

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.

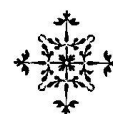
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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 +**George Houtz, Jr.** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

SPIRITUALITY DAY

The Benedictine Sisters are offering a Day of Spirituality in preparation for the Resurrection of Christ, on **Sunday, March 18th from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM.** It will be held in our Social Hall. The presenter will be Father Thom Dansak. His topic is "*Repentance: Asking Forgiveness of Sin.*" Father Thom is an excellent and knowledgeable speaker, who will help us to advance in our relationship with God. There will be time for reflection, questions and refreshments, and an opportunity to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation. To register, call 330-856-1813 or email gohm@netdotcom.com before Sunday, March 11, 2018.

PUSSYWILLOWS NEEDED

Spring is almost here, (even though it doesn't feel like it), so keep your eyes open for the budding of the pussy willows. Please cut them when they bud (before they turn yellow), and bring them to the Social Hall. **Do not put them in water.**

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY

On Sunday, February 25, 2018, the Youngstown C-Rs Chapter is presenting a Documentary by John Righetti and Maria Sylvestri titled "*Vista Operation.*" The Communist government forcibly resettled Rusyns from their ancestral homeland in southern Poland. The film will begin at 1:30 PM at the Butler Institute of American Art, 524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Everyone is welcome!



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 18 February:

5:00 PM: 64; 9:00 AM: 37 11:00 AM: 85

Pre-sanctified Liturgy: Wed.: 35 Fri.: 38

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,351.60

Donations received in memory of Margaret Gnat \$630.00

Donations received in memory of Andrew Greskovich, Sr. \$1,155.00

Thank you and God Bless you for remembering your Church!



SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Feb. 25** ECF Classes– 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM
- **Wed. & Fri.** 6:00 PM – Pre- Sanctified Liturgy during Great Lent. Come and pray these beautiful Lenten prayers with your fellow parishioners.
- **Mon. Feb. 26** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. We can use your help!
- **Wed. Mar. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Make this a “Lenten Project” for yourself and come to help those who regularly give so generously of their time.

FUND-RAISING FAMILY FUN DAY! TODAY!!!

The Teens, along with their Catechists and the Ladies Guild are planning a Family Fun Day for our parishioners. The proceeds will benefit the Teens, who are raising money to attend the ByzanTEEN Youth Rally this summer.

- WHEN? Sunday, 25 February 2018 after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- WHERE? SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall. (12 Noon to 4:00 PM).
- WHO? ALL OF YOU!
- WHAT? **FOOD, FUN & GAMES for ALL AGES.**

Chili, Hotdogs, Chips & Pastries will be available for purchasing! For Games of Chance – quarters will be needed. All other games are Free. Come & support our Youth and have an enjoyable afternoon!

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 9 March 2018**. 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

NUTROLLS AND PASKA BREADS – ORDERS ONLY

The Ladies Guild will be baking Rolls and Paska Bread for the Feast of the Resurrection. *Rolls* are \$10 each, and will be ready for pick up on the weekend of 17-18 March.

Regular Paska Bread is \$6 per loaf. *Paska Bread with raisins* is \$6.50 per loaf. Paskas will be available for pick up on the weekend of 24-25 March. **Rolls and Paskas are being offered on an order only basis.**

Order forms are located on the table in the Social Hall.

Sunday	25 February	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(Sunday Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Louis Conlan – wife, Mary & family +David Rapczak – Mike & Sue Johnson +John Hrop, Jr. – Lisa Clark & Jim Begalla
Monday	26 February	<i>Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza. Holy Great Martyr, Photina the Samaritan.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	27 February	<i>Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite. Holy Father Gregory of Narek.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	28 February	<i>Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius.</i> 6:00 PM Pre-sanctified Liturgy
Thursday	1 March	<i>Venerable Martyr Eudoxia. Holy Father David, Enlightener of Wales.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	2 March	<i>Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene.</i> 6:00 PM Pre-sanctified Liturgy
Saturday	3 March	<i>Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus.</i> 9:00 AM Third All Souls Saturday with Reading of Diptyches (Sunday Vigil) 5:00 PM +Lucy Prokop – Joanne Raiti
Sunday	4 March	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan.</i> 9:00 AM +Dolores Kachenko – Falatic family 11:00 AM +Robert Blake – Betty & Macala



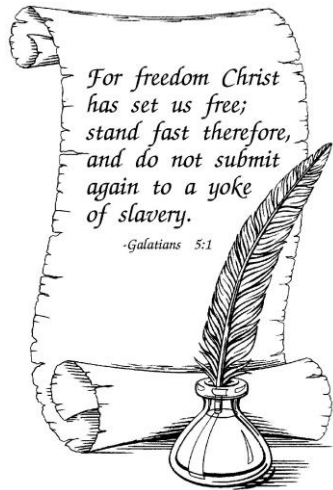
Attentive to the Word
Second Sunday of the Great Fast

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(Follow directions on Pages 222 & 223)

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 if 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.