

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.

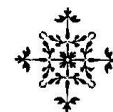
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY

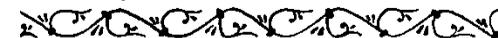


Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Marlene Fejko**, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



PENTECOST SUNDAY/MEMORIAL SERVICES (weather permitting)

Pentecost Sunday, June 5 – 2:00 PM at SPP Cemetery



FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please remember the following at our Parish's Father's Day Remembrance

Please print each name and circle the correct notation.

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Please circle Liturgy time: Saturday, 5:00 PM Sunday, 10:00 AM

Requested by:

Donation for each name is \$5.00

****DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022****



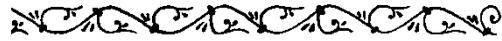
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 14:

5:00 PM: 40; 9:00 AM: 43; 11:00 AM: 34

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,473.00



- **Mon., May 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Thurs., May 26** Ascension of our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation.
- **Wed., June 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Sat., June 4** Fifth All Souls Saturday – Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM – Pg. 428.



IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE

We are God’s people and we always adjust with compassion and understanding to necessary changes that arise in our parish. We all know our own preferences for which Divine Liturgy we wish to attend every weekend. We also know that Father Simeon has not been feeling well, and we have been blessed to have Father Michael’s assistance for several weekend Divine Liturgies. However, we have lost another priest this past week (ordained just last year) who served two parishes, and there are no other priests available for weekend substitutions.

Father Simeon has been advised by the Chancery to celebrate two weekend Divine Liturgies...one on Saturday evening and one on Sunday. In order to do this, a “time” compromise is necessary!

The Vigil Liturgy of Sunday will remain at 5:00 PM Saturday evening. The Sunday Divine Liturgy will be at 10:00 AM. This schedule change will be effective Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. Thank you for adjusting to this necessary change and please pray for Father Simeon and for all of our priests!

SPRING LOTTERY WREATH

Ladybug will be resting the month of May. 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.

MAY 22, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	22 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. The Holy Martyr Basiliscus. The Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, 381.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Dr. Bohdan Czepak – Janet Turner
	9:00 AM	+Mary Ann Johnson – Mike & Sue Johnson
	11:00 AM	+Betty Vazur – Patricia Sudik & family
Monday	23 May	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada. The Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Tuesday	24 May	<i>Our Venerable Father Simeon of the Wondrous Mountain. Our Father Nicetas the Stylite, Wonder-worker of Perejaslav.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Wednesday	25 May	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pascha. Feast of the Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Thursday	26 May	<i>THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (Pgs. 191- 195)</i> 6:00 PM +Emory Holowatch – Anne Myers
Friday	27 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Ascension. Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Saturday	28 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sister Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters
Sunday	29 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL. Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia. Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome.</i> 9:00 AM +Anna & +Andrew Shuluga – Anita Schmitt 11:00 AM +Steve Zombar – John & Kathy Shinosky



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND
John 9: 1 - 38
Follow Directions on Pages 189 - 191

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

If a healing miracle were to happen to us or to some member of our family, we would certainly be excited about it and quite proud of the fact that God *has* touched our life and the life of our family. Yet, in the Gospel story of the man born blind, we hear of a mother and father who experienced such a miracle in their blind son, but they refused to acknowledge any such event except for the fact that their son was blind from birth. The man's parents were devout worshipers and their reluctance to defend their son was not because they were weak in faith, but because of their fear of the Jews and their neighbors. As the Gospel clearly points out, the Pharisees threatened to expel anyone from the synagogue who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah.

Miracles may not always be as obvious such as suddenly being able to physically see or hear or talk, but more importantly they take place in our hearts and in the lives of those around us. A miracle takes place in our heart when we are suddenly able to see God active in our life. A miracle takes place when we are suddenly able to hear or to accept a particular instruction or teaching about God, which we were taught all of our life but were unable to understand. A miracle takes place when we take an opportunity to use our ability to speak and explain to someone a particular teaching about God, or encourage someone to follow God's Commandments.

At the beginning of the Gospel, Christ states that there is no sin involved that the man should be born blind. Rather, it was to let God's works show forth through His Son, Jesus, the Messiah. Sin is not found in physical blindness but rather in our refusal to allow ourselves to open up to God's ways, such as in the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees. As religious authorities, the Pharisees can no longer threaten us with expulsion, but their threats of loneliness may be felt, when the "peer-pressure" of our classmates, co-workers and neighbors pressure us into silencing our own Christian values, and following them in their own spiritual blindness.

Miracles take place in the lives of each of us regardless of our age. We do not necessarily have to be parents, such as the parents in the Gospel, to be afraid to acknowledge miracles in our lives. We may be senior citizens or teenagers and be afraid to acknowledge the miracles which happen to us every day.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Ascension is a feast which should raise us up above the smallness of and the narrowness of earthly cares. Christ has made our Ascension possible, too. We will one day, please God, be lifted up away from all the troubles and the annoyances that seem so overpowering and so numerous now.

Imagine for a moment the thoughts of our divine Lord as He rose slowly from the Mount of Olives: He could see Bethlehem where no one had welcomed Him when He was born, Nazareth where He had lived a life of poverty and hardships for thirty years, Jerusalem where He had been reviled and tortured and crucified. Having triumphed, and won the day, how did these scenes of His sufferings appear to Him now?

Our day will come, too, when we can look down with joy on the battlefields of life where we were sore, tired and wounded, but persevered through God's grace, and won. How small will our effort seem then, compared with the greatness of the reward! How short-lived our battles, compared with the eternity of the heavenly peace we have won!

The Apostles returned from the Mount of Olives not with heavy hearts, but with souls full of confidence and trust. There was work to be done for the Master and for souls. That work would take them they knew not where, that apostolate would bring on them they cared not what. Their lives were now in their Master's hands. How well-placed their confidence was subsequent history proves; their names are inscribed forever in the Book of Life.

YOU AND I can also return from the Mount of Olives today with a greater confidence and a surer trust in our loving Savior. He has gone, as He Himself said, to prepare a place for us. He has asked us to carry on, for a short while more, with the task He has given us to do here. He will be back, sooner than we realize, and if He finds us struggling on, doing nothing world-shaking, but putting our heart and soul into the trivial daily tasks, we will hear not the voice of the stern Judge, but the welcome call of the beloved Shepherd: "Come ye blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Father Kevin O'Sullivan F. M.