

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.

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, 28 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.

NEW SIGN

Our Parish Family would like to thank *John Gnat of Mahoning Lighting and Maintenance Co.* for donating the new face of our sign, properly identifying our parish as a Byzantine Catholic Church and for moving it to its new position on our front lawn. *May God grant to him peace, health and happiness for many years!*

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!

95TH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY . . .

Thursday July 23, 2015 at Kennywood Park. We can order the discount tickets from the parish office. *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 5, 2015. These must be pre-paid – and in our Parish Office by July 5, 2015.** This is a nice way to spend quality family time, see old friends and make new ones. We will look into bus transportation from the Youngstown area.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 14 June:

5:00 PM: 93; 11:00 AM: 106

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,531.60



- **June 1 thru 28** SS. Peter & Paul Voluntary Fast. Wed. & Fri. Meatless.
- **JUST A REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR OUR SS. PETER AND PAUL FEAST DAY DINNER...DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS TODAY**
- **Sun. June 21** Fathers' Day Breakfast following 11 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Mon. June 22** Church Cleaning Party 9AM – Noon.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

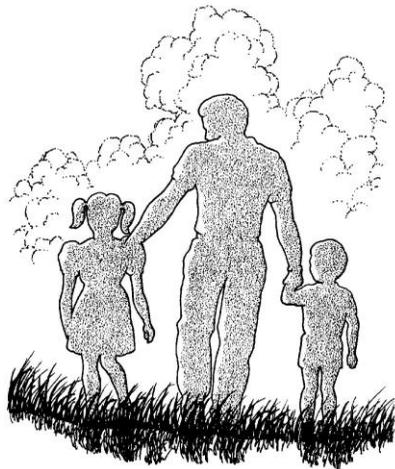
The Father's Day Breakfast will be held after the 11:00 Liturgy on June 21. The cost of the breakfast will still be \$8, but the menu items will be different from what was served on Mother's Day. The youth would appreciate your continued support and generosity.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dad's Greatest Job

"And I will be a father to you,
and you shall be my sons and daughters,"
says the Lord Almighty.

-2 Corinthians 6:18

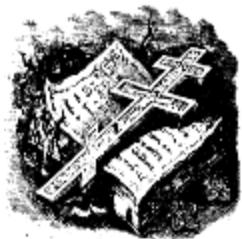


I may never be as clever as my neighbors down the street,
I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet;
I may never have the glory that some other men have had,
But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's dad.
There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true.
There are things I would accomplish ere my working time is through;
But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad,
And to make myself successful as that little fellow's dad.
I may never get earth's glory; I may never gather gold;
Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told;
But if he who follows after is a Christian, I'll be glad,
For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's dad.

21 JUNE 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	21 June	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Fathers' Day Intentions
(SM)	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased Fathers' Day Intentions
(PP)	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Fathers' Day Intentions
Monday,	22 June	<i>Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata.</i>
Tuesday,	23 June	<i>Holy Martyr Agrippina.</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	+Stefan Karchut – Allen & MaryJo Braden
Wednesday,	24 June	<i>NATIVITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i>
Thursday,	25 June	<i>Post-festive of the Nativity of John the Baptist. Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia.</i>
Friday,	26 June	<i>Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. Blessed Martyr the Priest Nicholas Konrad and the Blessed Martyr the Cantor Vladimir Pryjma. Blessed Martyr the Priest Andrew Ishchak.</i>
Saturday	27 June	<i>Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller. Blessed Martyr Nicholas Charnetsky, Bishop of Volyn and Pidlashia and his twenty-four companions. Blessed Martyr and Priest Emilian Kovch.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Tom James – Becky Hammond
Sunday,	28 June	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians Cyrus and John. Blessed Venerable Martyrs, Severian Baranyk and Joachim Senkivskyj..</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+George Simko – wife, Millie
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael Yurtin – Bruce & Kathy White



Attentive to the Word

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 8: 5-13

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This healing was unusual. The one who came seeking this miracle was not a Jew but a Gentile. He was, in fact, a centurion, an officer of the Roman army of occupation. Attractively uniformed and well paid, centurions were often given special assignments by the Roman governors, tasks ranging from controlling riots and conducting public executions to escorting visiting dignitaries. A centurion posted in Jerusalem might well be contemptuous of the local—and often rebellious—inhabitants who were so different from the citizens of Rome.

Yet this centurion, we are told, loved the Jewish people and had built a synagogue for them (Luke 7:5). In humility he went to Jesus seeking a favor. As a man who understood what it was like to exercise authority, he recognized even greater authority in Jesus. Awe-struck, he felt unworthy even to have Jesus enter his house, all the while affirming his faith that Jesus' authority was not constrained by distance.

Jesus pointed out to his disciples that many would come from the east and west (Gentiles) to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God, while many of the children of Israel would remain outside (Matthew 8:11-12). The centurion received much more than he had requested, as noted by St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) in a homily on this passage: "He came seeking health of body for his servant, but went away having received a kingdom. Do you see how the saying had already been fulfilled, 'Seek you the kingdom of heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you,' for, because he showed great faith, and lowliness of mind, he both gave him heaven and added unto him health."

Despite his great faith, the centurion saw himself as unworthy. In truth, none of us is worthy, but the Lord still desires to work in our lives. We are his people, and when we have the faith to ask, we will see him act. We need to approach Jesus with the same faith as the centurion.

"Lord Jesus, please teach me to come to you with a faith that recognizes your authority in my life. Grant to me the promise of your kingdom, both on earth and in the life to come."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

On June 24 we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist. This is very unusual during the Liturgical Year. We celebrate only three nativities during the year: that of Jesus, of Mary, the Theotokos, and of St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was the son of a holy priest of the temple named Zachary and of St. Elizabeth, the Blessed Virgin Mary's cousin. He was born six months earlier than Jesus. To St. John was given the privilege to announce the coming of Christ.

When St. John was a young man, he was inspired to go off alone into the desert where his only food was said to have been locusts and wild honey. He led a life of holiness, silence and prayer. People considered him a prophet. Many people wanted to hear John speak. He came out of the desert and began to preach. He urged people to lead better lives and to prepare themselves for the Lord. He baptized sinners in the Jordan River when they were sorry for having offended God.

One day Jesus came to where John was preaching. Jesus told him that he wanted to be baptized in the River Jordan. St. John did this very reluctantly, calling Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." The Baptist told his friends to become followers of Jesus.

At this time, Herod was the ruler of the area. St. John publicly criticized Herod for marrying his brother Philip's wife, Herodias. This angered Herod and he ordered John arrested and chained in prison. Herodias was very angry with St. John for calling her marriage sinful. Her opportunity for revenge came during Herod's birthday celebration. Herodias' daughter, Salome, danced beautifully for Herod and his guests. Herod was so pleased that he foolishly promised the girl anything she desired, even half his kingdom. This was the chance for which Herodias was waiting. She told Salome to ask that the head of John the Baptist be given to her on a dish.

Although Herod was horrified at the idea, he gave in to the request because of embarrassment, and ordered that John be beheaded. This was done, St. John's head was brought to Salome on a dish, and she gave it to her mother, Herodias.

Jesus was very sad to hear the news of the death of his cousin and friend, John. The voice of John crying in the desert for the people to repent was silent. Jesus acclaims St. John the Baptist as "the greatest person ever born of woman".