

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDY BAILEY – 

APRIL'S LUCKY WINNER OF THE LADY BUG BOX!

Lady Bug will be resting the month of May.



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SUBMITTING THIS:

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please remember the following at our Parish's Mother's Day Remembrance:

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Please circle

Liturgy time: Saturday, 5:00 PM Sunday, 9:00 AM Sunday, 11:00 AM

Requested by:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation

Donation for each name is \$5.00

****DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022****

THANK YOU!

We thank our Seminarian, John Welch, for all his help this past weekend. It was greatly appreciated. May God Bless You!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of April 23:

8:00 PM: 42; 9:00 AM: 30; 11:00 AM: 50

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,663.00



- **Wed., May 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., May 10** 100th Anniv. Fundraiser Committee Meeting 7 PM in Soc. Hall.
- **Mon., May 16** 100th Anniv. Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse.
- **Fri. & Sat., May 20 & 21** Rummage Sale.

MEETING OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Tuesday, May 10 – 7 PM in the Social Hall.

Updates on the Rummage Sale – Texas Roadhouse Event – and Spaghetti Dinner will be covered.

All are welcome to attend. This is a very important meeting. Please plan to attend. We can use everyone’s help.

If questions, please contact Pat James @ 330-507-6273.

RUMMAGE SALE – 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 20 & 21

9 AM – 4 PM IN SOCIAL HALL

Drop-offs at the Social Hall before and after Liturgies:

Weekends of: April 30 – May 1

May 7 – 8

May 14 – 15

No clothes, shoes or large pieces of furniture.

Any questions, please call Helen Firment @ 330-720-4740.

SPRING LOTTERY WREATH

The 100th Anniversary Fundraiser for May will be a Spring Lottery Wreath with \$100 worth of Instant Lottery Tickets. Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

Tickets will be available after Liturgies in May and also at our Texas Roadhouse event May 16th.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE EVENT

On **Monday, May 16th, from 3 PM – 10 PM**, SS. Peter and Paul Church will be reimbursed 10% of sales to those presenting a church flier. The fliers will be available in the Social Hall.

Invite your family and friends! Anyone can use the flier.

Our Spring Lottery Wreath with \$100 of Instant Lottery Tickets will be available for ticket sales at the restaurant that evening.

Please contact Linda Catlin for any questions @ 330-720-5450.

MAY 1, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	1 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptyckyj (1951).</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Sister Agnes Knapik – Benedictine Sisters
	9:00 AM	+Marilyn Machingo Egli – Eleanor & John Fetsko
	11:00 AM	Intention of Rosary Society Members
Monday	2 May	<i>Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Tuesday	3 May	<i>The Holy Martyr Timothy and His Wife Maura. The Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Pecherskaya Lavra..</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Wednesday	4 May	<i>The Holy Martyr Pelagia.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Thursday	5 May	<i>The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene. Our Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Friday	6 May	<i>The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Saturday	7 May	<i>The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius. The Holy Martyr Acacius.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	Remembrance of Mothers
Sunday	8 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great.</i>
	9:00 AM	Remembrance of Mothers
	11:00 AM	Remembrance of Mothers



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Mark 15: 43 – 16:8
Follow Directions on Pages 177 – 180

On this third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the memory of the holy myrrh-bearing women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. And we remember them, most especially at a critical moment in their lives, for the focus of today's feast is found in the love and devotion they showed to Our Lord Jesus Christ at the time of His death and burial.

For the holy myrrh-bearing women, those devoted servants of Jesus, it was their last act of love after a long period of service. For Joseph and Nicodemus, it was their first public act of devotion to Jesus, for only after His crucifixion and death did Joseph and Nicodemus publicly acknowledge their commitment to Christ.

To all appearances, the Lord Jesus Christ was dead, His mission a dismal failure. What could Nicodemus' and Joseph's allegiance do at this point? It could do nothing except enable them to be born anew as Jesus had said, to come into the light of the truth, as men of integrity, to love and to follow the truth without regard for the consequences. To do this took courage.

The Gospel is even explicit here: "Joseph took courage and went to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus." For the first time, these disciples were willing to put aside all other considerations and to act for Christ boldly, with no regard for the consequences. And there were consequences. According to the tradition of the Church, both men were expelled from the temple and eventually died as martyrs for the faith.

And the myrrh-bearing women – who were these women? Seven women are actually named in the Gospels, but there were others as well who had come from Galilee, accompanying Jesus and the 12 apostles. St. Luke records that they were women "who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their means."

For these faithful women disciples, Calvary and the cross seemed to be the end of all hope. It seemed to be the end of their beloved master, who had been tortured, crucified and was now dead and buried. And yet, even in the face of this great loss and unbearable hopelessness, they remained faithful to Christ and continued to serve Him.

In these holy women, love for Jesus was blind to all fears, to danger, and to hopelessness. Their attention was focused solely on serving Jesus this one last time, even in the midst of their deep mourning. And so they went, with their fragrant spices and oils, to anoint Jesus' body.

As a great consolation and in recognition of their fidelity, the Lord appears to them first after His resurrection. And so, to the measure that they mourned, they also rejoiced. But, as with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, we remember that the myrrh-bearing women served Christ during their period of loss and mourning, before the joy of the Resurrection was revealed. And how significant that is for us, that Jesus first brings the joy of the Resurrection to those who continued to serve Him in the midst of sorrow and apparent hopelessness.

We – each and every one of us – have been called to serve the Lord as His faithful disciples. And we have been called to serve Him not only in those "good times," in the midst of joy and glory, but also on those more difficult days that we each face. On those days that are marked by the Cross, we are all called to carry in imitation of the Lord Himself.

And so, as we commemorate today the example and the fidelity of the myrrh-bearing women and Joseph and Nicodemus and their loving service to Christ, let us also remember that we, too, have been called to serve the Lord and those through whom He makes Himself known to us.

We are called to serve with the single-minded love and devotion of those who followed Him to the cross and to the tomb. And we who serve faithfully and willingly can be assured that we, like those we remember today, will come to know that the tomb is empty and that the risen Lord will come again on the day of His second and glorious coming.

By Metropolitan Herman



"You have heard, dearly beloved, that holy women who had followed the Lord came to the sepulcher with spices. They had loved Him when He was alive, and they showed Him their eager tenderheartedness even when He was dead. Their deed points to something that must be done in our holy Church. Thus as we hear of what they did, we must also think of our responsibility to imitate them. We too, who believe in Him Who died, approach His sepulcher with spices if we are strengthened with the sweet smell of the virtues, and if we seek the Lord with a reputation for good works. And the women who came with spices saw angels, since those who advance toward God through their holy desires, accompanied by the sweet smell of the virtues, behold the citizens from on high."

St. Gregory the Great, Forty Gospel Homilies

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!