

## 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 weekend 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, 5:00 PM - 5:30 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 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.

**Godparent/Sponsor Letters:** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

**Rectory Office Hours:** Sr. Barbara is in the office from 9 AM – 1 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

## Trumbull County Life Chain - 2010

The Life Chain is a well-known annual pro-life prayer gathering of local churches held annually on the first Sunday in October. It is a Silent Protest against Abortion. Nine million people will be standing together across America. Please join us on Elm Rd. near Harding High School from 2:30 – 3:30 PM. Pick up your posters at Warren Plaza table beginning at 1:45PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, Father Andrew will be hearing confessions in the Priest's sacristy instead of in the confessional. It lends itself to more privacy.
- There are items that have been "left behind" in the church or social hall and are beginning to accumulate. A "Lost & Found" basket will be kept in the altar boys sacristy for these items. If left unclaimed for three weeks, they will be disposed of.
- We need to prepare for leaf & other clean-up at the Cemetery, so once again, we are asking that all plastic flowers, wreathes and dead flowers be removed from the graves by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Byzantine Spirituality Conference - Our Church Tradition, Reality & Expectations

November 13<sup>th</sup>: Excellent Speakers, a Panel Discussion, Lunch, and various vendors of Byzantine books, Icons, CD's and Religious Articles. Registration deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost (including lunch): \$35. Call the office for further information.

**Our return to God for the gifts He continues to shower upon us . . . \$4,651.50**



- Today, Sept. 26 Last Sunday, 17 Students and 5 teachers received special blessings as they began the New Catechetical year. Classes are held every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:45 AM, for our ECF children. If you have children in grades K thru 12, and they have not registered for classes, they are still welcome to attend.
- Fri. Oct. 1 Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos. Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM on Friday & 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening.
- Sat. Oct. 2 Work Party – 9:00 AM until noon. Meet at the Monastery and bring weed-whackers, gloves, branch clippers, etc.
- Sun. Oct 3 Silent Protest against abortion – join us at the Trumbull County Life Chain on Elm Rd. – 2:30 to 3:30 PM.
- Mon. Oct 4 Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM until noon. Thanks to all the ladies who keep our church so nice and clean.
- Wed. Oct 6 St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- Sat. & Sun. Oct. 9 & 10 Coffee & Donuts after all the Divine Liturgies.
- Sun. Oct. 10 Altar/Rosary Society Bake Sale after both Liturgies.
- Tues. Oct. 12 Ladies Guild Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- Mon. Oct. 18 St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Covered Dish Meeting & Craft Auction.

**BINGO & CARD PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS.** Ladies Guild members will still be selling raffle tickets after all Liturgies. Prize: \$300. Winner will be drawn today at the Card Party & Bingo. Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please support the Ladies Guild activities as they host the various functions for our Parish Family.

19 September 2010  
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday,	25 September	<i>Venerable Mother, Euphrosyna.</i> + Anne Slovinsky – Husband & family
Sunday,	26 September	<i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The death of the Apostle and Evangelist, John.</i> 8:15 AM Intention of the Parish Family/40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. of George & Donna Bodajlo 11:00 AM + Joanne Sheroke – John Hrop
Monday,	27 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Callistratus &amp; his companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder of the Grottaferrata Monastery.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday,	28 September	<i>Our Venerable Father &amp; Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet, Baruch. Death of Blessed Father &amp; Confessor, Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949)</i> 8:00 AM + Mary Robincheck – daughter, Ginny Birney
Wednesday, ( <i>Monastery</i> )	29 September	<i>Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite</i> 4:45 PM Intention of Sister Mary John Semon – Pat Rinda
Thursday,	30 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia</i> 7:00 PM + Mary Hudak – Elizabeth Prokop
Friday,	<b>1 October</b>	<b><i>THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST BLESSED LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD &amp; EVER-VIRGIN MARY. The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father Romanos, the Hymnographer.</i></b> 9:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family
Saturday,	2 October	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ.</i> 6:00 PM + Helen Sasala – Ann Sasala & Helen Sekula
Sunday,	3 October	<i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Bishop &amp; Martyr Denis the Areopagite.</i> 8:15 AM Intention of the Parish Family 11:00 AM + Kenny Tisher – Family



Attentive to the Word  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In today's Gospel, we hear about the miraculous catch of fish, and how the Apostle Peter and all the other Apostles were obedient to the Lord. This was even after they were tired and had caught nothing throughout the night. Yet they showed faith and obedience, even in the midst of their difficulties, trials and their feelings, which were contrary to what the Lord was asking them to do.



After the draught of fish, there occurred a greater miracle – St. Peter saw himself! You know, that's what all miracles are for – to bring us to knowledge of Christ and of ourselves! A person who knows Christ will know himself; and a person who knows himself will learn more of Christ, because he will be humble. God will enlighten the humble person, but a proud person has no room for Christ. Therefore, He will let the proud one go on in his ignorance, not even knowing what he is missing.

There was a field covered with freshly fallen snow. A father and a son enter the field. As they walk across the field, you notice that the father pays no particular attention to where he is going, but his son, on the other hand, follows directly behind, making a special effort to step in his father's footprints. After the two have crossed the field, you notice that there is only one set of tracks visible in the field, although two had walked across it. The Christian life is that way. In our daily walk we ought to be following Christ's example. Whether in times of suffering, sorrow or need, whether in times of health, joy, or abundance--if someone were to observe the snow-covered fields of your life, would there be one set of tracks, those of Christ? Or would there be two sets, one belonging to Christ and the other distinctly yours?

Michael Green, *Illustrations for Biblical Preaching*

The Patronage of the Theotokos



On Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> our Church will celebrate the Feast of the Mother of God's protection. Historically, this Feast dates from the 10<sup>th</sup> Century when the people of Constantinople were being attacked. In their churches, they prayed fervently for protection, and the Mother of God appeared – holding her mantle over the faithful as a sign of her unflinching protection.

From the Vespers we sing: *“Come, all you lovers of the Feast, and let us praise the venerable protection of the Mother of God. For she stretched forth her hands imploringly to her Son, and the world fell under her protection. Therefore, let us celebrate gloriously with our lips and hearts, with spiritual songs and melodies, together with all lovers of the Feast.”*

Among the Marian feasts listed in our Liturgical Year, the Feast of the Patronage or Protection of the Mother of God deserves special consideration. The veneration of the Mother of God as Protectress reaches like a golden thread from the 10<sup>th</sup> Century to the present day. The secret of honoring the Theotokos as a Protectress lies, perhaps, in the fact that we are dealing here not with human, but with a heavenly and more powerful intercession.

Every person, family, and nation would like to enjoy such an intercession and protection. It is a small wonder then, that our people sought the assistance and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God, whose intercession is all powerful. For our people, then, the Feast of the Patronage has always been, and still remains, a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Mother of God – a day of joyous praise and glorification of her protection and intercession.