

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.

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???????

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.

I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak and my blood is thin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack and a terrible pain is in my back.

My hearing is poor, my sight is dim, most everything seems to be out of trim, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch supports for both my feet, or I wouldn't be able to go on the street. Sleeplessness I have night after night, and in the morning, I'm just a sight.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin, I'm peacefully living on aspirin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold, that for you and me who are growing old, It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin than to let them know the shape we're in.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of August 13:

5:00 PM: 49; 10:00 AM: 77

Dormition: 39

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,761.25



- **Sun., Aug. 21** Parish Picnic – 1:00 PM in Social Hall.
- **Mon., Aug. 22** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.



WELCOME FATHER WILL RUPP

We welcome Father Will Rupp back to Saints Peter and Paul Church. He was here as a deacon with Father Robert Karl. Many of us went to his ordination. Since then he served our Church in many ways . . . as Pastor, as Spiritual Director of Seminarians at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, and as Administrator of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Duquesne, PA. We pledge to him our support and cooperation as he leads us to greater spiritual heights.



CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS

Baskets are being made for a Chinese Auction Fundraiser to benefit our 100th Anniversary. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of September 17th after the Liturgies.

Please first call Ruth Ann Capito @ 330-398-0667 to donate or to help out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

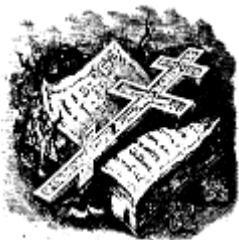
CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.

AUGUST 21, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	21 Aug.	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Apostle Thaddeus. The Holy Martyr Bassa.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Dorothy Byers – daughter, Dianna Koza +Fio & +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike Clark
Monday	22 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Agathonicus and His Companions. The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop (1964).</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	23 Aug.	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus. The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	24 Aug.	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian. Our Blessed Confessor and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	25 Aug.	<i>Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. The Holy Apostle Titus.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	26 Aug.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia. Our Blessed Mother Mariam Bawadi.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday (Vigil Lit.)	27 Aug. 5:00 PM	<i>Our Venerable Father Pimen.</i> +Julia Chaky (40th day) – John & Irene Chekan
Sunday	28 Aug.	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian. Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. The Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Priest of Ethiopia. The Passing of our Venerable Mother Laurentia Herasymiv (1952).</i> 10:00 AM +Sr. Julia Rohaly – Benedictine Sisters



Attentive to the Word
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2 Matt. 18: 23 – 35

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from Feast of the Dormition Pgs. 352 – 355



WHO ME? FORGIVE WHO?

"Why forgive?" That is a good question, one that has been asked for centuries. It was asked by Peter in this morning's Gospel. If you have not asked the question, wait, you will someday. There is hardly a day goes by that we do not have the opportunity to forgive someone. Peter thought he was being really charitable when he asked Jesus if seven times would be enough. Jewish law only required Peter to forgive his offender three times. I am sure he was really surprised when he was told by Jesus that seven was not enough, but seven times 70. Jesus' point was that there should be no limit on the amount of times we forgive.

In response to Peter's question, Jesus told the parable of a man who was hopelessly in debt to the king. His debt was huge. It was apparently so large that there was never going to be a possibility that the debt could be paid. In those days there was no such thing as filing for bankruptcy. The king's judgment was that the man's wife and children would be sold into slavery and the man would be thrown into prison. Fortunately for the man, the king showed him mercy.

Out of this story, Jesus gives us the three reasons why we must learn to forgive other people.

I. THE REASON I MUST FORGIVE IS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN BY GOD.

Notice the king's response in verse 27, "*The servant's master took pity on him, and canceled the debt and let him go.*" Even though this was a large debt forgiven by the king, it does not compare with the forgiveness God has given us. Because of His love, God has chosen to forgive us our sins. He has wiped our slate clean and allowed us to start over, but God expects me to do the same for others that He has done for me.
He has forgiven me of my sins so I am to forgive other people.

Notice the reaction of the servant in verses 28-30, "*But when the servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'* But he refused. *Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.*" The

original servant had just been forgiven a huge debt, but when he was asked to forgive a debt that amounted to pocket change, he refused.

What is the point? In Ephesians 4:32, "*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving to each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.*" Here is the key to forgiveness: Recognize how much God forgives me every day.

II. THE REASON I MUST FORGIVE IS BECAUSE RESENTMENT MAKES ME MISERABLE.

Notice verse 31, "*When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and they went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.*"

When resentment infects you, it tortures you. It robs you of all of your joy. What bitter memory is robbing you of happiness? What hurt are you holding on to? You not only need to forgive because God has forgiven you, but also because if you don't, it makes you miserable. You see, when we fail to forgive, God does not have to lock us up in jail. We do it to ourselves. We become imprisoned by holding on to our hurts.

III. THE REASON I MUST FORGIVE IS BECAUSE I'LL NEED FORGIVENESS IN THE FUTURE.

Verse 35 says, "*This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brothers from your heart.*" Forgiveness is a two-way street. I would suggest that you not burn the bridge you must walk over to get to heaven.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Do you really want to pray that? We can only receive what we are willing to give to others.

Notice again in verse 35 it says, "*Forgive your brothers from your heart.*" We are not talking about lip service. We have all heard people say "Oh, I will forgive you, but I won't forget." That is not forgiveness. Christian forgiveness is a way of life. Why? There is no doubt you will be hurt in life. And there is no doubt you will hurt others. So we have to live in a constant state of forgiveness. We must accept God's forgiveness and offer God's forgiveness. You have two options for dealing with your hurts. You either rehearse them or release them. You can rehearse them over and over and try to think of ways to get even or you can forgive them and move on with life. You can experience God's forgiveness in your own life for your shortcomings and then you can offer that forgiveness to those who have wronged you. Which will it be?