

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 + **Robert Blake, Sr., +John Hrop, Jr. and +Elizabeth Superak** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSS SALE

We will have *Chocolate Byzantine Crosses* for sale for Easter. The orders must be **prepaid** and must be **in the office by 26 March 2017**. Envelopes are located at the Church entrances for those interested in purchasing *Dark, Milk or White Chocolate Crosses*. The purchase price is \$5.00 each and will be ready for pick-up Palm Sunday, April 9th.

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: (taken from *The Worldwide Prayer Network*). **March Intention: "Support for Persecuted Christians"**. Let us join our prayer with the prayer of Pope Francis, for the Christians and others suffering persecution in Egypt, elsewhere, and in our own country.

SPIRITUALITY DAY

The Benedictine Sisters of Queen of Heaven Monastery are offering a Day of Spirituality on Saturday, 1 April 2017. It will be held in the Social Hall from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. **To register, please call 330-856-1813 or e-mail gohm@netdotcom.com before Monday, 27 March 2017.**

The presenter will be Rev. William Rupp, Director of Spiritual Formation at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. His topic is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

There will be time for reflection, questions and refreshments, and an opportunity to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession). This is a good way to help prepare yourself to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection. You are welcome to pray Vespers with the sisters. There is no charge for the afternoon, but registration is needed.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 5 March:

5:00 PM: 83; 11:00 AM: 88

Pre-sanctified Liturgy: Mon.: 45 Fri.: 25

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,337.30

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 5 March:

15 from St. Michael; 11 from St. Peter & Paul

Pre-sanctified Liturgy: Wed. 5 from (SM); 8 from (PP)

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$1,243.00



- **Sun. Mar. 12** ECF CLASSES TODAY. 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM.
- **Sun. Mar. 12** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Monastery. Please ring #301.
- **Tues. Mar. 14** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Mon. Mar. 20** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Thurs. & Fri. Mar. 23 & 24** Nut roll baking days. Pick-up is Mar. 25th.
- **Sun. Mar. 26** Last day to order **Chocolate Byzantine Crosses**.
- **Mon. Mar. 27** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon.



NUTROLL SALE

The Ladies Guild will be baking Rolls for the Feast of the Resurrection. **Advance orders only!** Rolls available are nut, apricot, poppy, apricot-nut, and lekvar (prune). Rolls are \$10 each and will be ready for pick up on the weekend of March 25 & 26. **Order forms are located in the Social Hall or you may call Mary Anne at 330-728-2982. Deadline to place your order is 19 March 2017.**

Please Note: Paska Orders will be taken later.

REMINDER: WE STILL NEED PUSSY WILLOWS...

It seems a little strange to be asking for pussy willows so early, but with the spring-like weather that we have been experiencing, some plants and pussy willows have already emerged from their winter nap. Please . . . when your pussy willows **begin to bloom**, please cut them and bring them to the Social Hall. We will store them here until Palm Sunday. **DO NOT PUT THEM IN WATER.**

MID-LENT “MOVIE” AFTERNOON

As was promised, we will again have a movie afternoon get together on Sunday, March 26th (without the “bumps-in-the-road”)...We will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. The movie or DVD will be announced next week.

12 MARCH 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	12 March	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain. Holy Father Gregory, Pope of Rome. Holy Father Symeon, the New Theologian.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Louis Conlan – wife, Mary & family
(SM)	8:30 AM	+William Surin – Mark & Roseann Carnahan
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Mary Reese – Becky Prest
Monday	13 March	<i>Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	14 March	<i>Our Venerable Father Benedict.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	15 March	<i>The Holy Martyr Agapius and His Companions.</i> Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts and Observance of Third All Souls.
Thursday	16 March	<i>The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	17 March	<i>Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God. Our Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland.</i> (PP) 6:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts.
Saturday	18 March	<i>Third All Souls Saturday. Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.</i> (PP) 9:00 AM Liturgy for the Departed with the Reading of Diptyches. (Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM +Dorothy Byers – M/M Richard McGrath, Sr.
Sunday	19 March	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.</i> (SM) 8:30 AM +John Balogh – wife, Barbara & Slyk family (PP) 11:00 AM +Todd Zumerling – John Senoyuit



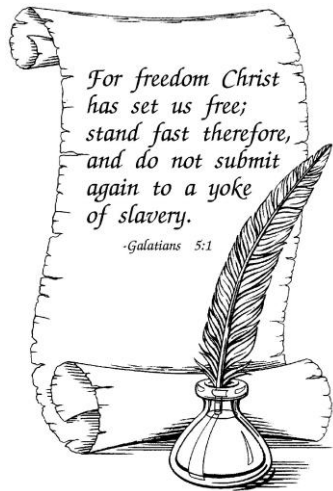
Attentive to the Word
Second Sunday of the Great Fast

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SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT



We have already completed two weeks of the Great Fast. The basic Lenten Themes – prayer and penance, fasting and forgiveness, almsgiving and asceticism – have been placed before us in the various Services of our Church.

Now it is time to look at the real goal of these practices. The Great Fast is not a type of “spiritual Olympic Games.” The goal is not to try to outdo others or even to outdo ourselves. The real reason for our Lenten effort is freedom. We need to be set free from whatever has a hold on us. In other words, all of our efforts during this season are directed to the goal of setting us free from anything that ties us down in slavery and whatever keeps us from

sharing in a deeper relationship with God.

During Lent it is well to remember attitudes that are harmful to my neighbor – which lead to these positive denials:

- Denial of gossip, in order to know the meaning of thoughtfulness
- Denial of faultfinding, to know the meaning of friendship
- Denial of hasty judgments, to know the meaning of understanding
- Denial of bitterness, to know the meaning of joy
- Denial of bigotry, to know the meaning of humanity

During Lent it is well to remember attitudes that are harmful to my family – which lead to these positive denials:

- Denial of irrational anger, in order to know the meaning of self-control
- Denial of stinginess, to know the meaning of generosity
- Denial of pettiness, to know the meaning of openness
- Denial of cowardice, to know the meaning of courage
- Denial of hardness, to know the meaning of forgiveness

During Lent it is well to remember attitudes that are harmful to myself – which lead to these positive denials:

- Denial of arrogance, in order to know the meaning of wisdom
- Denial of selfishness, to know the meaning of freedom
- Denial of self-righteousness, to know the meaning of faith
- Denial of despair, to know the meaning of hope
- Denial of hate, to know the meaning of love



PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM

Lord and Master of my life,
spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me your servant,
the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins
and not judge my brothers and sisters;
for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen.