

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. Andrew to schedule.

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

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew 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: The Parish office is open from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY

Our Parish Family extends its sympathy to the family of **Angela Pishotti**, who fell asleep in the Lord on 10 April 2015. Angela served as the Associate Principal of our school for 23 years. *In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant Angela and remember her forever for Christ is Risen!*

PAPAL LITURGY BUS TRIP

The Archeparchy will be hosting a bus trip for the Papal Liturgy in Philadelphia Saturday, 26 September – Sunday, 27 September 2015. There are a limited number of spaces for this trip and reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Brochures with details are available at the entrances. Deadline to register is 1 June 2015.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS LECTURE...

...Sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA. Thursday, 7 May 2015, 7 PM at St. John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Guest Speaker is Dr. Scott Hahn and his topic is *The Our Father as a Synthesis of the Pattern of Scripture*. The event is FREE but due to space limitations, registration is required by 30 April. Register by calling (412) 321-8383 or email office@bcs.edu.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE.

The Orientale Lumen Foundation (past organizers of the Seminary Concert Tours is sponsoring a Marian Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe for Byzantine Catholics on August 7-18, 2015. The trip will include visits to the Marian Shrines of Litmanova and Lutina in Slovakia, and Mariapocs in Hungary; liturgies in the Cathedrals of Presov and Bratislava; tours of wooden churches and other cultural sites; and joint fellowship activities with European Byzantine Catholics. The land package is only \$1995 per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation, accommodations and some meals. Single rooms are available for an extra \$500. Airfare is extra. Registration and \$500 deposit is due by May 15, 2015. For more details, and to register online, visit www.olconference.com and click on the Pilgrimage button. Or call 703-691-8862.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 12 April:

8:00 PM: 81; 11:00 AM: 121

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us:	\$2,783.25
Additional Easter Contribution	\$1,035.00



19 APRIL 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Apr. 19** ECF Religion Classes – 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. We only have 2 classes remaining in the catechetical year, so we ask your cooperation in bringing your children for these classes.
- **Mon. Apr. 20** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall. Lucy Falatic, Patient Advocate at St. Joseph Hospital will be the Guest Speaker for the evening. She will give us the latest information on “Health Care Power of Attorney.” This is valuable information for all of us. **We invite all parishioners and friends to avail themselves of this opportunity for an enlightening experience.**
- **Wed. April 22** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. We can use your help.

MOTHERS’ DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The youth of our Parish will hold a Mothers’ Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, 10 May following the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. Details are posted at all the entrances. Proceeds will go towards the 2016 National ByzantEEN Youth Rally to be held in Cleveland.

Sunday,	19 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN. Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Andrew Susko, Jr. – Ed & Annabelle Mink
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Sally Johnson – Mike & Sue Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Margaret Seman – Juanita Pregibon
Monday,	20 April	<i>Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas (“the Hairshirt Wearer”)</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	21 April	<i>Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and His Companions. Holy Martyr Theodore of Perge.</i> Chancery
Wednesday,	22 April	<i>Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	23 April	<i>HOLY, GLORIOUS AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER.</i>
(PP)	9:00 AM	+George, +Mary & +David Krupsa – Cathy Eddy
Friday,	24 April	<i>Holy Martyr Sabbas the Goth.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sr. Margaret Chuma – Benedictine Sisters
Saturday	25 April	<i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. of Millie Syrko - Friends
Sunday,	26 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+George Simko – wife, Millie
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Lillian Klein – Mike & Janice Clark

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE		
<i>Please remember the following at our Parish’s Mother Day Remembrance</i>		
	Living	Deceased
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	Living	Deceased
Liturgy time: Saturday, 5 PM		Sunday, 11 AM
<i>Requested by:</i>		
Please print each name and circle the correct notation Donation for each name is \$5.00		
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 3 MAY 2015		



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Ointment-Bearing Women

Mark 15: 43 – 16:8

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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, 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 sepulchre 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 sepulchre 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