

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, 5:00 PM - 5:30 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.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Sr. Barbara is in the office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON

We have begun our Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous women and men to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics and sisters. We need people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed and so will the Church. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board by the Belvedere Ave. entrance.



ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

During our Liturgical Year our Byzantine Church remembers its faithful departed in a special way on 5 All Souls Saturdays. The first All Souls Saturday is 11 February 2012. There is an envelope in your offertory box for these All Souls Remembrances. If you wish to have your loved ones remembered on these special days, **please submit the names, printed**, with an offering in the envelope **by January 29** so that the names can be organized. Previously submitted names do not need to be resubmitted, only additional names. Thank you for your prompt attention.



YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The year-end contribution statements are ready to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order, on the tables at the back of the Social Hall. **They will be there until January 29th**. If you want them after that date, you will have to request them from the office.



Our return for the gifts He continues to shower upon us . . . \$3,141.05



- **Today, Jan. 22** ECF Classes for our children. Parents, please continue your responsibility in getting your children to religious education classes and to the Divine Liturgy. Remember, they need to grow up knowing one another and feeling that they are a part of our parish family. They are our precious gifts – new life in the community of God’s worshippers.
- **Wed. Feb. 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program. 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- **Sun. Feb. 5** Oblates of St. Benedict Meeting – 2 to 4 PM at the Monastery. Please ring #301.
- **Tues. Feb. 7** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	22 January	<i>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS. Holy Apostle Timothy. Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian.</i>
Vigil Liturgy	6:00 PM 8:15 AM 11:00 AM	+ Steven & Katherine Kolosky – Paul & Nancy Danko Intention of the Parish Family + Joseph Duda – wife, Wilma
Monday,	23 January	<i>Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra. Holy Martyr Agathangel. Commemoration of the 6th Ecumenical Council.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	24 January	<i>Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	25 January	<i>Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+ In the Jedlicka Family – Berger & Schima families
Thursday,	26 January	<i>Venerable Father Xenophon and His wife, Mary. Holy Father Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	27 January	<i>Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+ John Marmion – Rosemary Morroco family
Saturday,	28 January	<i>Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, Bishop of Ninevah. Venerable Father Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh. Venerable Mother Olympia Bida.</i>
Vigil Liturgy	6:00 PM	+ Michael Hosok – Hosok family
Sunday,	29 January	<i>SUNDAY OF OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch.</i>
	8:15 AM 11:00 AM	Intention of the Parish Family + Joseph Prokop – wife, Lucy & family

METROPOLITAN-ELECT WILLIAM

On Thursday, 19 January 2012, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI has appointed His Grace, Bishop William Skurla, presently the bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic, as the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. The enthronement of the new Metropolitan will take place on Wednesday, 18 April 2012 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA. May God grant to Metropolitan-elect William peace, health and happiness for many years!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

For those who have not yet done so, please pick up your donation envelopes for 2012. You will find them by the Belvedere Ave. entrance, along with the 2012 church calendar. It is very costly to mail the boxes of envelopes, so you can help us to keep our costs down, by picking up your envelopes when you come to church.



Attentive to the Word

Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

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SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Today's Gospel is about an encounter with Christ. Jesus' healing and teaching ministry attracted a crowd as he traveled. One person that it attracted was Zacchaeus. More than simple curiosity, Zacchaeus was a tax collector. A publican. We will have more on another Publican next week, but the basic fact is that he had made a deal with the world that gave him riches, but that still left him yearning.



Zacchaeus was born a Jew. Jews in this area were ruled by Rome. He collected taxes from the Jews for the Romans. A "turncoat", a pariah to the people. He made lots of money legally, but immorally. He had ties with influential people. He was "successful" according to the rules of the world. But he yearned for more! As will all who seek success only according the rules of the world.

Zacchaeus must have known or suspected that this Christ might change his world. Christ's authority was not through the Romans. Nor was it even from among the Jewish powers of that time. It was something else. Something that, due to its strength and autonomy, threatened the status quo, along with Zacchaeus' place in it. But he took that risk. First risking his reputation by climbing a tree. Then by publicly accepting Christ's invitation to dine with Him at his house.

Christ wanted into Zacchaeus' house – to bless and transform it. Look at the transformation: He "gave half of his goods to the poor". He made good with those whom he had cheated. Most importantly of all – he called Jesus his "Lord". He put Christ in the center of his life.

And listen to the words that Christ speaks to him: "This day salvation is come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Christ reminds us in Revelations 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Like Zacchaeus, all of us have made compromises with the corruption of this world. It has hurt us. It has hurt our relations with one another, and with our God. But despite this, Christ is knocking at your door. He did not come to save the saints, but the sinners (e.g. Matthew 9:13). That means us!

Let Him in. Put Him at the center of your heart and of your home, so that he may say to you: "This day salvation has come to you and your home."



INSTRUMENTS OF GOD

Many years ago, there were three young boys who loved to sing. Two of them had very good voices, but the third boy had a voice that, in his own words, sounded like a "squeaking door hinge." This made him very sad because although he loved to sing, he knew that his voice did not mix well with the voices of his two friends.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, the young boy found another way to make music. His grandfather had given him a pocketknife and had taught him how to whittle and carve. The young boy carved a flute and learned how to play it. He also became skilled at carving other things. Soon, his skills came to one of the finest makers of musical instruments in the land who offered him a job as an apprentice. In time, the young boy became known around the world for the beauty and precision of his musical instruments, especially his violins. Today, the Stradivarius violin, made by Antonio Stradivari, is considered to be one of the most beautiful musical instruments on earth.

Each one of us are instruments of God. That is, we are designed and hand-made by God for a specific purpose and plan. We might want to sing, but God may intend for us to carve. Our task in life is to allow God to lead us to the path which is the right one for us. What is God's plan for you?