

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.

ECF REGISTRATIONS

. . . Parents & Guardians: You have received a mailing concerning the registration of your children for our Catechetical program. **Registrations are due by September 9th**, in order to give us enough time to order and receive the books and supplies needed. ***ECF classes will begin September 23rd at 9:45AM*** If you did not receive a mailing and have children in grades K thru 12, please pick up a form at the entrances of the church or call 330-372-1875 and leave a message and a phone number. **All Children, even if they attend a Catholic school, should be enrolled and attend classes here on Sunday mornings.** The success of our program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our parish and our Church.

TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a well-known pro-life prayer gathering of local churches held each year on the first Sunday in October. SS. Peter and Paul parish always takes part (on an individual basis) in this silent prayer gathering. The gathering takes place on Elm Road (exact location and time is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall).



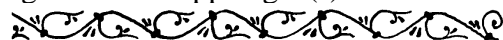
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 2 September:

5:00 PM: **59**; 9:00 AM: **38**; 11:00 AM: **58**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,001.15



- **Tues. Sept. 11** Important Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Sat. Sept. 15** Carpatho-Rusyn Vatra (Picnic) – Infant of Prague Church grounds – 7754 South Ave. Boardman, OH. Noon to ???
- **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 15 & 16** Coffee and Donuts after all the Divine Liturgies. Come and chat with your friends and meet new ones.
- **Mon. Sept. 17** Important Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Paper nominations for board members. Dice Game – Bring a small wrapped gift(s) and invite a potential member.



BINGO CARD PARTY & RAFFLE (Sponsored by Ladies Guild)



You have been looking forward to this since last April!
 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sunday, October 7, 2018.
 SS. Peter and Paul Social Hall
 \$6.00 donation (includes one bingo card, eligibility to win door prizes, a delicious box lunch and an afternoon of fun and camaraderie). Now where else can you get all of that for \$6.00???

RAFFLE: First Prize – 2 INSTANT LOTTERY SCARECROWS
 (Fun with scratch-offs – Plus 2 house or yard decorations)
Second Prize - \$100.00 cash

Tickets will be sold this week end. Get your tickets early to ensure a seat!



ARCHEPARCHY OF PITTSBURGH ASSEMBLY 2018

Concern for our Future: Renew, Revitalize, Rejuvenate
 September 16 – 18, 2018

Each Parish in our Eparchy is to send 2 representatives to this Assembly. Our representatives are Mary Beth Byers and Tim Byers. Father Simeon will also attend. We would like them to take your concerns and ideas regarding the future of our Byzantine Church, in the 3 areas mentioned above. They will be discussing ways to renew, revitalize and rejuvenate through education, social ministry & outreach. **We will have a short gathering after the 11:00 AM Liturgy today in the Social Hall** for anyone interested and willing to in share their concerns & ideas. The future of our Church is at stake. To do nothing is to die!

9 SEPTEMBER 2018
 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	9 September	<i>SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos. The Holy and Just Grandparents of God, Joachim and Anna.</i> +Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta & family +Sylvia Siska – Zoe Gradishar +Theodore A. Falatic – Wiley Byers
	(Vigil Liturgy 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM)	
Monday	10 September	<i>Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Mother of God. Holy Martyrs Menodora, Mitrodora, and Nymphodora.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	11 September	<i>Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos. Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria.</i> +Paul & Mildred Homa – Chris & Gene Krupsa
	(Chapel) 8:30 AM	
Wednesday	12 September	<i>Leave-taking of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos. Holy Bishop-Martyr Autonomous.</i> +John E. Mosko – Byers family
	(Chapel) 8:30 AM	
Thursday	13 September	<i>Prefestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Jerusalem. Holy Bishop-Martyr Cornelius. Holy Father John Chrysostom, transferred from Saturday (Sept. 13).</i> +Frank Hoso, Jr. – Robert Fejko
	(Fri. Vigil) 6:00 PM	
Friday	14 September	<i>FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Passing of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	15 September	<i>Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Great Martyr Nicetas.</i> +Mildred Syrko – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
	5:00 PM	
Sunday	16 September	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. The Holy Great Martyr Euphemia.</i> +Harry Reynolds – M/M Michael Johnson +Margaret Gnat – Children of Margaret Gnat
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	



Attentive to the Word
Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jn. 3: 13 – 17

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pg. 247 & 248 for Sept. 7th thru 12th*

Shortly after World War II came to a close, Europe began picking up the pieces. Much of the old world had been ravaged by war and was in ruins. Perhaps the saddest sight of all was that of little orphaned children starving in the streets of those war-torn cities.

Early one chilly morning an American soldier was making his way back to the barracks in London. As he turned the corner in his jeep, he spotted a little boy with his nose pressed against the window of a bakery. Inside, the baker was kneading dough for a fresh batch of doughnuts. The hungry boy stared in silence, watching every move. The soldier pulled his jeep to the curb, stopped, got out, and walked quietly over to where the little guy was standing. Through the steamed-up window he could see the mouth-watering treats as they were being pulled from the oven, piping hot. The boy salivated and released a slight groan as he watched the cook place them onto the glass-covered counter ever so carefully.

The soldier's heart went out to the nameless orphan as he stood beside him.

"Son ... would you like some of those?" The boy was startled. "Oh, yes sir... I sure would!"

The American soldier stepped inside and bought a dozen doughnuts and brought the bag out to the boy still standing in the cold London fog. He smiled, held out the open bag and said, "Here you are."

As he turned to walk away, he felt a tug on his coat. He looked back and heard the child ask quietly, "Mister,... are you God?"

We are never more like God than when we give with love and concern. After all, in today's Gospel we hear, "God so loved the world that he GAVE!"

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEPTEMBER 14

"Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord, invincible triumph of the true faith. You are the gate to Paradise, the strength of the faithful, and the stronghold of the Church. Because of you, corruption no longer has meaning nor power. By you, we have been lifted up from earth to heaven. You are an invincible weapon against evil, a glory indeed for saints and martyrs, and a haven for salvation. You are the source of mercy to the world." (From the Vespers of the Feast)



On this feast we glorify the center of Christian wisdom. "We proclaim Christ – yes, Christ nailed to the Cross; and though this is a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Greeks, yet to those who have heard His call, Jews and Greeks alike, He is the power of God and the wisdom of God."

The wisdom of Christ was His love for all mankind. For our salvation He humbled Himself, turned back violence by "turning the other cheek" and by accepting death on the Cross for the sake of His people. Christ's humility seems foolishness to most of the world. In practice – few practice it.

On this feast, however, we **glorify** the Cross. For us, it is no longer a sign of torture and degradation, a sign of criminality – but a sign of **God's Victory** over sin and death. When we venerate the Cross, we see in the center of the church our **hope and salvation** – that by imitating Christ in His love for others, we might be united with God and rise in glory with Him!