

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 Fr. Simeon to schedule.

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

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

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. 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: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

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

	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased

Please circle Liturgy time: Saturday, 5 PM Sunday, 11 AM

Requested by:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation

Donation for each name is \$5.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 1 MAY 2016

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET . . . Sponsored by St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, Youngstown, OH. Sunday, May 8th from 11 AM to 4 PM at Byzantine Center at the Grove, 3801 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, OH. Menu is quite involved (See Bulletin Board in Social Hall). Cost includes tax and gratuity.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 3 April:

8:00 PM: **63** 11:00 AM: **97**

Bright Mon. **19**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$4,840.50

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 3 April:

22 from St. Michael; **11** from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$1,276.00



- **Sun. Apr. 10** ECF Religion Classes Today...beginning at 9:30 AM
- **Sun. Apr. 10** Bible Study – 5 to 7 PM in the Social Hall. Session 7(Please note the time change)
- **Sun. Apr. 10** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2 to 4 PM at the Monastery – Please ring #301
- **Tues. Apr. 12** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Sat. & Sun. Apr. 16 & 17** Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall after the Divine Liturgies
- **Sun. Apr. 17** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 8
- **Mon. Apr. 18** Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7 PM in the Social Hall. There will be a special Speaker at this meeting to which all parishioners and friends are invited. See details below.



YOU ARE INVITED. . .

Jerry & Cindy Stevens of “Me and My Honey” Company will be the speakers at the St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Meeting on Monday evening, April 18th, at 7 PM in the Social Hall. They will bring a small part of their hives with them and talk about the importance of bees to our environment. They will also speak to the kind of plants we can plant to encourage pollination. They will provide information of how their products are made and how they are used. There is no charge to attend, but we need reservation numbers to assure refreshment and handout sufficiency. It should prove to be an evening well spent. Please call 330-360-0731 to register.

THANK YOU

We would like to give special mention and thanks to Stephen Byers for providing our parishioners with the Bible Study sessions on Sunday afternoons. The materials are excellent, and I’m sure the people who attend these sessions come away refreshed and enlightened and have grown in their faith.

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

to Meghan and Ahmed Hosni on the baptism of their son, Oliver. His baptism was administered by Father Simeon with the permission of their pastor. Oliver is the grandson of Frank Hosoi, III and the great grandson of Frank and Sylvia Hosoi, who are parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul.

10 APRIL 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	10 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS. Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompey and their Companions.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Anna Sudik _ Friends
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Scott Graber – M/M Michael Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Dorothy Byers – Bob, Betty & Macala Blake
Monday	11 April	<i>Holy Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum in Asia.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	12 April	<i>Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Msgr. Sylvester Hladky - Friends
Wednesday	13 April	<i>Holy Priest Martyr Artemon and His Companions</i>
(Chapel)	5:00 PM	+Ann Marie Metz – Bonnie Wildman
Thursday	14 April	<i>Holy Father and Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome. Holy New Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Elizabeth Zombar – Ron & Patty Zombar
Friday	15 April	<i>Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	16 April	<i>Holy Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Sandra Bishop – Elaine Shappell & family
Sunday	17 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC. Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia. Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+George Simko – wife, Millie
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael Kuhar – wife, Helen & daughter



Attentive to the Word Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Mark 15:43 – 16:1 – 8

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The Second Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the memory of seven of the most dedicated and courageous women of the New Testament. We know a great deal about the Twelve Apostles of Christ, but we know very little about the Myrrh-Bearing Women who were devoted to Christ equally as much as the Apostles themselves. They were with Jesus as He preached the message of Salvation. They were with Him when He was taken down from Calvary. It was these women who came to anoint His Sacred Body and prepare it for burial. This is why the Church refers to them as the "Myrrh-Bearing Women."

Who were they?

1. **Mary Magdalene**, (Her feast day is celebrated on July 22nd). This remarkable woman is the most famous of the Myrrh-Bearing Women of the New Testament. If you remember, it was she whom our Blessed Lord healed of a terrible illness which Holy Scripture describes as "being possessed by seven demons." Holy Tradition tells us that after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, Mary Magdalene journeyed to Rome and convinced Emperor Tiberius that both Pontius Pilate and the archpriests of Jerusalem should be punished for their participation in the crucifixion of Christ. She later lived on the Greek island of Ephesus in the Christian community founded by St. John the Evangelist. Although she died on the island, her remains were eventually taken to the ancient temple of Constantinople.

2. **Salome**, the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee (her feast day is celebrated on August 3rd). Salome was a very saintly woman who loved Jesus

very much. Her great love was shared by her two famous sons, James and John, two of the original Twelve Apostles of Christ. Tradition tells us that Salome enjoyed a very close relationship with the family of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She remained devoted to Mary after the Ascension of Christ.

3. **Mary, the Mother of James and Joses**, the wife of Cleophas (her feast day is celebrated on May 23rd). Very little is recorded concerning her life: however, she devoted many years in the service of our Lord.

4. **Joanna, the wife of Chuza**, Herod Antipas' steward (her feast day is celebrated on June 27th). Joanna first heard of the coming of Christ during His first visit to the temple in Jerusalem. She became a true believer and assisted the Apostles during their first years as leaders of the new Faith. She was a woman of great courage.

5. **Susanna**, (her feast day is celebrated on the Sunday of the Forefathers, which falls on the Sunday before Christmas). Susanna was a close friend of Mary Magdalene and 'was constantly by her side during her affliction. Susanna remained with the Apostles of Christ and shared in the work of spreading the message of salvation. She assisted with the serving of the "Communion Suppers" and administering to the sick and the aged.

6 & 7. **Mary and Martha**, the sisters of Lazarus - (feast day, June 4th). Our Blessed Lord was very fond of Lazarus, and on many occasions He visited his home in Bethany. The sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, became followers of Christ and dedicated their lives to Him. After the miracle of the "Resurrection of Lazarus" by Jesus Christ, Mary and Martha returned with Jesus and His Apostles. They devoted their lives to the spreading of the new Faith. These are the famous "Seven Myrrh-Bearing Women" of the New Testament. These glorious ladies of the Church remained steadfast in their faith and brought glory to the Church of Christ. The Fathers of the Church consider them "equal to the Apostles."

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!