

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Ladies Guild members extend their thanks to all who helped to make their Bingo/Card Party a huge success. It was another "Sell-out"...everyone is already awaiting the next one. **Raffle Big Winners were:**

Tim Blackshere - \$100.00 Theresa Loomis – Lottery Scarecrows

Kathy Jones – \$200.00 (50/50 Raffle)

Marianne Cabosky – Anderson Tour (\$300.00)

BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE 2018

... is being held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM. The Title is: "*Parish Life from Maintenance to Discipleship.*" **This conference will take a look at life in our Byzantine Catholic Church from the time of immigration up to the present era, and will also address the challenge of Discipleship for the Future.** Registration is required and is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch). Registration brochures are next to the bulletins. Deadline is Nov. 5, 2018.

"HALLOWEEN MOVIE AFTERNOON"



Sunday Afternoon – October 28th at 2:00 PM – we will meet in the Social Hall for an afternoon of relaxation, camaraderie, and enjoyment. The "Price" is right ... No Charge...Movie "refreshments" will be provided. The "Feature" of the day will be forthcoming. Laughter is good for whatever ails you, so come and enjoy yourselves.

GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH

The GCU is holding a raffle in which *the winner will receive 12 - \$50.00 gift cards to popular national restaurants in addition to \$1500.00 in cash.* We have only 28 tickets to sell. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winning number is based on the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 drawn on Sunday, December 16, 2018. **See Betty Zombar to purchase your ticket. It only takes one ticket to win.**



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 7 October:

5:00 PM: **62**; 9:00 AM: **54**; 11:00 AM: **73**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,499.15



- **Sun. Oct. 14** Classes for **K through 12** will meet from **9:55 to 10:45 AM**. Our children are the future of our parish and our Church. Please bring your children to church and to week, unless they are ill.
- **Sun. Oct. 14** Carpatho-Rusyn Society Iconography Lecture – 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the Social Hall. *All are invited...come and bring a friend. Fr. Marek has done several of the small icons in our church.*
- **Mon. Oct. 15** St. Benedict's Auxiliary covered dish and craft auction – 5:30 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Thurs. Oct. 18** Ladies Guild Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Please join us in the celebration of *Pastor Appreciation Month*, please join us for cake and coffee in the Social Hall after all the Liturgies next weekend, October 20 & 21, to honor our Pastor, Father Simeon. We hope to see all of you there!



NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be taking orders for nut, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut, cranberry-nut and lekvar rolls. They will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, from 3:00 to 6:30 PM. ***The rolls are \$10.00, and orders may be placed through any member of St. Benedict's Auxiliary, or you may call Marge Basista at 330-544-0107.*** They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Wednesday, October 31, 2018.**

COVERED DISH & CRAFT AUCTION

St. Benedict's Auxiliary Covered Dish & Craft Auction, Monday, 15 October at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. **Parishioners and friends are invited**, but *we do need reservations for the dinner. Please call 330-770-1100* with the number of people attending, before Thursday, Oct 11th ... **a good opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts for Christmas or for your home.**

14 OCTOBER 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	14 October	<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+ Bill Shuttic – Eleanor Cerbus +Stephen Sernulka, III – Mom, Dad & family +Michael & +Mary Mosko – Ron Mosko
Monday	15 October	<i>Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger. Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (Chapel)	16 October 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i> +Betty Rhoads – husband, Robert
Wednesday (Chapel)	17 October 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Prophet Hosea (Osee). Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete.</i> +Msgr. Victor Romza – John & Dianna Koza
Thursday (Chapel)	18 October 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.</i> +John Slovinsky, Jr. – Michele Golias
Friday	19 October	<i>Holy Prophet Joel. Holy Martyr Varus. Venerable Father John of Rila.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	20 October 5:00 PM	<i>Holy Great Martyr Artemius.</i> +Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hoso family
Sunday	21 October	<i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great.</i> 9:00 AM Intention of the Rosary Society members 11:00 AM Int. of Fr. Simeon & all of our former pastors



Attentive to the Word
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Lk. 8: 5 - 15
T- 4 pg.141 & follow directions on 263 - 264

THE IMPORTANCE OF EVANGELIZATION



Religion can very simply be described as whatever is important to us. The following items all have one thing in common: extracurricular activities in school, a family visit, football practice, a baseball game, a late night party, vacation, boredom, a chance to sleep in, an interesting television program, a special sale, the latest music video, a dinner invitation, golfing, mowing the lawn, a telephone call from a friend. What they have in common is simple: according to the common wisdom of the late twentieth century, they're all more important than church. If our faith is not taken seriously, it is no longer a faith or our religion or a church. I don't mean "seriously" here in the trivial sense of a bitter medicine to be swallowed whole, but as *the most important value of life*, which we accept with joy and love and which makes us really human.

We live in a nation that officially proclaims freedom of religion and separation of church and state. The church itself has solemnly proclaimed that freedom of religion is a natural human right. About this there is no quibble. What has happened in the culture of society, however, has been the trivialization of religion. In a recent book *The Culture of Disbelief*, Stephen L. Carter observes, "more and more, our culture seems to take the position that believing deeply in the tenets of one's faith represents a kind of mystical irrationality, something that thoughtful, public-spirited American citizens would do better to avoid," and then asks, "How did we reach this disturbing pass, when our culture teaches that religion is not to be taken seriously, even by those who profess to believe in it?" Our culture today makes religion the 100th priority on a list of 101 values. It has pushed faith to the margins and laughs at it, making it trivial.

The only way to recover our faith is through a process of evangelization. "Evangelization" comes from two Greek words. The first is "eu," (the "u" becomes a "v" before a vowel) which means "good," as in the word "euphoria," a state of feeling really good. The second is "angelos," which means "a message." "Angels" are "messengers from God." "Evangelos," therefore, is a good message, in Old English, a "good spell," which meant a "good story," and has become in modern English, "gospel."

When the women came to the tomb to anoint Christ's body after the crucifixion, they met an "angel," who had "good news" for them, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said" (Mt 28: 5-6). The resurrection is the best news of all, it's how the history of Christ as a human being among his brothers and sisters ends, and his followers were commanded to take this message to all nations and peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Trinity" (Mt 28:19-20). Our baptism is the acceptance of this good news. The church will grow when its people begin to spread this good news to others, and this is what is called "evangelization."

There are many forces which hinder people from accepting this "good news." Many have been baptized when they were young and were never properly evangelized. We may have the misconception that religion exists only to make us keep laws and to be generally unhappy. The whole world today is immoral and there's nothing to be happy about. If this is our idea of faith, then we cannot hear the "good news" and need evangelization.

Christ brings joy and truth and freedom. It is true that he brings it with a kind of sharp edge. Jesus himself had to lay down his life for his people, and asks the same from us, for "who-ever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel (the "good news") will save it" (Mk 8:35). *The Gospel demands commitment*. The world wants only easy answers and no hard work, and so preaches "feel good" news, but not real "good news." Jesus, the word of God, was aware of these obstacles, which are not particularly modern, and explained them in the parable of the sower and the seed (Lk 8:4-15).

The history of Christ ended with his return to glory at the right hand of the Father, but his presence remains until the end of time. The Spirit of Christ now fills the world through his church, whose main mission is simply spreading the Gospel. A real commitment to this message may be difficult in a world which has trivialized it, but the rewards are great.

By Archpriest David M. Petras