

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 +**Victor Burick** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

BELLA CENTER FUNDRAISING BANQUET

We are all familiar with the Bella Center and the work that they do. They operate 100% by support from donations and grants. You are warmly invited to attend one of the two fundraising banquets being held this year. The second one is **November 13 and** will be held at Leo's Ristorante Banquet Hall, 7042 East Market St. If you wish to be a supporter of the Bella Center Projects and attend this banquet, please RSVP one week before the banquet at: www.bellateam.com or banquet@bellawomenscenter.com or call 330.856-3616. We have been good supporters in the past...let us continue to help them do God's work.

58TH ANNUAL ARCHIEPARCHIAL SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

The 58th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration benefiting our Byzantine Catholic Seminary will be held on **Sunday, 7 December 2014** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Munhall, PA. The celebration will begin with a **Moleben at 3 PM** in the Cathedral and the banquet will follow in the Cathedral Center. I would like to sponsor a table or two from our parish. If you are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office by Sunday, *November 9*.

GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

Greek Food Festival is being held at St. Demetrios Community Center, 3223 Atlantic Street. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 14, 15 and 16. Some menu choices are: Lamb, Chicken Oreganato, Pastitsio, Spanakopita, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Greek Salad and much more. If you like Greek food, this is the place to go.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 October:

5:00 PM: **83**; 11:00 AM: **115**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us \$2,953.10



- **Sun. Nov. 2** Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) classes for our young people – Kindergarten thru 12th grade – from 9:30 AM to 10:45AM.
- **Sun. Nov. 2** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 6
- **Wed. Nov. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM
- **Thurs. Nov. 6** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall – Session 6
- **Weekend Nov. 8 & 9** Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall after both Divine Liturgies.
- **Sun. Nov. 9** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict at the Monastery – 2 to 4 PM – Please ring #301.
- **Sun. Nov. 9** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 7
- **Mon. Nov. 10** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon – We can use your help.
- **Wed. Nov. 12** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall – Session 7

NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be taking orders for nutrolls, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut and lekvar rolls. **The rolls will be by advance orders only.** They will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, 15 November from 11 AM to 3 PM. The rolls are \$9.00, and orders may be placed through any member of St. Benedict's Auxiliary, or you may call Mary Villareal at 330-372-5187. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Saturday, November 8th.**



PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

2 NOVEMBER 2014

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	2 November	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. <i>Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i> +Tom Raiti – Raiti Sisters Prayer Intentions of Altar/Rosary Society +Joe Sarsany – son, Tom and M/M Bud Willison
	(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM
	(SM)	8:30 AM
	(PP)	11:00 AM
Monday,	3 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Aceptsimas, the Bishop: Joseph, the Priest: and Aeithalas, the Deacon. Foundation of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his relics are kept.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	4 November	<i>Venerable Father Joannicus the Great. Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	5 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme. Passing of Blessed Martyr Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl (1950)</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	6 November	<i>Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> In Thanksgiving – Virginia Pipa
	(Chapel)	8:30 AM
Friday,	7 November	<i>Holy Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene. Venerable Father Lazarus, the Wonder-worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee.</i> +Dorothy Byers – John & Kathy Shinosky
	(PP)	6:00 PM
Saturday	8 November	<i>SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS.</i> Intention of the Parish Family +Ann Sasala – Betty & Earl Kopinsky
	(SM)	9:00 AM
	(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM
Sunday,	9 November	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. <i>Venerable Mother Matrona. Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.</i> +Margaret Kostrub – Ralph & Marsha DiGiralamo +Michael and +Mary Lickwar – Sons and Daughter
	(SM)	8:30 AM
	(PP)	11:00 AM



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Christ called Himself the "Good Shepherd." Throughout His lifetime He showed that special concern for others which marks a true shepherd. Jesus lived on this earth for some 33 years, and during that time He went about the land of Israel healing the sick, comforting the afflicted, forgiving sins, and teaching the great truths of God. The lesson from St. Luke tells us today of an incident that is typical of Christ the Good Shepherd. Jesus had been teaching and helping in the city of Capernaum, which was a sort of headquarters for Him. Throngs of people kept coming to Him for help. Suddenly, He decided to go to the other shore of the Sea of Galilee. The apostles probably wondered why He wanted to go there to the land of the Gadarenes. In fact, on this trip a violent storm came up and all but sank the boat. By a wonderful miracle, Jesus stopped the wind and the wave. But what was pulling the Lord to the other shore of the lake? There was a "lost sheep" there, and the Good Shepherd was going to find him.

What sort of a "lost sheep" was this? Jesus found him in the country of the Gadarenes, a demon-possessed man who lived in caves and tombs off the shore. We might call him a "wild man" in our day, naked and uncontrollable. No chains could hold him, except the chains of Christ. The Good Shepherd had come to save this lost sheep. The Lord healed the man, and in the process of driving out the evil spirits, a herd of swine perished into the sea. The man was "wild" no more, but sat quietly, now clothed, at the feet of Christ.

When the people saw the great change that had come over the sick man, and when they learned of the loss of swine that was involved with his healing, they came to Christ and asked Him to leave. They were afraid. As Jesus got into the boat to go back to His land, the healed man came and asked to go along with Him. But Jesus told him to go to his own home and to tell others what wonderful things God had done for him.

May we learn from this Gospel what a truly Good Shepherd the Lord was and is. He met the people's needs as He found them. He was practical in His ministry to others. He was sad at the sight of sorrow, and did what He could to alleviate it. But the Lord still is the Good Shepherd! Seated at the right hand of the Father, He still feels and knows human heartache and intercedes for our help and comfort. Next we notice the ingratitude of the Gadarene people in beseeching Christ to leave their land, all because they had lost their property. They had put gold before God and wanted no part of Christ and His teaching because the herd of swine had perished into the sea at the time of the healing miracle. When Jesus disturbed their great love, they wanted no part of Him.

This is a common human attitude. We get set in our loves, our ways and our sins. And we don't want anyone or anything to disturb us. People will pray, will give, will belong, will work, so long as the Church doesn't disturb them. Yet it is the function of the Christian Church to change us, to give us the "abundant life" of Christ. He wants us to live on the best and highest level of life. How careful we must be, lest we, in so many ingenious ways, tell the Lord to leave us alone in our set ways.

Remember what Christ told the healed man after his request to go with the Lord to Galilee? Jesus told him he should not come with Him. "Return to your own house," Jesus said, "and show the great things that God has done for you." The man obeyed and did as the Lord had requested. How much Christian work is left undone right in our own backyards! Our own families, our own neighborhoods, our own communities, need to feel the impact and influence of Christ. We talk to our children and to others about everything under the sun, from A to Z – except Christ the Son of God. Somehow our lips are sealed and we find it so difficult to speak of that Name, which is above every other Name.

The healed man, once possessed with evil spirits, was now possessed with Christ. He spoke to others of his wonderful encounter with the Lord. What a tremendous change had resulted from his meeting with Christ there on the shores of the sea. Others, who knew him well, were amazed at the change for good that had come over him. Every Sunday we meet Christ here in this house of the Lord. We believe we unite ourselves with Him in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Can others tell that we have been in the presence of the Lord by the joy and beauty of our lives – by our thoughts, words and actions?