

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.

JUST A REMINDER....Please do not seal contribution envelopes with scotch tape or return labels. This makes it very difficult for the collection counters, who very generously give of their time. When envelopes are taped, it takes twice as long to complete the collection and make the deposits.

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 31st, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

Wednesdays, January 12, 19, & 26, 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.

FREE BOOKS AND TAPES

Please call Sister Barbara at 330-240-2534 for an appointment.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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



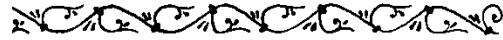
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of January 1:

5:00 PM: 26; 9:00 AM: 46; 11:00 AM: 50

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,616.25
Christmas Offerings: \$1,565.00**



- **Sun., Jan. 9** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Sun., Jan. 16** “Un-decorate” the Church – Noon.
- **Mon., Jan. 17** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.



PARISH GUILD MEETING

There will be no Parish Guild Meeting in January.

NEWLY SANCTIFIED JORDAN WATER

On the Feast of Theophany we celebrated the Great Sanctification of Water. The dispenser containing the newly sanctified water is located by the Belvedere Ave. entrance. You are encouraged to take some water home for your sanctification. Small holy water bottles are available.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes will be in the Social Hall until **Monday, January 17th**. After that date, you will have to call the Parish office at 330-372-1875 to pick them up.

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.

JANUARY 9, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	9 Jan.	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Post-festive Day of Theophany. The Holy Martyr Polyeuct.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Intention of Wiley Byers – daughter, Dianna Koza +Nancy Fernandez – Estelle Wujick Liming +Brian “Fio” Koehn – Mom & Mike
Monday	10 Jan.	<i>Post-festive Day of Theophany. Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa. The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene. Our Venerable Father Marcion, Priest and Treasurer of the Great Church.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	11 Jan.	<i>Post-festive Day of Theophany. Our Venerable Father Theodosius, founder of the Common Life.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Michael & +Stella Stemock – son, Mark Stemock
Wednesday	12 Jan.	<i>Post-festive Day of Theophany. The Holy Martyr Tatiana.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	13 Jan.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonicus. Our Venerable Father Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+ Mary Stroock – John & Lisa Mosko
Friday	14 Jan.	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Theophany. Our Venerable Fathers killed by the Arabs in Sinai and Raitho in 312. Commemoration of the Passing of the holy Equal-to-the-apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	15 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller. Repose of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Tit Liviu Chinczu.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	Intention of Stephen & Theresa Sernulka - family
Sunday	16 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Veneration of the Chains of the Holy, Glorious and Illustrious Apostle Peter.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Marialice Verney – Irene & John Chekan +Bill Fusselman – Mary Anne Karchut & Bob Fejko



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Matt 4: 12 - 17

*Tone 8 Pg. 161 and follow directions
on Pgs. 316 - 318*



"We have seen the True Light; we have received the heavenly Spirit..."

(Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

When St. John the Baptist preached God's message of reform, it was because the kingdom of God was close at hand. This feeling of anticipation is made clear by the Old Testament reference of the prophecy of Isaiah in Mt 3:3 - "Prepare the way of the Lord..." However, as Christ began to preach his message of reform, it did not carry the overtones of anticipation as in John's proclamation. Rather, Christ made it known that the kingdom of heaven IS at hand. The Old Testament reference is made to the same prophet, Isaiah, but this time the message is not of an event to come, but of an event that has already taken place: "a people living in darkness has seen a great light..." (Mt 4:16)

Especially as Christians, we live in the kingdom of God. It is up to us, however, to look around us and recognize those elements which belong to God's kingdom: those elements of peace which are already in our hearts or in our homes or in the world around us. Those elements which are found in the cooperation of people working together, the warmth of helping someone dry up an unnecessary tear, the joy of people celebrating, the contentment of being alone with God. All of these elements are the presence of God's kingdom at hand and they shine with the great light of Christ.

If we fail to recognize these elements in our hearts, in our homes, and in the world, it does not mean that the kingdom of heaven is not at hand, but rather, we're forgetting the first part of Christ's message: 'reform your lives!' While we may be living in the presence of God's kingdom, we must still work towards eternal life in that kingdom.' We must work at reforming our lives, reforming our homes, and reforming the world around us until we can see that constant light of Christ.

Through faith we receive Christ in the Eucharist and taste his eternal kingdom. Through good deeds and good thoughts we can see the bright light of Christ shining in the world around us and follow it to eternal life. As the people in the region of Galilee saw a great light in Christ, may we also, through the Eucharist and good deeds, see the great light of Christ and sing out that 'we have seen the True Light and have received the heavenly Spirit.'

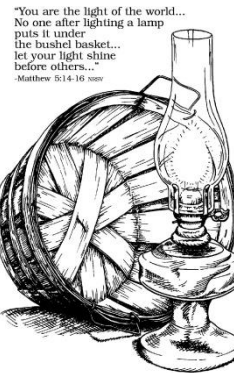
By Msgr. Eugene A. Chromoga

THEOPHANY VERSUS EPIPHANY

The Eastern Christian Churches use the term Theophany instead of Epiphany for the feast we celebrate on January 6. The term Theophany means, God being made manifest. The term epiphany means, just something being made manifest. Additionally, Epiphany in the Western Church is the celebration of the Magi coming to the child Jesus. On the Feast of Theophany, the Eastern Churches celebrate the baptism of Jesus and it is also the Feast when the Trinity was revealed.



Four year old Jill asked, "God is bigger than us, right?" The mother agreed. Then Jill asked, "God lives in us, right?" Her mom agreed. Jill blurted out, "If God is bigger than us and lives in us, shouldn't He show through?" *Jill is a first class theologian.*



“... But now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.”
Ephesians 5:8
Read: Matthew 5:14-16

Lamps were among the most valued possessions in Israelite homes. Light was a symbol of life, and a good lamp provided light for every household function. In fact, an Israelite woman checked her lamp all through the night, adding more oil or fixing the wick, to make sure the light stayed strong and sent the message "all is well."

Jesus wants our lives to be like a good lamp, sending out the daily signal that all is well in our relationship with Him. When people see you, they should see the light of Christ and give glory to God. Can those around you see Jesus in the way you behave and the way you talk? Does your life communicate His positive truth, or do you send negative statements of criticism or discouragement? Do your actions make someone want to know more about your Lord?

Perhaps the statement your life is making right now is not what it should be. Maybe you are discouraged by inconsistency or feelings of inadequacy. Remember that Jesus gives you the strength and wisdom you need because He is the "light of life." God promises to continue building His truth into your life day by day, so that your character and conduct reflect His distinguishing presence.