

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.

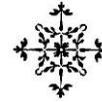
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant, +**Robert Kleese** who fell asleep in the Lord recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



Please pray for those who are ill or infirm – that they may regain their strength and health and hold fast to their faith in the goodness of God. They are also a part of our parish family, so when you are able, send them a card, give them a call, or pay them a visit. Our shut-ins are so appreciative of your caring acts of kindness. Special thanks to Mary Beth Byers & Loretta Greskovich for sending parish bulletins and cards monthly to the sick of our Parish.

COMBINED PARISH PICNIC (Please note the date change)



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 30th at St. Demetrios Center Grounds at 3223 Atlantic, NE.** We are planning a combined parish picnic with St. Michael Parish. Keep the date open and plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Last year we had a wonderful time! We hope to see all of you there!

31st ANNUAL WARREN-ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

August 6 – 9, 2015, Courthouse Square Downtown, Warren, OH. Family entertainment, Cultural exhibits, Italian Outdoor Mass, Bocce, wine-tasting competition, Pasta sauce contest, Grand Parade, rides, games. Fireworks, Sun. Evening at 10:45 PM.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 19 July:

5:00 PM: **76**; 11:00 AM: **97**

Feast of St Elijah: **21**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,781.35



- **Mon. July 27** Church Cleaning Party 9AM – Noon
- **Aug. 1 – 14** **Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother.** We recommend abstaining from meat on Wednesday and Friday and attendance at any special services in honor of the Blessed Mother.
- **Wed. Aug. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. Your help is needed.



THE DORMITION FAST

During the first fourteen days of August each year, the Byzantine Church enters into a fast period in honor of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary. Our Church has the highest regard for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, for her special role in the salvation of mankind. We call the Virgin Mary “Theotokos”, from the Greek, which means “The Birth-Giver or the Bearer of God.” This is the highest title that can be bestowed upon any member of the human race.

Knowing that she holds such a high place in the Kingdom of Heaven and that she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for us, we should pray for her love, guidance, and protection.

Every year the Byzantine Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period is climaxed on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. During this fourteen day fast period, the Church encourages that the Paraklis Service be held in honor of the Mother of God.

The word “paraklis” has two different meanings: the first is “consolation,” from which the Holy Spirit is called the “Paraclete,” or “Consoler”; the second is “supplication” or “petition”. The Service of the Paraklis to the Theotokos consists of hymns of supplication to obtain consolation and courage. It should be prayed in times of temptation, discouragement or sickness. It is used more particularly during the two weeks before the Dormition of the Theotokos, from August 1 to August 14. The theme of the Paraklis Service centers around the petition. . “Most Holy Mother of God, save us.”

26 JULY 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	26July	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions. Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskevia. Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Dorothy Byers – Byers Family
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Virginia Stempak – Phyllis Sheehan
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Ann Sasala – Thomas R. Marco
Monday,	27 July	<i>Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon. Memory of our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	28 July	<i>Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas. Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.</i> Chancery
Wednesday,	29 July	<i>Holy Martyr Callinicus.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Donna McCreanor – Jack & Kathy Pompoco
Thursday,	30 July	<i>Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and their Companions.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Betty Rhoads – Robert Rhoads
Friday,	31 July	<i>Prefestive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. Holy and Righteous Eudocimus.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Dorothy Becca – Carpatho-Rusyn Society
Saturday	1 August	<i>Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. Holy Seven Machabees, their Mother Solomonias and the Elder Eleazar.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	Health & Welfare of Dianna Koza – John J. Koza III
Sunday,	2 August	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Irene Frankos – Howard and Ann Coy



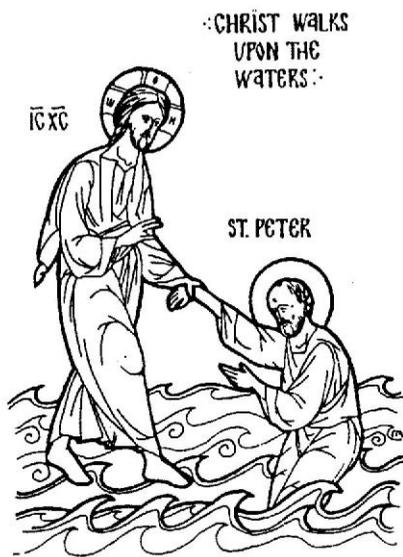
Attentive to the Word

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Mt. 14: 22 – 34

Tone 8 Pages 161 – 163

JESUS' INVITATION – COME!



In the Epistle for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost we once again hear from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 3:9-17). Wherever St. Paul went he laid the same foundation: the proclamation of Jesus as Lord and Savior. It was his tremendous function to introduce people to Jesus because it is in Jesus that we can: 1) find forgiveness for past sins, 2) find strength for the present, and 3) find hope for the future.

The concluding thought reminds us that we are the temples of God in which the Spirit of God dwells. Wherever God is, holiness is present. It is our obligation to be holy because of our Baptism. It's rather unsettling to think that God

is forced to dwell within us when our thoughts and actions do nothing to proclaim Jesus as Lord. A good examination of our consciences this week might reveal some startling revelations about how we are actually living our lives.

In Matthew's Gospel story (Matthew 14:22-34) for this Sunday, we hear about Jesus walking on the water – and at Jesus' invitation, Peter doing the same. Notice that Peter did something no other disciple did: He stepped out of the

boat! We very easily point out Peter's lack of faith and Jesus' saving power. But maybe we should not judge so quickly. If we say Peter was a weak person, what about the followers who stayed securely inside the boat?

At least Peter took a chance. He was willing to risk walking toward Jesus. How about us? Do we take risks for Jesus? Are we willing to step outside the boat?

Most people don't take chances. They play it safe and go about their ordinary routine. "Don't disturb" is the sign they wear. As long as nothing extraordinary happens to them, they are happy to be dull and ordinary. They certainly are not going to rock the boat themselves. However, Peter rocked the boat and made waves. He was also in over his head, but he trusted in God to protect him.

It's easy to sit inside the boat protected and somewhat safe from the storms around us. But God calls us to do more than sit on a bench. He wants us to step outside, to learn something new, to step out of our rut, to reach out, to discover the new and good things which could enrich us.

What can we do this week to step out of our boat? What is the Lord calling us to, which rocks the boat? How could we make waves in our lives to stir up the calm water around us?

Can I actually join a Pro-Life March in my town instead of watching it on TV? Could I make time in my busy schedule to attend an Adult Education Class? Would I actually dare to speak to the relatives everyone else ignores? At work, could I refrain from using foul language or God's name in vain? Can I speak out against racial, ethnic or religious bigotry when everyone else accepts it?

The Liturgy this week gives us the chance to ask for God's help, renew our faith, and go out and take a chance.

May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.