

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. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

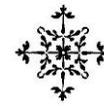
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant, +**Stephen Sernulka, III**, who fell asleep in the Lord recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be taking orders for nutrolls, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut and lekvar rolls. The rolls will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, 21 November from 3 PM to 6:30 PM. The rolls are \$10.00. There is an order blank on the bulletin board in the Social Hall, 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 Thursday, November 12th.**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

. . . ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR . . . Our Parish Ladies Guild would like to thank the members for their donations of the beautiful baskets for our raffle and for the help in the food preparation for the Ethnic Dinner, as well as the delicious desserts. We also want to thank our parishioners and friends for their support and patronage of our Ethnic Dinner. It was truly an afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship! *Names of the winners of the Basket Raffles and 50/50 are posted in the Social Hall.*



Many Thanks to "God's gardener," Bill Shuttic, who does such a wonderful job in beautifying our Church grounds with his flowers, plants and even an herb garden for our ladies to use in their cooking. You are a "master gardener" with a really "green thumb." God bless you, Bill !

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 18 October:

5:00 PM: **90**; 11:00 AM: **118**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,384.01



- **Sun. Oct. 25 E.C.F. RELIGION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN FOR OUR CHILDREN. 9:30 AM TO 10:45 AM.** If you have children from Kindergarten to Grade 12, and have not registered, it's not too late. Just show up and we will take good care of you. Please try to have your children on time for classes. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope to have a very good year.
- **Sun. Oct. 25** Bible Study at 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 5
- **Mon. Oct 26** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon
- **Wed. Nov. 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. We can use your help!



WELCOME FATHER SIMEON

We welcome Father Simeon B. Sibenik as the new pastor of our Parish. He was transferred here from Saints Peter and Paul Church in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania...the home of “Punxsutawney Phil”. He has a little dachshund named “Ralph”. We pledge to him our support and cooperation as he leads us to greater spiritual heights. We will give Father Simeon time to get settled in. **We will have a formal welcome for Father Simeon the weekend of November 14 & 15.** We hope to see all of you there!



“SPRING AHEAD – FALL BACK”

Daylight Saving Time Ends October 31st. Just a reminder to set your clocks back one hour.



25 OCTOBER 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	25 October	<p><i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius. Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.</i></p> <p>(Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM (SM) 8:30 AM (PP) 11:00 AM</p> <p>Sp. Int. of Fr. Robert Karl – Zombar & Raiti Families +Jim Holowatch – Ben & Zee Williams +Estella Susko – daughter, Suzanne</p>
Monday,	26 October	<p><i>Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius. Memory of the Great Earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i></p> <p>No Divine Liturgy</p>
Tuesday,	27 October	<p><i>Holy Great Martyr Nestor. Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.</i></p> <p>No Divine Liturgy</p>
Wednesday,	28 October	<p><i>Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer. Holy Martyr Paraskevia of Iconium.</i></p> <p>No Divine Liturgy</p>
Thursday,	29 October	<p><i>Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit. Passing of Venerable Father Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite and Wonder-worker.</i></p> <p>No Divine Liturgy</p>
Friday,	30 October	<p><i>HOLY martyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia. Passing of the Martyr and Priest Oleksiy Zarytski (1963)</i></p> <p>No Divine Liturgy</p>
Saturday	31 October	<p><i>Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplus and their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus. Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha Bishop of Mukachevo.</i></p> <p>(PP) 5:00 PM</p> <p>+John Balogh – wife, Barbara & Slyk Family</p>
Sunday,	1 November	<p><i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Unmercenary Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i></p> <p>(SM) 8:30 AM (PP) 11:00 AM</p> <p>+Jason Lazor – Micheline Hayda +Betty Sasala – Mark & Debbie Gregoire</p>



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 16:19-31

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"THE SIN OF INDIFFERENCE"



A while ago, Vladimir Posner, dubbed the "Donahue" of the then Soviet Union, commented on public radio that the media presents news by, for, and about the media. Even network news resembles something like "Inside Edition" or "Entertainment Tonight" more than the "hard news" that I remember growing up with in the days of Walter Cronkite. And the public seems to like it. We can't blame ourselves, I suppose. There's so much violence and tragedy in the world today that news about who's starring in the latest movie is easier to watch than "hard news." We've become *indifferent* to the pain around us.

The problem, however, is that being *indifferent to the suffering of others*, as we heard in today's Gospel, is a great sin. Jesus tells the story of two men: a rich man, who feasted on exotic foods every day, wore expensive clothes, and in general lived very well, and Lazarus, a poor man who fed off the leftovers that the rich man threw out. Lazarus had ulcerated sores all over his body and was pestered by stray dogs in the area. When they died, Lazarus in effect went to heaven, and the rich man to hell.

This is the only parable, incidentally, in which reference is made to a specific someone going to hell. St. Cyril of Alexandria notes that it is significant that the rich man was not named, that he was nameless in God's presence, echoing the words of the psalmist referring to those who do not revere God, saying, "I will not make mention of their names with my lips."

Now the rich man wasn't a bad man; we're not told that he killed, or stole from others, or anything like that. He didn't go to hell because he was rich. But he was indifferent. To the rich man, people like Lazarus were just part of the landscape.

As the story continues, we heard that the rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man's five brothers about the threat of eternal separation from God. Abraham responds, however, that his brothers have all the warning they need, that if Moses and the prophets were not convincing enough, neither would be someone coming back from the dead.

Repeatedly in the Bible we find that God takes the side of the underdogs of life, and judges those who are blessed with more, yet do nothing to help the ones in need. And the need is growing today. The number of homeless, for example, have increased dramatically in recent years, beginning with the deinstitutionalization of the severely mentally ill in the 1960s.

With so much suffering around us, it's hard not to become indifferent to the needs of the homeless, to the victims of violence, to the suffering caused by natural disasters, and so forth. Yet it is precisely because we are Christians that we must not be indifferent. Fr. Alexander Yelchaninov wrote that the indifference of believers is far more dreadful a thing than the fact that unbelievers exist. George Bernard Shaw once said, "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity."

We're not individually called to rescue the whole world from suffering, but to help the need where we find it. The story is told of a man who was found throwing starfish into the sea as the tide was ebbing out. What was the point, another man asked, as there were hundreds of stranded starfish on the beach, "It won't make a difference." The first man just looked at the other, picked up a starfish, and threw it into the sea. "It made a difference to that one," he replied.

May God grant us the awareness of our indifference and the courage to offer a hand where there is need. Amen.