

## 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.

## 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.*

## LADY BUG BOX

*Buy your tickets for a chance to win a \$50 Gift Card for White House Fruit Farm plus instant Lottery Tickets! You have to play to win! Tickets are being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the Lady Bug Box.*

**This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, January 30th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????**

## NUT KOLACHI FOR SALE

We will be selling them after each Liturgy until they are sold out.

## FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

**Wednesdays, February 9 & 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 January 22:**

**5:00 PM: 45; 9:00 AM: 28; 11:00 AM: 28**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: ..... \$2,095.00**



- **Sun., Jan. 30** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Wed., Feb. 2** Liturgy of the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna – 6:00 PM – **Blessing of Candles.** Solemn Holy Day.
- **Wed., Feb. 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., Feb. 8** Parish Guild Meeting at 6 PM (new time). Light supper will be served to celebrate the Guild’s Anniversary. New members are welcome.  
**Please sign up in the Social Hall.**

### CANDLES

The candles lit before the icons of the Savior signify that He is the True Light which enlightens every man that comes into the world (John 1:9); at the same time, He is a Fire which engulfs and revives our souls and bodies.

The candles lit before icons of saints reflect their ardent love for God for Whose sake they gave up everything that man prizes in life, including their very lives, as did the holy apostles, martyrs and others. These candles also mean that these saints are lamps burning for us and providing light for us by their own saintly living and their ardent intercession for us before God through their constant prayers.

The candles lit before the icons of the Theotokos are a symbol of the fact that She is the Mother of the Unapproachable Light, and also of Her most pure and burning love for God and Her love for mankind.  
*St. John of Kronstadt*

### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

During our Liturgical Year our Byzantine Church remembers its faithful departed in a special way on All Souls Saturdays. The first All Souls Saturday is *February 19th*. There is an envelope in your offertory box for these All Souls Remembrances. If you wish to have your loved ones remembered by name on these special days, please submit the names, **printed**, with an offering in the envelope by **February 6th** so that the names can be organized. ***If you have submitted the names of your deceased family members previously, please do not rewrite them...just submit any additional names.*** *If there are no additions, and you want your loved ones to be remembered by name, just write “NO CHANGES” on your envelope, put your offering in the envelope, and drop the envelope in the collection basket.* Thank you for your prompt attention.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### JANUARY 30, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	30 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS. FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY BISHOPS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. The Holy Bishop Martyr.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Frank Hosoi, Jr. – Monica Shaker</b> <b>+Kenny Ferrance – Betty Lesho</b> <b>+John Koza, III – Gary &amp; Julie Sharon</b>
Monday	31 Jan.	<i>The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers Cyrus and John. Our Holy Father the Priest Don Bosco.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	1 Feb.	<i>Pre-festive Day of the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord. The Holy Martyr Tryphon.</i>
(SPP)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Elizabeth Prokop – Helen Marado &amp; family</b>
Wednesday	2 Feb.	<i>THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA. (Pgs. 321 – 324).</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Intention of Fr. Simeon Sibenik – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Thursday	3 Feb.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord. Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.</i>
(SPP)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Sister M. Martha Kacmarek – Sister Barbara Pavlik</b>
Friday	4 Feb.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord. Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	5 Feb.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Agatha.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Nancy Danko – Betty Zombar &amp; Jen &amp; John Welch</b>
Sunday	6 Feb.	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Post-festive Day of the Encounter. Our Venerable Father Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna. The Holy Martyr Silvanus, Bishop of Emessa, and Companions. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Eve Steenberg – Betty Blake</b> <b>Intention of Rosary Society Members</b>



Attentive to the Word  
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS  
*Luke 19: 1 - 10*  
Tone 3 Pages 135 - 137



**SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**



This Sunday we hear the gospel account of Zacchaeus the tax collector. Careful attention should be paid to Christ's instructions to Zacchaeus, for in them we can all find the way to see Jesus. "Make haste ..." Jesus was passing through Jericho. Now was the time to seek Him. He might not pass this way again. Zacchaeus needed to seize the opportunity to meet Christ. In exhorting the Church at Corinth, Saint Paul declares, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). In the hustle and bustle of life, how easy it is to ignore "the one thing needful" because of all life's little emergencies. But in the midst of the laundry, the carpooling, the commute to work, all the activities that comprise our lives, Jesus is passing by. We must "make haste" to meet Him; we must not let life get in the way of the Source of Life. Right now, today, we must seek Him. And we must do it every day.

"Come down..." Zacchaeus had ascended into a tree to see the Truth (Jesus). From his lofty perch he thought he could see. And though from the height of the tree he could see Jesus at a distance, he had to come back down to meet Him. Oftentimes we attempt, through our own strength, to ascend to truth and happiness. Some climb the corporate ladder; others acquire knowledge in ivory towers. But it is not through lofty positions, through knowledge, or through power that we encounter the Prince of Peace. We come to know Him by coming down from our lofty perches of arrogance, pride and self-assurance. It is His presence we must seek, not simply knowledge through observation and study from afar. "I must stay at your house ..."

For Zacchaeus, meeting Jesus did not simply entail a casual introduction or handshake on the road. Jesus was, in effect, saying to Zacchaeus, "You want to know me really? Then you must open up your personal life to Me. Take Me where you live." For us truly to know Jesus, we must bring Him into our homes; that is, our day-to-day existence.

It is not enough to attend an occasional liturgy, or give thought to Him on the great occasion of His birth or Resurrection. To know Him truly we must allow Him into every "room" of our heart. He must abide with us. If we keep certain "rooms" closed to Him, then those aspects of our lives are denied His presence and therefore His peace, mercy and blessing. Many of us claim we want to know Jesus and know Him intimately. But in truth, we want to know Him at a distance. We are perfectly happy to climb up a tree and watch Him pass by. We can feel good about ourselves — after all, didn't we make the effort to climb the tree? Yes, we can simply watch Him pass by. But if that is all we seek, then our lives remain unchanged. That wasn't good enough for Zacchaeus. He responded as Christ encouraged him: "Make haste ... come down ... I must stay at your house."

What was the result of Zacchaeus's response to Christ's bidding? Jesus Himself tells us in the closing verses of the Gospel passage: "Today salvation has come to this house ... for the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost." "Make haste ... come down ... let Me stay at your house ..." If we respond as Zacchaeus did, then nothing short of the eternal salvation of our souls is given us. What more could we possibly want?

*By Very Rev. Stephen Rogers*



**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA**

Mary and Joseph, according to the Jewish Law (Leviticus 12), brought the 40 day old infant Jesus to present Him to the Lord in the Temple for "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord." A secondary reason for the trip was to offer a purification sacrifice. Being poor materially, Joseph was only able to purchase two pigeons. At this time a very holy elder, inspired by the Holy Spirit, by the name of Simeon, came into the Temple and held the infant Jesus in his arms. The Holy Spirit had told him that before he died he would see the Christ. We can only imagine the joy he experienced as he sang out a hymn that we still sing in our churches today. It is known as St. Simeon's prayer or hymn: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word; for *my eyes have seen Your salvation* which You have prepared in the presence of *all peoples*, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel".

Living in the Temple was a very devout prophetess, named Anna, and at that moment she came out to give praise to God for being allowed to be present at that very special meeting. Simeon and Anna proclaimed publicly to those in the Temple, that the little child was the Messiah.