

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. Simeon 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 10:30 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



In blessed repose, grant rest to your departed servants +**Lynda Grove** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - M-m-m GOOD

WHERE? St. Michael Byzantine Church, 405 Robinson Rd. Campbell OH

WHEN? Palm Sunday – April 9, 2017

TIME? 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM Take Outs Available!

PRICE? Adults: \$9:00 Children: 12 and under: \$4.00

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Monsignor Hladky Memorial Foundation is offering scholarships toward tuition for students of all grade levels who are attending a Catholic elementary, junior high or high school. Parents may request applications until April 14, 2017. Please call 330-847-8257. Completed applications must be returned by May 14, 2017.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering is a great way to further a cause, support an organization, and make a difference in your community. It can also be an opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills. If you would like to give something besides money, consider lending your time and talents to Trumbull Mobile Meals. It is an opportunity to serve. TMM needs approximately 50 volunteers daily to pack and deliver meals. Delivery drivers use their own vehicle to deliver meals during the noon hour. Packers pack meals for delivery from 8:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Please call the TMM office (330-394-2538) if interested in volunteering.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 March:

5:00 PM: 57; 11:00 AM: 91

Pre-sanctified: Fri.: 32; Annunciation: 8

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,944.70

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 March:

22 from St. Michael; 10 from St. Peter & Paul

Pre-sanctified Liturgy: Wed.: (SM + Guests) 9; (PP) 9

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$496.00



- **Sun. Apr. 2** ECF CLASSES TODAY. 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM. There are just a few classes remaining. Please try to be faithful in coming to classes.
- **Sun. Apr. 2 Last Day to order Paskas. Order forms are in the Social Hall**
- **Wed. Apr. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We can use your help.
- **Sun. Apr. 9** Blessing of Paskas for parishioners on our shut-ins list. A few volunteers are needed to help with deliveries. Call Elaine (330-770-1100) if you can help.



RECONCILIATION FOR PASCHA

According to the Precepts of the Church, the faithful are to confess their sins during the Easter Season. Father is available for Confessions on Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 PM, and after the Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday and Friday – to assist us in being spiritually prepared to celebrate Pascha. **Please Note** that confessions for Easter will not be heard beyond Wednesday of Holy Week.

“Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: It’s saying to the Lord, ‘Lord, I am a sinner.’”
-Pope Francis

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: (taken from *The Worldwide Prayer Network*). **April Intention: “For the Youth of the world.”** We join our prayer with the prayer of Pope Francis, for the young people in today’s world. We need wholesome young men and women as the future leaders in our churches and our country...young people imbued with the love of God and neighbor... with integrity and goodness. They need our prayers and example.

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE – JUST A “HEAD’S UP”

Saturday, 1 June 2017, from 8 AM – 4 PM in the Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 per table or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 per space to sell your superfluous items. More information will be forthcoming.

2 APRIL 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	2 April	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Memory of Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt. Venerable Father Titus.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Robert Blake – Betty & Macala Blake
(SM)	8:30 AM	+William Surin - Joseph & Mary Jennings
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Henry Passek – David Rowley family
Monday	3 April	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of Medikion.</i>
		No Divine Services
Tuesday	4 April	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer and George of Maleon.</i>
		No Divine Services
Wednesday	5 April	<i>The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopodes and their Companions.</i>
(SM)	6:00 PM	Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. (Confessions after)
Thursday	6 April	<i>Our Holy Father Eutyches, Archbishop of Constantinople. The Death of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs.</i>
		No Divine Services
Friday	7 April	<i>Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene.</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. (Confessions after)
Saturday	8 April	<i>LAZARUS SATURDAY</i>
(PP)	9:00 AM	Int. of Sr. Mary Martha Kacmarek – Benedictine Srs.
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Patricia Harper – sister, Jinny Marabelli
Sunday	9 April	<i>PALM (FLOWERY/ GREEN) SUNDAY.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Sylvester Minarish – Strittmatter family
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael Kuhar – wife, Helen & daughter, Karen



Attentive to the Word
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Mk. 10: 32 – 45

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5th Sun of Lent – Follow directions on

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Why did you do that? "I did it for love!" Isn't that a great answer? Isn't that one that you would like to say about yourself? When we read the Gospels? When we look at the life of Jesus? When we see the miracles that Jesus works? When we look at his teaching? When we see Him Going to Jerusalem? When we see Him on the Cross? That's the only answer. "He did it for love!" A love so great that He gives Himself completely for our sakes!

"We are on the way up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn Him to death and hand Him over to the Gentiles, who will mock Him and spit at Him, flog Him and finally kill Him. Three days later He will rise!" This is Jesus' mission. This is the work given Him by the Father to do. He goes to the cross for me. He goes to the cross for you. He offers Himself for all of us.

The Reading from the Hebrews today says: "When Christ came as high priest . . . He entered once and for all into the sanctuary. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, and achieved our redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."

Jesus already paid the price! He has already, once and for all offered Himself to the Father. He sits at the right hand of the Father and constantly intercedes for us to the Father. Through Him we receive the Spirit of God. He did it for love! He did it for you and me! He did it for us! And this is what we always remember. Jesus' love has no boundaries, it has no limits, it has no end, it is offered to all. We have to accept, submit to this love, to open our hearts to His love.

Today our Church honors a very special saint, Mary of Egypt. She was born in Egypt in the 6th century and by age 12 had already committed her life to the pursuit of debauchery and excess. She spent the next 17 years of her life attempting to satisfy every carnal appetite in any way possible. Until . . . she was confronted by God's Love!

She sought passage on a boat bound for Jerusalem where, out of curiosity, she followed the crowds to the threshold of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As she attempted to follow the crowd into the Church she was stopped at the doorway by an invisible force. At this moment, her sinfulness was revealed to her and she made a promise to the Mother of God that if she was permitted to enter the Church she would dedicate the rest of her life to God.

How we change when we are confronted by God's Love! How we change when we see events in our lives coming from God, leading us to self-awareness and our need to be forgiven, to be healed, and to be restored. And we find the confidence because we know that "He did it for love!"

We are coming to the events of Jerusalem. We are entering with the disciples to the Holy Place. We will come to the cross and the tomb. We will come to the empty grave. What will **hold us back** from seeing the power of God's love? What will **keep us** from the Resurrection? Only our own inability to see ourselves as we are. Only our inability to recognize our need for a Savior. Only our own ambition and pride that makes us think we don't need God's love.

Every one of us should ask ourselves these questions: What is keeping me from God? What is keeping me from Jesus love? What is keeping me from the power of the Cross?

May we ask God to cleanse our consciences from dead works. May we come to the sacrament of Confession to receive forgiveness before the Feast of the Resurrection. May we be anointed with Holy Oil for the healing of our souls and bodies on Holy Wednesday. May we put aside all earthly cares and put on Christ. May our faith guide our lives to see God's love, protection, forgiveness, grace and mercy. May we let Jesus' love for us transform us as it did Mary of Egypt.

By Fr. John Zeyack



Sitting at the right hand of God or of a monarch is not a goal to which most of us aspire. "Greatness" for us tends to be associated with moving upward on the socio-economic ladder, assuming a position of leadership or gaining recognition for some achievement. Each type of greatness, however, brings its own gifts and responsibilities. Each type of greatness carries the potential for distorting our perception of our own importance.

Jesus taught that true greatness is rooted in humility. When we acknowledge that all we have comes from God and that all we achieve "happens" because of grace, then we are moved to "be" for others. Whether we choose greatness or have it thrust upon us, to grasp at status for its own sake is to make "I" the object of our worship.

Elizabeth-Anne Vanek

**2017 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
FOR
GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 10 – Holy Monday

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts (**PP**)

April 11 – Holy Tuesday

7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts with Anointing of the Sick (**SM**)

April 12 – Holy Wednesday

7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts with Anointing of the Sick. (**PP**)

April 13 – Holy Thursday

7:00 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

April 14 – Holy & Great Friday

4:30 PM – Entombment Vespers (**SM**)

7:00 PM – Entombment Vespers (**PP**)

April 15 – Holy Saturday

9:00 AM – Jerusalem Matins (**PP**)

8:00 PM – Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy (PP)

The Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place in the Social Hall on Saturday evening.

April 16 – Feast of the Resurrection

8:30 AM Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy (SM)

11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (PP)

The Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place in the Church on Sunday morning.