

## 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.

## FEAST OF THE PRIME APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

On June 29 we celebrate the major feast of the Holy, Glorious and Prime Apostles Peter and Paul, who also are the patrons of our Parish Community. As we have in the past, we will have a Parish Feast Day Dinner. **It will be held on Sunday, 26 June after the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. If you plan to attend the Feast Day Dinner, please sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.**

Because it is a catered dinner, we are asking for a donation of at least \$5.00 per person to help defray the cost of the dinner. A donation basket will be available at the dinner line.

## 96<sup>TH</sup> BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY . . .

There is bus transportation for Thursday July 28, 2016 to Kennywood Park. Deadline for bus reservation is July 10. We can order the discount park tickets from the parish office. *Discounted Park ticket prices* are: \$24.00 (ages 3 to 54) and \$14.00 (age 55+). *Luncheon tickets* are \$15.00 (ages 11+) and \$8.00 (ages 3 to 10). Deadline for park tickets and luncheon orders is July 3, 2016. These must be pre-paid – and in our Parish Office by July 3, 2015. This is a nice way to spend quality family time, see old friends and make new ones.

*To request Park or Luncheon tickets – or to make bus reservations, Please call the Parish Office at 330-372-1875 or 330-240-2534.*



**(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 5 June:**

5:00 PM: 59    11:00 AM: 78

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,913.00**

**(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 5 June:**

22 from St. Michael; 9 from St. Peter & Paul

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$1,073.00**



- **Tues. June 14** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Mon. June 27** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon. We can use your help!



**Just a Reminder:**

Please pray for the sick and Shut-ins of our parish that the Lord grant them healing power of Christ! In addition, if you are able, please send them a card, pay them a visit, or give them a phone call. It will help their day to pass a little faster and to be a little more pleasant. They are so appreciative of the cards and bulletins they receive each month.

**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE**

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<i>Please remember following at our Parish's Father Day Remembrance</i>		
	Living	Deceased
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	Living	Deceased
<p><b><u>Please Circle Liturgy time:</u></b>    Saturday, 5 PM      Sunday, 11 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Requested by:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>		
<p>Please print each name and circle the correct notation          Donation for each name is \$5.00  <b>*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 12 JUNE 2016*</b></p>		

12 JUNE 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	12 June	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Venerble Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i> <b>(Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM</b> <b>(SM) 8:30 AM</b> <b>(PP) 11:00 AM</b> <b>+Mary Reese – Irene &amp; John Chekan</b> <b>+Ron Ferance (49<sup>th</sup> day) – M/M Robert Cabosky</b> <b>+Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike</b>
Monday	13 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Aquilina. Our Holy Father Triphillus, Bishop of Leucosia.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	14 June	<i>The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> <b>(Chapel) 8:30 AM</b> <b>+Irene Frankos – Howard &amp; Ann Coy</b>
Wednesday	15 June	<i>The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon.</i> <b>(Chapel) 8:30 AM</b> <b>+Jacqueline Pilasky – Jane E. Smith</b>
Thursday	16 June	<i>Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis.</i> <b>(Chapel) 8:30 AM</b> <b>+Patricia Mindek – Elaine Borowski</b>
Friday	17 June	<i>Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael. Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	18 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Leontius.</i> <b>(PP) 5:00 PM</b> <b>Intention of our living and deceased Fathers</b>
Sunday	19 June	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.</i> <b>(SM) 8:30 AM</b> <b>(PP) 11:00 AM</b> <b>Intention of our living and deceased Fathers</b> <b>Intention of our living and deceased Fathers</b>



## Attentive to the Word Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Mt. 8:5 - 13*

*Tone 3 Pages 135 - 137*

### COMPASSION – FAITH – HUMILITY



Jesus gave a great compliment in today's Gospel. He said, "I have not found so great a faith in all Israel." Where would you look for such a person? For those of you who served in the military, could you imagine finding such a person in the armed forces? But that is exactly where Christ found this man of great faith.

This soldier in today's Gospel was a Roman centurion. This means that he was in charge of 100 soldiers in the pagan Roman army. This man of some social prominence had a servant whom he cared about deeply. That is why he went to

Christ.

This centurion gives us examples of three virtues in action – not just in theory – but in action.

First of all the centurion was a man of great compassion. Remember at the time of Our Lord the Romans practiced slavery and had a reputation for being cruel to slaves. In this culture a centurion could have easily let a servant die and buy another. After all they were ONLY property. However, he was concerned about his servant. This shows compassion.

One of the greatest tragedies of our times is that many people who bear the name of "Christian" rarely feel or show compassion. People become so wrapped up in themselves and in their own concerns that they don't even take notice of others. They don't take time for other people. There are so many lonely people, even members of this church, who are shut-ins at home, in nursing homes, VA centers and many of them will die before their time not because of their afflictions but from loneliness and the feeling that nobody cares. Of course the classic bible illustration of this is the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The second virtue we find in the centurion is his great faith. This was the virtue Jesus noticed up front. He said, "Speak only the word and my servant shall be

healed." The centurion was not even Jewish. He probably worshipped all the pagan Roman gods. He most probably didn't know anything about Jewish faith and the longing for the Messiah and Savior. He probably didn't believe in only one God. Also he was a man of social standing so for him to go to Jesus, this poor itinerant preacher of no social standing, was a tremendous act of faith.

The third virtue is one of humility. This is not a popular virtue in our day at all. In our "me first" generation pride, stubbornness and selfishness are high on the list. Pride involves putting other things before God, his Church and others. Many people operate like this: "I'll go to church ONLY if it fits my schedule; OR only if I don't have a ball game, a trip or something "MORE" important. Last week we heard the Gospel, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Our commitment to Christ and His Church cannot be a hobby or a pastime. What is the first of the ten commandments? "I am the Lord Your God. You shall not have strange gods before me." God wants first place or no place! The virtue of humility involves doing God's will even when I feel like it or not or even when something else looks more exciting to do.

We can learn so many things from this centurion and this Gospel. Here is a sobering question as a fitting close to this message. Ask yourself this. If I were put in front of Christ today or encountered Him like the centurion did, what would He say? "I have never found such faith in all of Israel or America." What would He say about me?



Jesus had a bad habit of talking to people who were considered by the religious Jews of His time bad company. This is one of the things I like about Him the most! He was frequently caught talking to Roman soldiers, small children, shady ladies, people of other religions and people of other colors.

Jesus did not see people in the categories we place them. When will we as people who live in His kingdom understand? To Him there is no race or culture. To Him there is no net worth economically. To Him there is no age. To Him there is no gender. To Him there is no scar, stain or sin...that conditions or affects in anyway His desire and ability to give those who come to Him...His complete and undivided attention, His love, acceptance and forgiveness. Jesus gives this to all of us. Today, He gives it to this stranger who comes publicly imploring Jesus to heal his servant...This human-being dressed in a uniform, un-Kosher in every meaning of the word...desperately asking for help.