.**