

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.

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: **October 21 and November 13**. Both 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 one of the banquets, please RSVP one week before either 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.

CRAFT AUCTION & COVERED DISH

St. Benedict's Auxiliary Craft Auction & Covered Dish, Monday, 27 October at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. **Parishioners and friends are invited, but we do need reservations for the covered dish dinner. Please call Elaine at 330-770-1100** with the number of people attending, **before Wednesday, 22 October**... an excellent opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts for Christmas or for your home.

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.**

ST. PARASCHEVA OF IASI DINNER

Holy Resurrection Romanian Orthodox Church 1836 North Road NE – Sunday 12 October 2014. Serving time: 12:15 PM...Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Cash Refreshments. \$10.00 donation.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 5 October:

5:00 PM: **87**; 11:00 AM: **111**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us \$3,499.00



- **Sun. Oct. 12** Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) classes have started for our young people – Kindergarten thru 12th grade – from 9:30 AM to 10:45AM. Remember, our young people are the future of our Church. Please enable them to become an integral part of our Byzantine Catholic Church by bringing them to Church with you and enrolling them in our catechetical program.
- **Sat. & Sun. Oct. 11 & 12** – Coffee and donuts in the Social Hall after the Divine Liturgies.
- **Sun. Oct. 12** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2 PM to 4 PM at the Monastery. Please ring #301.
- **Sun. Oct. 12** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 3
- **Tues. Oct. 14** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9 AM to 2 PM.
- **Tues. Oct. 14** **Important Ladies Guild Meeting** – 7 PM in the Social Hall. We ask all members to be present.
- **Thurs. Oct. 16** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall – Session 3
- **Sun. Oct. 19** Ethnic Dinner in the Social Hall.
- **Mon. Oct. 27** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Craft Auction & Covered-dish – 5:50 PM in the Social Hall. Reservations needed.



ETHNIC DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Ladies Guild will be sponsoring an Ethnic Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this delicious home-made dinner, invite your friends and relatives and give your support to our Ladies Guild, who do so much for us. **Dinner tickets will be available for purchase the weekend of October 12, 2014. Adults: \$8.00 Children: (6 and under) \$4.00. Carry-outs are available. DINNERS BY ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Hope to see you there!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: THE MOST VALUABLE GIFT YOU CAN GIVE ANOTHER IS A GOOD EXAMPLE!

“For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you! (Jn. 13:15).

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	12 October	<i>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maium, the Hymnographer. Holy Martyr Martin, Bishop of Tours.</i>
(Sat. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hosos Family
(SM)	8:30 AM	Health and Welfare of Barbara Hash - Family
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Peter Prokop – wife, Helen & son, Douglas
Monday,	13 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papilus and Agathonica.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	14 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protasius and Celsus. Venerable Mother Paraskevia of Trnovo. Passing of Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	15 October	<i>Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger. Venerable Martyr Lucian, priest of the great Church of Antioch.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	16 October	<i>Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	17 October	<i>Holy Prophet Hosea (Osee). Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	18 October	<i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Donald Slovinsky – Dad and Family
Sunday,	19 October	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Prophet Joel. Holy Martyr Varus. Venerable Father John of Rila.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Anthony Simon – Marjorie, Paul and Cheryl
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Rose Anne Fetsko (40th Day) – Michael & Pamela Joseph



Attentive to the Word

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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“*Caught doing something nice.*” So read the words on an award that teachers like to present to their students – an award given in the hope that the kindness being rewarded was a natural, rather than a solicited, response. This way of recognizing ordinary acts of unselfishness helps reinforce in the students the truth that acts of compassion are always rewarded.

It's hard to imagine Jesus needing a sticker to remind him how important it is to be kind and generous. Seeing the widow of Nain grieving at her only son's funeral, He was moved with a pity that came from heartfelt mercy. Jesus felt this mother's sorrow through His very being, and, foreshadowing the reason why He came to live among us, He transformed her sorrow. Just as He brought us life through His resurrection, so did He restore life to her son. She didn't expect or even request such kindness, but He gave it anyway, freely and without reservation – just as He saved us by His death before it dawned on any of us to ask Him to make any sacrifice for us.

It's amazing, but true: Jesus has taken the initiative to reveal love to us. As we let His love work in our lives, we find ourselves wanting to turn to Him for wisdom and help in our everyday situations. Without expecting Him to prove Himself, we begin to trust that He will turn our sorrow into joy – according to His wisdom and His timing. We begin to believe that He will take the areas of our lives that are "dead" and bring healing and renewed life to them.

Think about the times in your life when you knew that you had received Jesus' mercy without expecting it. It could be anything from having someone smile at you when you were feeling down, to experiencing the blessings of having a close and trusted friend to whom you could pour out your heart. Each of these situations proves to us that Jesus is on our side regardless of our level of faith. He is with us, ready to reveal the Father's love for us. He loves being "caught doing something nice." And He wants us to do the same!

“Jesus, help me to surrender myself to Your perfect plan for my life. Teach me to trust in You so deeply, that I become Your ambassador to those around me.”

SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

This Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Byzantine worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Thrasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops. Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine Empire. Religious fanatics were at the point of idolatry and almost worshiping icons. Worship is due only to God. The other extremists, the Iconoclasts, took icons completely out of the liturgical life of the Church. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Byzantine Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor, but not of real worship."

The Council issued also 22 canons relating to administrative and disciplinary matters, condemning Simony (ordination for payment), the election of bishops by secular authority, and the erecting of mixed monasteries. In spite of the recognition of this Council by the Pope, Charlemagne refused to recognize it altogether. He disapproved of its decision for venerating the icons, and as a result of his hostility, a synod at Frankfurt in 794 condemned the veneration of icons and rejected the entire Council. A Regional Synod was called in Constantinople in 843 under Empress Theodora. The veneration of icons was restored and solemnly proclaimed at the St. Sophia's Cathedral. The day was called "Triumph of Orthodoxy." Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Lent, the "Sunday of Orthodoxy".