

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.

SPRING LOTTERY WREATH – *Last Weekend To Buy Tickets!*

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

YOU HAVE TO PLAY TO WIN!!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

There will be a spring clean-up at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery on **Saturday, June 4th**. This will start at **9 AM and will continue until early afternoon**. All parishioners are asked to volunteer some time on this day to lend a hand on the grounds. Please bring any tools you may have to do light yard work. Also pack a lunch for yourself. **Old decorations at grave sites should be removed before this date.**

If you have any questions about this, please contact Tim or Mary Beth Byers. Tim can be reached at 419-577-8993.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.



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 21:

5:00 PM: **0**; 9:00 AM: **54**; 11:00 AM: **53**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,337.75



- **Wed., June 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Sat., June 4** 5th All Souls Saturday – Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM – Pg. 428.
- **Sat., June 4** SPP Cemetery Cleanup – Sat., June 4 – 9:00 AM – early afternoon.



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!



**FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL CELEBRATION
WED., JUNE 29 - LITURGY AT 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY
DINNER AT DILUCIA’S AT 6:30 PM**

SIGN UP

\$15.00 – includes Dinner and Entertainment for Parishioners (those registered with envelopes.);

\$25.00 – includes Dinner and Entertainment for Non-Parishioners and Guests.

\$10.00 – Children 12 and under.

Entertainment: The Comedy & Magic of Eric Thompson (See brochures in the Social Hall.)

PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED. Payment will be accepted after each Liturgy in the Social Hall on the weekends of June 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19.

MAY 29, 2022
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Sister Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters
	9:00 AM	+Anna & +Andrew Shuluga – Anita Schmitt
	11:00 AM	+Steve Zombar – John & Kathy Shinosky
Monday	30 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Tuesday	31 May	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Wednesday	1 June	<i>Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Justin and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Thursday	2 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Friday	3 June	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Saturday	4 June	<i>Memory of all the Faithful Departed.</i> 9:00 AM 5th All Souls’ Sat. Remembrance w/Reading of Diptyches.
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	Intention of Parish Family
Sunday	5 June	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</i> 10:00 AM Intention of Parish Family

We thank Father Michael Huszti for all of his help with the Divine Liturgies!

Please pray for the health of Father Simeon!



Attentive to the Word

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS

OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

John 17: 1 - 13

Follow Directions on Pages 196 - 202



The First Ecumenical Council was summoned by Emperor Constantine the Great on May 20, 325. The Council assembled at Nicea in the province of Bithynia of Asia Minor and was formally opened by Constantine himself. The Council passed 20 canons including the Nicene Creed (described below), the Canon of Holy Scripture (Holy Bible), and established the celebration of Pascha (Easter).

The main reason for its being called was the Arian controversy. Arius, a presbyter (priest) from Alexandria, held that Jesus Christ was created by God and denying Christ's divinity. Arius argued that if Jesus was born, then there was a time when He did not exist; and if He became God, then there was a time when He was not. Arius' original intent was to attack another heretical teaching by which the three persons of the Godhead were confused (Sabellianism).

A number of bishops followed Arius, and the Church went into her first and perhaps deepest division of faith. Up to then, statements of faith were incorporated into Creeds recited by a candidate to Baptism. A baptismal Creed representing Arianism was submitted to the Council by Eusebios of Nicomedia but was at once rejected. Another Creed, representing the baptismal Creed of Jerusalem, was finally accepted with the addition of the very important term 'homousios', meaning of the 'same substance'. Thus, the view that Christ was of the 'same substance' with the Father was received as orthodox. This Creed is known as the Nicene Creed, which read:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, born of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made.
Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.
And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried.
And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

Another important decision of this Council was the establishing of a calendar formula by which Pascha (Easter) ought to be celebrated. Pascha occurs on the first full moon following the spring equinox and following the Hebrew Passover feast.

The Council also regulated matters of ecclesiastical importance regarding territorial and moral questions pertaining to both clergy and laity. One particular delegate, deacon Athanasios from Alexandria, proved the champion of Orthodoxy by his statements of faith and the draft of the Creed that bears his name.

Another delegate, who by his eloquent argument against imposing compulsory celibacy on all ranks of Clergy, prevented outright celibacy in the Orthodox Church, was Paphnutios, an Egyptian who had been a disciple of St. Anthony. He had suffered such hardships and cruelty during the persecution of Maximin that his mutilated body proved an object of veneration to the assembled bishops, and his recommendations were highly respected.

The number of bishops who attended the Council was 318. Hence, this Council is also known as the Synod of the 318 Fathers. It closed on July 25, 325. Their memory is commemorated by the Church on the Seventh Sunday after Pascha.



MEMORIAL DAY



St. Paul once said: "You are not your own, for you are bought with a price." The reference here, of course, is to our salvation; Jesus came to earth and paid with His death on the cross to redeem us from eternal death, hell, which is the due payment for our sins.

But we, who live in this great land of ours today, live a life of freedom only because of the great sacrifices of others. Not only have we been "bought with a price" as far as our eternal destiny is concerned, we have also been redeemed, so to speak, as far as our earthly domicile is concerned.

In these days when so much is said about the high cost of living (yes, and of dying, too!), it is fitting to pause on Memorial Day and acknowledge the great price that thousands of others have paid that we might live in this land of freedom, the United States of America.

Memorial Day came as a result of the Civil War. This was America's greatest war in the lives that were lost, in the issues and principles at stake, in the fact that it was fought on American soil, and in the results that have come from it.

Since that time, Memorial Day has become a national holiday to honor the dead of all wars. In 1971, it was declared a national holiday by Congress, which was to be celebrated the last Monday in May. It differs from Veteran's Day, which is observed on November 11, which honors *all* veterans - *the living and the dead*.