

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.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

On Sundays of the Great Fast, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated. The prayers of St. Basil's Liturgy praise God for His constant, faithful love for all of us. They proclaim God's works of love and salvation. Listen to these prayers as they are prayed aloud. Praise God for His saving love. May we grow in the awareness of His love that we have received in His Son Jesus and may the grace of the Holy Spirit we receive through Jesus always testify to God's love in us.

LADYBUG BOX

4 Super Cash Bonanza tickets have been donated to our March Ladybug drawing. This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, *March 27th*, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

Tickets are being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the Ladybug 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.

YOU HAVE TO PLAY TO WIN!

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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour.

PUSSYWILLOWS NEEDED

Spring is almost here, (even though it doesn't feel like it), so keep your eyes open for the budding of the pussywillows. Please cut them when they bud (before they turn yellow), and bring them to the Social Hall. **Do not put them in water.**

FREE BOOKS AND TAPES

A lot of good reading for Lent. Please call Sister Barbara at 330-240-2534 for an appointment.

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of March 5:

5:00 PM: **59**; 9:00 AM: **50**; 11:00 AM: **48**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,921.75



- **Sun., March 13** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Sat. & Sun., March 12 & 13** Homemade Cabbage & Noodles Sale after Liturgies.
- **Sat., March 19** Third All Souls' Saturday – Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM – Pg. 428.
- **Tues., March 22** 100th Anniversary Fundraising Committee Meeting 6 PM in Social Hall. Come with your fundraising ideas. We want to discuss events for 2022. All parishioners are welcome.

COLLECTION FOR THE EPARCHY OF UKRAINE

Please put all donations in a separate envelope marked “Ukraine Donation.” Envelopes are available at our church entrances. If paying by check, make check payable to Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church as we will send them one check.

Donations must be received no later than March 20th.

Pray for the Ukrainian people and the end to this war. Thank you!

HOMEMADE CABBAGE & NOODLES SALE

We will be selling homemade cabbage & noodles on Sat. & Sun., March 12 & 13, in the Social Hall. Carry-outs available after each Liturgy as quantities last - \$6 for a quart container. Proceeds to benefit the 100th Anniversary Fund.

100TH ANNIVERSARY/SUPER CASH BONANZA TICKETS



Tickets will be sold for the Super Cash Bonanza raffle in the Social Hall for the next 2 weeks. It is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For every \$5 ticket sold, \$1 will go to the 100th Anniversary Fund.

There are a total of 25 prizes in all!

CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSS SALE – 2022

The feast of the Resurrection of Christ will soon be upon us! You will again have an opportunity to order *Chocolate Byzantine Crosses* for your family and/or friends. Envelopes are located at the Church entrances for those interested in purchasing *Dark, Milk or White Chocolate Crosses*. The purchase price is \$6.00 each. The orders must be **prepaid**. Just drop your order envelopes in the collection basket. **The crosses will be ready for pick-up Palm Sunday weekend, April 9th and 10th. Last day to order is Sunday, March 20th.** (If paying by check, make check payable to: Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church).



MARCH 13, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	13 March	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Sister Agnes Knapik, OSB – Elizabeth Cantelmo +Robert, +Esther & +Bob Shaffer – Jim & Anita Shaffer +Michael & +Stella Stemock – son, Mark Stemock
Monday	14 March	<i>Our Venerable Father Benedict.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	15 March	<i>The Holy Martyr Agapius and His Companions.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	16 March	<i>The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas.</i> 6:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Thursday	17 March	<i>Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God. Our Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	18 March	<i>Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.</i> 6:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday	19 March	<i>Third All Souls' Saturday. The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.</i> 9:00 AM Third All Souls' Liturgy with reading of Diptyches. 5:00 PM +Betty Vazur – Patricia Sudik & family
Sunday	20 March	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Our Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery, killed by Saracens (796).</i> 9:00 AM +Millie Simko – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Simko & family 11:00 AM +Eugenia Vesa – Janice & Mike Clark



Attentive to the Word

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Mark 2: 1 - 12

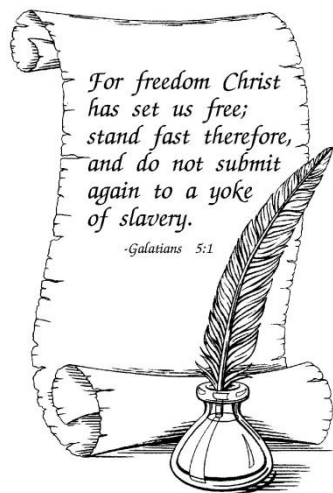
Tone 1 Pg. 125 & Pgs. 222 - 223

Liturgy of St. Basil during Great Lent:

(In place of Antiphons) Pages 16 & 17 Typical Psalms

Beatitudes Pgs. 23-24; (Instead of "It is truly proper,") Pg. 223 Magnification

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT



We have already completed two weeks of the Great Fast. The basic Lenten Themes – prayer and penance, fasting and forgiveness, almsgiving and asceticism – have been placed before us in the various Services of our Church.

Now it is time to look at the real goal of these practices. The Great Fast is not a type of “spiritual Olympic Games.” The goal is not to try to outdo others or even to outdo ourselves. The real reason for our Lenten effort is freedom. We need to be set free from whatever has a hold on us. In other words, all of our efforts during this season are directed to the goal of setting us free from anything that ties us down in slavery and whatever keeps us from sharing in a

deeper relationship with God.

During Lent it is well to remember attitudes that are harmful to my neighbor – which lead to these positive denials:

- Denial of gossip, in order to know the meaning of thoughtfulness
- Denial of faultfinding, to know the meaning of friendship
- Denial of hasty judgments, to know the meaning of understanding
- Denial of bitterness, to know the meaning of joy
- Denial of bigotry, to know the meaning of humanity

During Lent it is well to remember attitudes that are harmful to my family – which lead to these positive denials:

- Denial of irrational anger, in order to know the meaning of self-control
- Denial of stinginess, to know the meaning of generosity
- Denial of pettiness, to know the meaning of openness
- Denial of cowardice, to know the meaning of courage
- Denial of hardness, to know the meaning of forgiveness

During Lent it is well to remember attitudes that are harmful to myself – which lead to these positive denials:

- Denial of arrogance, in order to know the meaning of wisdom
- Denial of selfishness, to know the meaning of freedom
- Denial of self-righteousness, to know the meaning of faith
- Denial of despair, to know the meaning of hope
- Denial of hate, to know the meaning of love



PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM

Lord and Master of my life,
spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me your servant,
the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins
and not judge my brothers and sisters;
for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen.