

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.

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*.

PRE-LENT THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, 9 November 2014, 12:15 PM Serving. Holy Resurrection Romanian Orthodox Church, 1836 North Road, Warren. Dinner includes Roasted Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee. A minimum of \$10 donation is requested.

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.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The 63rd annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 25 November 2014** at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please join other members of our Parish Family along with members from Central Christian Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Beth Israel Synagogue as we give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. A social with refreshments will follow the service.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 2 November:

5:00 PM: **91**; 11:00 AM: **123**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us \$4,014.15



- **Sun. Nov. 9** Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) classes for our young people – Kindergarten thru 12th grade – from 9:30 AM to 10:45AM.
- **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
- **Thurs. Nov. 15** Phillip’s Fast begins in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. We recommend fasting from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Sat. Nov. 15** 11 AM to 3 PM –pick-up of nutrolls orders in the Social Hall
- **Sun. Nov. 16** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 8
- **Mon. Nov. 17** Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7 PM in the Social Hall
- **Wed. Nov. 19** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall – Session 8
- **Tues. Nov. 25** **Interfaith Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – 7 PM at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.**



LOVE IS A WEAVER OF TATTERS

A devout Amish woman once said, “I seem to create so much of my life the way I fashion my rugs - from leftover remnants and tatters of whole days.” How seldom we have days that are in “one piece”, unmarred by intrusions and interruptions. We find ourselves having to take a sliver of time here to read a story to our child, a scrap of a moment there to make a call. . . another ragged piece of an hour to mow the lawn or hem a dress. . . a discarded handful of minutes to write a note.

Yet when we take them all, and dye them in the bright colors of our love, sew them together with the strong cord of devotion, and plait them faithfully through the weeks, what delightful beautiful things have been fashioned!

Never be defeated by a day which seems to be nothing but bits and tatters. Use each precious moment for needs as they come rather than waiting for “whole pieces of cloth”, and whole uninterrupted days. They may never come.

9 NOVEMBER 2014

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	9 November	TWENTY-SECOND <i>SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.</i> <i>Venerable Mother Matrona. Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Ann Sasala – Betty & Earl Kopinsky
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Margaret Kostrub – Ralph & Marsha DiGiralamo
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael and +Mary Lickwar – Sons and Daughter
Monday,	10 November	<i>Holy Apaotles Erastus, Olympas and Rhodion and their Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	11 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent. Holy Martyr Stephanis. Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite. Passing of Blessed Martyr and Bishop Vincent Eugene Bossilkovin Bulgaria.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Ann Marie Metz – Cathy & Andrew Karafa
Wednesday,	12 November	<i>Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Venerable Father Nilus. Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Lucy Prokop – Philip Mazi
Thursday,	13 November	<i>Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	14 November	<i>Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip. Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	15 November	<i>Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Anna Popp – Elizabeth Miller
Sunday,	16 November	TWENTY-THIRD <i>SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.</i> <i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Father Andrew Kalitsos – 40th day
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Ann Tisher – John & Lisa Mosko Family



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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When Jesus returned to Capernaum, the people welcomed Him, particularly a man and a woman who each had heavy burdens to share with Jesus. The contrast here is interesting, for it shows the variety of people who came to Jesus for help. The man's name is given (Jairus) but the woman is anonymous. Jairus was a wealthy leading citizen, but the woman was a lowly person who had spent all her money trying to get well. Here was a man interceding for his child and a woman hoping to get help for herself, and both came to the feet of Jesus. Jairus had been blessed with twelve years of joy with his daughter, and now might lose her, while the woman had experienced twelve years of misery because of her affliction, and now she was hoping to get well.

This woman had a hidden need, a burden she had lived with for twelve long years. It affected her physically and made life difficult. But it also affected her spiritually, because the hemorrhage made her ceremonially defiled and unable to participate in the religious life of the nation (Lev. 15:19-22). She was defiled, destitute, discouraged, and desperate; but she came to Jesus and her need was met.

Her faith was almost superstitious, but the Lord honored it. She knew that He had healed others and she wanted Him to heal her. She could have used many excuses—the crowd was pressing around Him; nothing had worked for twelve years; it was not right to come to Jesus as a last resort she was not an important person; He was on His way to heal Jairus' daughter—but she allowed nothing to stand in her way.

Jewish men wore tassels of blue twisted cords on the corners of their outer garments, as a reminder that they were to obey God's commandments (Num. 15:37-40; Deut. 22:12). The Pharisees went to extremes in obeying this rule to impress people with their sanctity (Matt. 23:5). Why the woman chose to touch this part of His garment, we do not know, but Jesus knew somebody with faith had touched Him and had been healed by His power. The healing was immediate and complete.

Why did the Lord ask her to give witness publicly? Was this not an embarrassment to her? Not in the least. To begin with, this public confession was for her sake. It was an opportunity for her to confess Christ and glorify God. Had she stolen away in the crowd, she would not have met Jesus personally or heard His words of assurance and comfort (Luke 8:48). But her confession was also an encouragement to Jairus, who would soon hear that his daughter had died. (Perhaps he wanted to blame the woman for the delay!) The woman's twelve years of trial were ended, and the same Christ who helped her would help Jairus. She was a testimony to the power of faith. True, she did not exercise "great faith," but Christ honored it and healed her body.

Finally, her witness was a rebuke to the multitude. You can be a part of the crowd and never get any blessing from being near Jesus! It is one thing to "press Him" and another thing to "touch Him" by faith. We may not have strong faith, but we do have a strong Savior, and He responds even to a touch at the hem of His garment.

When the inventor of chloroform, Sir James Simpson, was dying, a friend said to him, "You will soon be resting on His bosom." Simpson humbly replied, "I don't know as I can do that, but I think I have hold of the hem of His garment."

By Warren Wiersbe



PHILLIP'S FAST

Phillip's Fast is the 40-day period before Christmas which is devoted to preparation for the coming of the Messiah. It begins on November 15th, the day following the feast of St. Phillip, and extends through December 24th. It is a period of fasting, prayer, Scripture reading, church attendance and participation in the sacraments to enable us to capture the full meaning of the Christ's coming.

This fast before Christmas became the symbol of the prayers and fasts of the Old Testament patriarch and prophets, who looked forward to the coming of the Messiah with great longing. During this period of preparation for the birth of Jesus, the Church remembers many of the Old Testament saints: Obadiah on 19 November; Nahum on 1 December; Habakkuk on 2 December; Zephaniah on 3 December; Haggai on 16 December; Daniel on 17 December; the two last Sundays of December are dedicated to the Old Testament Forefathers and Fathers.

Let us do at least a minimal fast of abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, attending devotions, and doing some Scripture reading to prepare for the Nativity of Christ.