

## 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.

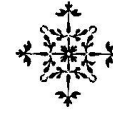
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**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 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 servant +**Wilma Taylor** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family members in your prayers.



## ECF REGISTRATIONS

Parents & Guardians: You will be receiving a mailing concerning registration of your children in our Catechetical program. Registrations will be mailed next week and are due by September 5th, in order to assist us in the preparations for the beginning of the ECF school year. If you do not receive a mailing, and you have children in grades K thru 12, please call the rectory for registration forms. The success of the program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our parish & our Church. Help us to assist you in the spiritual education of your children.

## MARIAPOCH PILGRIMAGE

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma invites you to its annual eparchial pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, OH on Saturday 18 August and Sunday 19 August. See complete pilgrimage schedule at [www.shrineofmariapoch.com](http://www.shrineofmariapoch.com).

## TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a well-known pro-life prayer gathering of local churches held each year on the first Sunday of October. Our church always takes part in this silent prayer gathering. More information will be forthcoming. Keep October 7<sup>th</sup> open.



## Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 12 August:

5:00 PM: 73; 9:00 AM: 46 11:00 AM: 56

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,943.61**



- **Sun. Aug. 19** *TODAY IS THE DAY!!! Hope you signed up for our Parish Picnic. Come for the good food, the good fun and the camaraderie. Starts about 12:30 PM.*
- **Mon. Aug. 27** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. We can use your help! Many hands make light work!
- **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 1 & 2** Yearly Pilgrimage (Otpust) at Mt. St. Macrina – Uniontown, PA. Detailed schedule of events is posted on the Social Hall bulletin board.



### PARISH PICNIC



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 19<sup>th</sup>** at **Ss. Peter and Paul Social Hall**, following the **11:00 AM Divine Liturgy**. For our picnic, our parish will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. **You provide your “specialty” to share with everyone else. Please bring a serving utensil and don’t forget to mark your container and utensil.** P.S. Get your quarters ready! The “Wheel”

awaits, and of course Raffles and “50/50”. (Maybe even some dancing???). Come for an afternoon of Fun and camaraderie!



### GOD GO WITH YOU



A fond farewell and our blessings and good wishes go with John Welch, who will be leaving our parish this weekend to enter SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary to study for the priesthood. John has been an asset to our parish since he became a member. He has volunteered and committed his services as a Catechist and an altar server. He also keeps our parish website updated.

There is a great need in our Byzantine church for vocations to the priesthood. Our prayers and best wishes go with you, John! You will do well with God and Jen at your side!

19 AUGUST 2018

### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

|              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
| Sunday       | 19 August   | <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and His Companions.</i>  |
| (Sun. Vigil) | <b>5:00 PM</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> | <b>Blessing for John &amp; Jenifer Welch – Steve &amp; Betty Zombar</b><br><b>+Mildred Simko (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Gertrude Vasco</b><br><b>+Fio &amp; +Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike</b> |
| Monday       | 20 August   | <i>Postfestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Samuel. The Holy King Stephen of Hungary.</i><br><b>No Divine Liturgy</b>   |
| Tuesday      | 21 August   | <i>Postfestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Apostle Thaddeus. The Holy Martyr Bassa.</i>  |
| (Chapel)     | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                      | <b>+George &amp; Mary Krupsa – daughter, Cathy Eddy</b>   |
| Wednesday    | 22 August   | <i>Postfestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Agathonicus and His Companions.</i>  |
| (Chapel)     | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                      | <b>+John &amp; Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth &amp; family</b>   |
| Thursday     | 23 August   | <i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus. The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.</i>   |
| (Chapel)     | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                      | <b>+Sister Julia Rohaly – Benedictine Sisters</b>   |
| Friday       | 24 August   | <i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian. The Blessed Martyr and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka.</i><br><b>No Divine Liturgy</b>                          |
| Saturday     | 25 August   | <i>Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. The Holy Apostle Titus.</i>  |
| (Sun. Vigil) | <b>5:00 PM</b>                                      | <b>+Charles Wilkes (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Steve &amp; Betty Zombar</b>   |
| Sunday       | 26 August   | <i>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia. Our Holy Mother May of Jesus Crucified.(Mariam Baouardy).</i>  |
|              | <b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b>                   | <b>+Ann Simko (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Marjorie Reynolds</b><br><b>+Judy Pavis – sister, Nancy Sernulka</b>  |

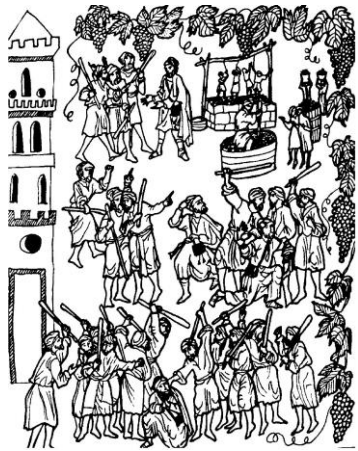


*Attentive to the Word*  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Postfestive of the Dormition*

*Mt. 21:33-42*

*Tropar, Prokimen & Alleluia Tone 4 Pg. 141-42*

*Rest from Dormition Pg. 352 - 354*



We as the Christian Church should receive this parable with fear and trembling. If the nation of Israel had been given great riches, what have we as Eastern Catholic Christians been given? We no longer wait for the Messiah, He has come. In fact, we're preparing even now to receive His body and blood in the Divine Liturgy. Man's salvation is no longer prophesied, but was fulfilled in Christ. We are no longer slaves of the law, but free in the love of Christ. And we, who are in possession of the fullness of this Mystery, are we caring for it any better than

God's first chosen people?

The vineyard of the Church is planted. It is hedged from the world by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our altar is the heavenly altar, and our worship takes place in the heavens. We have been given all we need for the bountiful harvest. But what will our Lord find when He returns? Will we be working diligently in the vineyard—both tilling the soil of our own hearts, as well as calling those outside the vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return?

Christ makes it abundantly clear both in this morning's parable and in other places, if we don't use the gifts we've been given—both as a Church body, and as individual Christians—then the gifts will be taken away. And we'll be called

to give an account for our failures. In response to the love and mercy of our Savior, let us strive to bring forth fruits worthy of the kingdom of Heaven. Fruits of love, of mercy and of compassion. Fruits of a sinless life, of prayer and Christ-likeness. Fruits that we can give to our Master in return for all that He has given us.

**GIVING . . . .**

We give ourselves when we give gifts of the **heart**; love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, tolerance, forgiveness. We give ourselves when we give gifts of the **mind**; ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principles, plans, inventions, poetry. We give ourselves when we give gifts of **words**; encouragement, inspiration, guidance. Emerson said it well: "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only gifts – true gifts – are a portion of yourself." God has offered us the gift of becoming His sons and daughters through faith. This is the gift we have all received. This is the heart of our worship and celebration.

**FOR QUIETING THE MIND AND BODY**

I needed to stop and reflect, so I worked faster.

I needed to think, so I took a class.

I needed to pray, so I read a book.

I needed a retreat, so I called some friends.

O God, Creator of silence and solitude,  
 refuse me the escapes from myself and from You.

Let me heed Your call to retreat, to quiet my mind and body.

Help me find peace in Your gifts of nature and creation.

Help me to be an example of peace and harmony to my family,  
 friends, co-workers . . . and to the world. Amen.