

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.

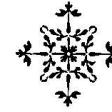
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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 servant +**Bruce MacPherson** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

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.

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!

CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM MONASTERY FUNDRAISER

“Mumford & Nuns” BBQ fundraiser will be held Saturday, 11 July 2015 at the monastery: 17485 Mumford Road, Burton, OH. BBQ cookout, live music, monastery tours, silent auction, raffles and more. Adults 21 and older. Tickets are \$60/person or \$110/couple. Please purchase tickets by 30 June, online at www.christthebridegroom.org. With ticket questions, please call Jacqui Fetsko at 440-428-4987. With other questions, please visit the website or call the monastery at 440-834-0290.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 21 June:

5:00 PM: **92**; 11:00 AM: **105**

Feast of John the Baptist: **20**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,073.00



- **Mon. June 29** Feast of SS Peter & Paul, our Patronal Feast. Holy Day of Obligation - Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM
- **Wed. July 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. We can use your help!
- **Sat. July 11** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. Your help is needed.
- **Tues. July 14** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9AM to 2 PM. People are still hungry, so we still need your help!



GOD BLESS AMERICA!



AMERICA – BLESS GOD!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Edward Gibbon, author of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, has attributed the fall of the Roman Empire to:

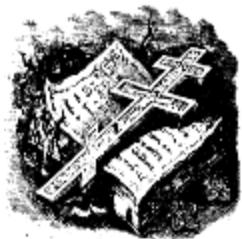
1. The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace.
3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.
4. The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion--faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to warn and guide the people.

Interesting! Let's bring God back to the "land of the Free and the home of the Brave."

28 JUNE 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Tom James – Becky Hammond
(SM)	8:30 AM	+George Simko – wife, Millie
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael Yurtin – Bruce & Kathy White
Monday,	29 June	<i>HOLY, GLORIOUS AND ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL.</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	Intention of the Parish Family
Tuesday,	30 June	<i>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles. Blessed Confessor Basil Vsevolod Velychkovsky. Martyr and priest Zenon Kovalyk.</i>
Wednesday,	1 July	<i>Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian. .</i>
Thursday,	2 July	<i>Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos, at Blachernae..</i>
Friday,	3 July	<i>Holy Martyr Hyacinth.</i>
Saturday	4 July	<i>Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete. Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Sandra Bishop – husband, Ken
Sunday,	5 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intentions of the Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Doris Mosko – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 8: 28 – 9: 3

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The persons involved in this story had a need for peace, and Jesus provided that peace. This dramatic incident is most revealing. It shows what Satan does for a man: robs him of sanity and self-control; fills him with fears; robs him of the joys of home and friends; and (if possible) condemns him to an eternity of judgment. It also reveals what society does for a man in need: restrains him, isolates him, threatens him, but society is unable to change him. See, then, what Jesus Christ can do for a man whose whole life-within and without – is bondage and battle. What Jesus did for these two demoniacs, He will do for anyone else who needs Him.

Christ came to them, and even braved a storm to do it. This is the grace of God! He delivered them by the power of His Word. He restored them to sanity, society, and service. The account in Mark 5:1-21 shows that one of the men asked to become a disciple of the Lord. But, instead of granting his request, Jesus sent him home to be a witness. Christian service must begin at home.

There are three prayers in this event:

(1) the demons besought Jesus to send them into the swine; (2) the citizens besought Him to leave; and (3) the one man besought Him to let him follow (see Mark 5:18-20). Jesus answered the prayers of the demons and the citizens, but not the prayer of the healed man!

We can construct a "statement of faith" from the words of the demons. (Demons do have faith; see James 2:19.) They believed in the existence of God and the deity of Christ, as well as the reality of future judgment. They also believed in prayer. They knew Christ had the power to send them into the swine.

The fact that the demons destroyed 2,000 pigs is nothing compared with the fact that Jesus delivered two men from the powers of Satan. God owns everything and can do with it as He pleases. Jesus values men more than pigs or sheep He brought peace to these men's lives and to the community where, for a long time, they had been causing trouble.

THE HOLY, GLORIOUS & ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL



We call Saints Peter & Paul “Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the World” in the troparion for their feast day. They are known as the pillars of the Church because they had a major role in establishing the early Church. They preached about Jesus Christ and baptized many people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

After the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, Saint Peter “stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and proclaimed” (Acts 2:14) to the Israelites that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We read in this story about Saint Peter’s sermons that people wanted more about Jesus.

They wanted to know what they must do to become followers of Jesus. Saint Peter told them they must give up their old ways to follow Jesus, in return they would receive the Holy Spirit. He said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). By the end of the day about 30,000 people accepted Saint Peter’s invitation to be baptized.

In the New Testament are many stories about Saint Paul teaching the people about Jesus. In one story he asked the people who are baptized, about John, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” (Acts 19:2). They did not know of the Holy Spirit and asked to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. “And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied” (Acts 19:6). This story is just one of many that took place as Saint Paul traveled to different cities and established many churches for the people he baptized. We can read about his travels in his letters that are included in the New Testament.

Both Saints devoted their lives to preaching about Jesus Christ and inviting people to be baptized members of the Church. Also both were martyred for this belief in Jesus Christ. In Rome probably in 67 A.D. Saint Peter asked to be crucified with his head downward when he was told he was to be put to death. In 65 A.D. Saint Paul was beheaded because he was a Roman citizen and could not be crucified.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, PRAY FOR US!