

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.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021

... are ready for pick-up in the Social Hall. They are in alphabetical order to make it easier for you to find. Please, **do not** pick up anyone else's statement unless they have specifically asked you to do so. **The statements will be there until February 28th**. If you want them after that date, you will have to request them from the office.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your contribution envelopes for 2022, they are in the parish office. You will need to call the office at 330-372-1875. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

HAPPINESS CAKE

1 Cup	good thoughts	1 Cup	consideration for others
2 Cups	well beaten faults	1 Cup	kind deeds
2 Cups	sacrifice	3 Cups	forgiveness

Mix thoroughly. Add tears of joy and sorrow. Flavor with love and kind service. Fold in 4 cups prayer and faith. Blend well. Fold into daily life. Bake well with the warmth of human kindness and serve with a smile anytime. It will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesday, February 16.

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**“ORTHODOXY & HETERODOXY”: The History of the Ecumenical Councils
by Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD**

Join us as Rev. Christiaan Kappes leads us through the breathtaking story of the battle of the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils to preserve the integrity of the faith against heresy in the decisive first centuries of Church history.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of February 5:

5:00 PM: 34; 9:00 AM: 36; 11:00 AM: 39

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,882.35



- **Sun., Feb. 13** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Sat, Feb. 19** First All Souls Saturday – Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM – Pg. 428
- **Mon., Feb. 21** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Sat. & Sun., Feb. 26 & 27** Mardi Gras Weekend. More information to come.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND!



Please pick up your special Valentine gift bag from your Parish after Liturgy.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC WORLD

New subscribers and those wishing to renew their *Byzantine Catholic World* subscriptions, please use the envelope provided in your envelopes box, and return in the collection basket by February 13th.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU . . .

. goes out to parishioners who contributed to this year's Almsgiving Project. On January 14, 2022 a check in the amount of \$2,510 was presented to Akron's Children's Hospital. The actual collection was \$1,255, which the Parish Guild matched. A variety of material items and \$45 in gift cards were also collected.

Thank you again for your generosity!

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, February 27th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

YOU HAVE TO PLAY TO WIN!

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	13 Feb.	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. Our Venerable Father Martinian.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – Buddy & Mary K. Greskovich +Jim Johnson, Sr. – Connie Reed Health/Welfare of Mary Beth Byers & Greg Lazor – Ted Falatic
Monday	14 Feb.	<i>Our Venerable Father Auxentius. The Passing of our Venerable Father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, the Apostle of the Slavs. The Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonderworker.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (SPP)	15 Feb. 8:30 AM	<i>The Holy Apostle Onesimus.</i> +Joanne Emory – sister, Elizabeth & family
Wednesday	16 Feb.	<i>The Holy Martyrs, the Presbyter Pamphilius, Porphyrius and their Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday (SPP)	17 Feb. 8:30 AM	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i> +Joan Bernard - family
Friday	18 Feb.	<i>Our Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	19 Feb.	<i>First All Souls' Saturday. Memory of all the Faithful Departed. The Holy Apostle Archippus.</i> 9:00 AM First All Souls Liturgy with reading of Diptyches (Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM +Victor Byers – sister, Dianna Koza
Sunday	20 Feb.	<i>MEATFARE SUNDAY. Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania. Our Holy Father Agathon, Pope of Rome.</i> 9:00 AM Health & Blessings for Paul & Cheryl Simon - mom 11:00 AM +Charles "Buddy" Hite, Jr. – wife, Luanne & family



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15: 11 - 32

Tone 5 Pgs. 146 - 148; & Pg. 216



Who does not know this parable from the Gospels? Even non-Christians use the expression "like the prodigal son." But how often do we really understand it?

By our sins, but even more by our forgetfulness, we distance ourselves from God and His Kingdom, we go off alone to "a far country." We waste the talents which God has given us, and we become spiritually impoverished. We begin to be in want. This is unavoidable; we were created for God's Kingdom, so we are not capable of being truly happy and satisfied anywhere else. But we are afraid to turn to God, so we seek happiness and satisfaction from transitory things which can never satisfy us.

Several years ago, there was a film [The Poseidon Adventure] about an elderly couple in a dangerous, frightening situation. The husband said to his wife: "maybe we should pray!" The wife answered: "you haven't been near a church in fifty years; now you think you should ask God for help?" Well, yes! Now is always the right time to ask God for help! The very thought that "maybe we should pray" is a sign that the Holy Spirit is moving our hearts; we could not even think of praying if God did not give us the impulse to pray.

On this Sunday of the Prodigal Son, and on the following two Sundays, we have a special part of our worship that never occurs at any other time: the solemn chanting of Psalm 136, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept, when we remembered Zion!" This is the great gift we ask of God: that we may remember Zion, His Heavenly Kingdom. That we may not forget Jerusalem, the heavenly city which is the goal of our pilgrimage. Chanting this psalm, we remember. We realize that in this world we are all exiles. We are all "displaced" from our true Home in the Heavenly Kingdom. That gift of memory, of understanding of our situation, enables us to resolve, like the Prodigal Son: "I will get up and go back to my Father!"

With this realization, we resolve to make the effort of Great Lent, to travel this spiritual road back to the Heavenly Kingdom. It is not easy; it will take time and energy, and sometimes we shall be tired and weary. But we will not be alone; Jesus is with us, and so are all the Saints, and the Father is awaiting us with a loving, joyful welcome.

As the late great Pope John Paul II taught:

"We must show people the beauty of memory, the power that comes to us from the Spirit and makes us witnesses because we are children of witnesses; we must make them taste the wonderful things the Spirit has wrought in history; we must show that it is precisely Tradition which has preserved them ..."

So prepare well for Lent. Plan to put aside distractions, to be able to take the time to pray, to read the Scriptures, to fast, to go to Church (and to review the special services in advance.) Plan how to regulate the household during Lent, especially to eliminate as many intrusions that keep us away from growing closer to God: i.e., TV, internet, cell phone, etc.

By Bishop Basil Losten

THE PRODIGAL SON PARABLE IN "F"

Feeling footloose and frisky, a feather-brained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the family finances. He flew far to foreign fields and frittered his fortune feasting fabulously with faithless friends. Finally facing famine and fleeced by his fellows in folly, he found himself a feed-flinger in a filthy farmyard. Fairly famished he feign would have filled his frame with the foraged foods of the fodder fragments left by the filthy farmyard creatures.

"Fooley", he said, "My father's flunkies fare far fancier," the frazzled fugitive found feverishly, frankly facing facts. Frustrated by failure and filled with foreboding he forthwith fled to his family. Falling at his father's feet, he floundered forlornly. "Father, I have flunked and fruitlessly forfeited family favor."

But the faithful father, forestalling further flinching frantically flagged the flunkies. 'Fetch forth the finest fatling and fix a feast.'

But the fugitive's fault-finding frater frowned on the fickle forgiveness of the former folderol. His fury flashed. But fussing was futile, for the far-sighted father figured, such filial fidelity is fine, but what forbids fervent festivity? The fugitive is found! "Unfurl the flags, with fanfares flaring! Let fun and frolic freely flow!" "Former failure is forgotten, folly is forsaken! And forgiveness forms the foundation for future fortitude."

(N.B. Someone had a lot of time on their hands.)