

## 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 22 May:**

5:00 PM: 68 11:00 AM: 84

**Pentecost Monday: 11**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,581.20**

**(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 22 May:**

19 from St. Michael; 15 from St. Peter & Paul

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$358.00**



- **Mon. May 23** Beginning of Apostles Fast to prepare for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul – ends June 28<sup>th</sup>. *Although the fast is not obligatory, each of us should try to at least abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during this time.*
- **Mon. May 30** Memorial Services at St. Michael’s Cemetery, Newton Falls at 10:00 AM.
- **Wed. June 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



**ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS:** You have worked hard at your Fund Raisers to attend The “ByzanTEEN Rally 2016” In Cleveland July 7 – 10, 2016. You have raised the money to attend and we don’t want you to miss out on this wonderful opportunity because of missing the registration deadline. **Please return your completed application to the Parish Office by 8 June 2016.** Call 330-240-2534 if you misplaced your registration materials.

**FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE**

<p><b>FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE</b>  <i>Please remember following at our Parish’s Father Day Remembrance</i></p>		
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	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>		

29 MAY 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	29 May	<p><i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia.</i>  <b>+John Enasko – Marie Sammartino</b>  <b>+Gordon and Reva Verity – Michael &amp; Sue Johnson</b>  <b>+Ann Tisher – Ron Mosko</b></p>
	<p><b>(Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM</b>  <b>(SM) 8:30 AM</b>  <b>(PP) 11:00 AM</b></p>	
Monday	30 May	<p><i>Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i>  <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>
Tuesday	31 May	<p><i>The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.</i>  <b>No Divine Liturgy – Clergy Day in Pittsburgh</b></p>
Wednesday	1 June	<p><i>The Holy Martyr Justin and His Companions.</i>  <b>No Divine Liturgy – Clergy Day in Pittsburgh</b></p>
Thursday	2 June	<p><i>Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor.</i>  <b>+William Zeaken – M/M Tom Goutkorsky</b></p>
	<p><b>(Chapel) 8:30 AM</b></p>	
Friday	3 June	<p><i>The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</i>  <b>+Lillian Klein – Uido Family</b></p>
	<p><b>(Chapel) 8:30 AM</b></p>	
Saturday	4 June	<p><i>Our Venerable Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.</i>  <b>+Mike Yurtin – Carl &amp; Marialice Verney</b></p>
	<p><b>(PP) 5:00 PM</b></p>	
Sunday	5 June	<p><i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.</i>  <b>Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society</b>  <b>+John &amp; +Pauline Kostraba – daughter, Jinny</b></p>
	<p><b>(SM) 8:30 AM</b>  <b>(PP) 11:00 AM</b></p>	



## Attentive to the Word Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Mt. 4:18 - 23**

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The ancient Greeks have provided for the world a valuable legacy of learning in all branches of education, philosophy and scientific discipline. In the fifth century before Christ, two famous Athenian personalities met for the first time: Xenophon, a historian and general, and Socrates, an idealist philosopher. The legend of their first meeting locates the elderly Socrates walking in a narrow street of the city of Athens. He stops Xenophon asking him where a certain type of merchandise could be obtained and where it was made. Xenophon gave the required information. Then Socrates asked him, "Do you know where men are made good and virtuous?" "No," said the young

Xenophon. "Then," said Socrates, "follow me and learn!"

Today's gospel records the call by another great Teacher, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as He begins His public ministry. Saint Matthew describes quite simply the circumstances and personalities involved (Matt. 4:18-22). Jesus chose His disciples from among plain and ordinary folk, common fishermen, telling them that in the future they would become fishers of men. He molded and instructed them carefully because His teaching and mission were not destined to end with Himself. It would be the task of His twelve apostles to continue His teaching and mission.

He gave them power over the Kingdom of God and eternal life; they were enabled to bind and loose everything connected with the service of man's eternal destiny; they were to receive the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins or to retain them (John 20:21-23). And when, at the Mystical Supper, He prefigured His sacrifice of the cross under the symbols of bread and wine, He said to them, "Do this in memory of Me" (Luke 22:19). He gave them the injunction to baptize and to teach all nations. As His Father had sent Him, so He in turn sent them; He handed on to them His mission (Matt. 28:19-20).

Jesus chose people not of great scholarship, influence, wealth or social background, but simple working people devoted to their task in life.

They probably were not poor but undoubtedly had little to give after taking care of their own needs.

Once there came to Socrates a very ordinary man called Aeschines. "I am a humble soul," said Aeschines. "I have nothing to give, but I give myself." "Don't you see," said Socrates, "that you are giving me the most precious thing of all?" Jesus, too, needs ordinary folk who will give of themselves. The call of the first four disciples in today's gospel invites us to renew our response to discipleship in accordance with our present state of life. The challenge is raised to follow Christ, to live and spread His message, leading others to Him in accordance with the divine plan, "It is My Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life" (John 6:40)..

By Msgr. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.



### MEMORIAL DAY

St. Paul once said: "You are not your own, for you are bought with a price." The reference here, of course, is to our salvation; Jesus came to earth and paid with His death on the cross to redeem us from eternal death, hell, which is the due payment for our sins.

But we, who live in this great land of ours today, live a life of freedom only because of the great sacrifices of others. Not only have we been "bought with a price" as far as our eternal destiny is concerned, we have also been redeemed, so to speak, as far as our earthly domicile is concerned.

In these days when so much is said about the high cost of living (yes, and of dying, too!), it is fitting to pause on Memorial Day and acknowledge the great price that thousands of others have paid that we might live in this land of freedom, the United States of America.

Memorial Day came as a result of the Civil War. This was America's greatest war-in the lives that were lost, in the issues and principles at stake, in the fact that it was fought on American soil, and in the results that have come from it.

Since that time, Memorial Day has become a national holiday to honor the dead of all wars. In 1971, it was declared a national holiday by Congress, which was to be celebrated the last Monday in May. It differs from Veteran's Day, which is observed on November 11, which honors *all* veterans - *the living and the dead*.