

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 William Rupp to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father William Rupp before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father William Rupp. 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 William Rupp is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Father William Rupp whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father William Rupp 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 William Rupp is available on other days and times by appointment.

CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS

Beautiful baskets are on display in the Social Hall for a Chinese Auction Fundraiser to benefit our 100th Anniversary. Tickets will be sold after the Liturgies and at the Pasta Dinner.

PASTA DINNER – 100TH Anniversary Fundraiser

Tickets are now being sold after each Liturgy for the Pasta Dinner to be held on **Sunday, October 2, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.** Tickets are \$12 and children under 10 are \$6.00. Although it is not open to the public, all parishioners are encouraged to purchase tickets for family, friends, and neighbors who would like to support our fundraiser.

Dinner includes: wedding soup, salad, pasta with or without meatballs, bread & butter, dessert, and beverage. There will also be a wine bar where you can buy by the glass or bottle. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing will also take place. (Winner need not be present.)

We would also appreciate any donations of pies, cakes, or cupcakes (homemade or store bought.) No cookies or puddings please.

Let's make this Pasta Dinner a successful event!



45TH ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER

2140 Highland Road Hermitage, PA

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 9

ADMISSION - \$6.00 (includes lunch + 1 free tear sheet)

PRIZES FOR EVERY FAMILY MEMBER! GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE!

DOORS OPEN 1:00 PM DRAWING AT 2:15 PM



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles and says: "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end."

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of September 17:

5:00 PM: **51**; 10:00 AM: **76**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross: 44

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,644.00



- **Fri., Sept. 30** Vigil Liturgy of Protection of the Theotokos – 6:00 PM.
- **Sun., Oct. 2** ECF Classes begin – 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
Pasta Dinner/Chinese Auction Fundraiser 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM in Social Hall.
- **Mon., Oct. 3** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Mon., Oct. 3 – Thurs., Oct. 6** Father Will at an Annual Clergy Retreat.
- **Wed., Oct. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM – 2 PM.



Please note: The parking lots of SS. Peter and Paul Church and Infant of Prague Manor will be sealed – September 26 thru 29 – weather permitting. During the week of September 26 thru 29, all parking will be at Central Christian parking lot. Parking for the weekend Liturgies should be back to normal.

The Church Cleaning Party has been changed to Monday, October 3, due to the sealing of the parking lot during the week.



E.C.F. BEGINNING CLASSES ...

Religion Classes for our young people will begin Sunday, October 2nd, with a blessing of our children and Catechists. Classes for K through 12 will meet from 9:00 to 9:45 AM.

If you have not registered yet, please do so A.S.A.P. Extra registration forms are in the bulletin rack at the Belvedere entrance. The success of our program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. We are looking forward to a good year, helping your children to grow in their faith.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE IS

“GOING BANANAS”



After the Liturgies: September 24 – 25, we will be selling a variety of Banana Breads. Breads cost \$6.00 each.

Please stop by the Social Hall and support this event. Enjoy some homemade Banana Bread!

P.S. – We will let the Lady Bug rest for this month.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	25 Sept.	<i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Elizabeth Petrigalla & Mary Butchko – Betty Blake +Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike Clark
Monday	26 Sept.	<i>The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	27 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	28 Sept.	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet Baruch. The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	29 Sept.	<i>Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	30 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia.</i> 6:00 PM Intention of Sr. Marion Dobos – Benedictine Sisters
Saturday	1 Oct.	<i>THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father Romanos the Hymnographer. (pgs. 261 – 262)</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+John Koza, III – wife, Dianna Koza
Sunday	2 Oct.	<i>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ.</i> 10:00 AM +Mary Prest – daughter, Kathy Prest



Attentive to the Word
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 5: 1 – 11

Tone 7 – Pgs. 156 – 158

“I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN”



Simon Peter turns from a hearer to a doer. Imagine his boat serving as a primitive church. He and his fellows had just returned from an exhausting night's fishing. They are not just weary; they are a bit discouraged. As he listens to Jesus explaining the wonders of God and a world that is hidden from ordinary eyes, suddenly the Lord turns to him and says that He would like Simon to go back out into the sea. There are fish out there that he missed catching. Was it a test? Quite! Impulsive Simon Peter must have thought: What can He teach me about fishing, I who had been doing this all my life? Besides, he wanted only to be lulled by comforting words about God, not ordered to return to the sea.

It explains something about Jesus. His sermon was a show and tell lesson. He told Simon what He expected, and when the disciple obeyed, then He showed him where the fish were. Our Lord is the God who acts, and He does so through us. True Christianity is not for spectators. The world is a field, we are in a contest, and every one of us is a player.

Then Simon Peter says: Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! At another occasion he was not averse to rebuking Jesus (Matt. 16:23). But here he realizes that this Teacher is no ordinary human being. His Lord is of one essence with the Lord Almighty. Here is a moment in his lifetime that he will never forget. May each of us have something similar happen to us in our days on this earth.

To understand what happened to Peter that day is to grasp the essential difference between Eastern Christian Christianity and all other varieties. At first, Peter loved, honored, and was ready to obey Jesus. He saw Him as a special human being, which many Christians and even non-Christians would agree with. But until the net of

Christ's true nature caught him, recognizing God at work in Him, he was only an admirer. In time Peter would understand much more about Christ; but at the moment he saw God in Him.

The Byzantine Church never tires of explaining the inexplicable mystery – Jesus Christ is the only-begotten, unique Son of God, true God of true God, as the Creed proclaims. God alone is capable of saving us from sin and death. Because Christ is God, it is not only possible. Salvation has become the supreme goal of our lives.

by Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky



OCTOBER 1 - THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS



From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people, who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners.

The Mother of God appeared several times after she left this earth. One of these times occurred in the 10th century in the Blachernae Church in Constantinople, in which were preserved her robe, veil and part of her belt. During the Vigil at 4 a.m., the Saints Andrew and Epiphanius saw a majestic woman walking toward the ambo (the area before the altar). She was not alone. St. John the Baptist, St. John the Theologian, and other saints and choirs of angels were escorting her. On reaching the center of the church, the Mother of God knelt down and prayed for a long time. She prayed so fervently that her face was bathed in tears. Then she stood up and went before the altar table, where she again prayed. Then she removed the veil over her head. It shone like lightning. She held it high, stretched over her arms, in a gesture of prayer of intercession for those present in the church and on us.

As a result, this commemoration on October 1 was instituted to remind us both of this event, and of the Mother of God's constant protection, whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.

Holy Mother of God
Guide, Protect, and Pray for us!