

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Nicholas**, husband of Parishioner, Renee Zumerling, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH LENTEN KICKOFF

Weds., March 6th – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – St. Michael's Social Center, 2140 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA. Homemade Frozen Pierohi (Stuffed Dumpling) Baker's Dozen (13) – Potato-Cheese - \$6.00 or Sauerkraut - \$7.00; Homemade Halushki - \$8.00 a Quart.

APPROPRIATE CHURCH BEHAVIOR

A Greek word “anamnesis” means “to recall to mind.” It would be helpful for all of us to recall to mind where we are when we are in church. A Church is the house of God. We should remember we are in God's presence and as such should focus our attention on worship. As adults, we have the responsibility to teach our young people what is appropriate behavior. Loud and unnecessary talking before, during and after the Liturgy is not appropriate Church behavior! Unless you are ill, it is also inappropriate to leave the Church before the closing of the Royal Doors. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners who wish to remain a little longer in the quiet presence of God.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 17 February:

5:00 PM: 61; 9:00 AM: 47; 11:00 AM: 53

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,603.86



24 FEBRUARY 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Feb. 24** ECF Classes - 9:55 to 10:45 AM.
- **Mon. Feb 25** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. We can use your help.
- **Sun. Mar. 3** Ladies Guild is now renamed Parish Guild and is open to all men and women. Their first event is a *Bingo-Card Party – March 3rd* at 1:00 PM. Hope to see all of you there!
- **Wed. Mar. 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We can always use extra hands.
- **Sun. Mar. 10** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2:00 to 4:00 PM – at the Monastery. Please ring #301.



ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

During our Liturgical Year our Byzantine Church remembers its faithful departed in a special way on 5 All Souls Saturdays. The first All Souls Saturday is 23 February 2018. The other All Souls Saturday remembrances are 16 March, 23 March, 30 March, and 8 June.



LOCK-IN RETREAT: (Sponsored by Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat)

“HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR” (MT 13:9)

- For Teenagers and Young Adults
- Saturday March 23 to Sunday March 24 (1:00 PM to 1:00 PM)
- Saint Anne’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4310 Kirk Road, Austintown, Ohio 44511.
- Optional Service Project to be performed Saturday Morning at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Youngstown, Ohio.
- \$30.00 (presentations, book, meals & T-shirts included). Bring the following donation items: Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Pancake Mix and Syrup, and Styrofoam Plates and Cups.
- **Call the parish office if you wish to attend. We have the forms that must be completed, as well as further directives. Registration is due by March 8**

You are encouraged to attend. Key Note Speakers: Mother Iliana, Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, Burton, Ohio and Father Alex Wroblicky. Additional speakers: Seminarians from Saints Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA. It will be a wonderful experience!

Sunday	24 February	<i>MEATFARE SUNDAY. SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT. First and Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Intention of Agnes Ihnat – Nick & Marie Ihnat +Anthony Simon – Marjorie, Paul, & Cheryl +John Vazur – Ruth Guinta
Monday	25 February	<i>Cheesefare Monday. Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	26 February	<i>Cheesefare Tuesday. Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza. The Holy Great Martyr, Photina the Samaritan.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+James Danko – Ron & Donna Johns
Wednesday	27 February	<i>Cheesefare Wednesday. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Gregory of Narek.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Thomas Orfin (40th Day)
Thursday	28 February	<i>Cheesefare Thursday. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Beverly M. (40th Day) – O.L. of Guadalupe Cenacle
Friday	1 March	<i>Cheesefare Friday. The Venerable Martyr Eudoxia. Our Holy Father David, Enlightener of Wales.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	2 March	<i>Cheesefare Saturday. Memory of all Holy Ascetics. The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Craig McKnight – Byers Family
Sunday	3 March	<i>CHEESEFARE SUNDAY. SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS. The Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Ann Simko – Michael & Sue Johnson +Elizabeth Prokop – Kathleen & Richard Fetcenko

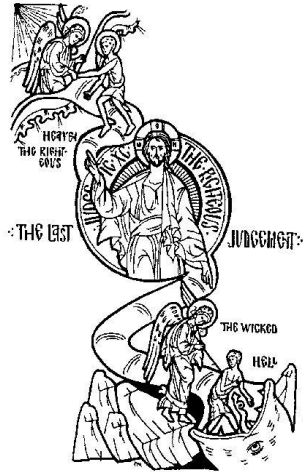


Attentive to the Word

Sunday of Meatfare

Matt 25: 31 – 46

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We believe that Jesus will come in Glory to judge the living and the dead! This is a part of our creed, what we believe as Christians.

This morning's gospel reading gives us a description, a vision of that last judgment. Awesome! Terrifying! A time of reward and punishment. A time of separation and eternal loss. A time of judgment. How are we going to be judged? By the way we treat others – We either have an open heart or a closed heart.

We know a lot about hearts today. They get clogged and then they don't work right. They race, they lose their timing, and then they no longer give life. We get very serious about taking care of our hearts. The heart is the center of love. We give our heart to those we love. And Jesus judgment is based on how we have had an open heart or a closed heart to others.

It is easy to love those who love us. It is easy to love those from whom we expect a reward. I was hungry. I was thirsty. I was a stranger. I was naked. I was ill. I was in prison. How open was our heart? How closed was our heart? Don't be afraid to fill your heart and to reach out in love. Love makes us vulnerable. We may be taken advantage of. We may be used. We may not be appreciated. We may be misjudged. It is so easy to find an excuse not to love.

But St. John rightly says in his epistle, *He Himself made us a promise, and the promise is no less than this: eternal life.* That's what Jesus brings and gives. *Let no one deceive you; the man who acts in holiness is holy indeed, even as the Son is holy. The man who sins belongs to the devil because the devil is a sinner from the beginning. It was to destroy the devil's works, that the Son of God revealed himself...No one whose actions are unholy belongs to God, nor anyone who fails to love his brother.*

Don't be afraid to fill your heart with people and things you love, for the love of God won't occupy space in your heart any more than a singer's voice occupies space in a concert hall. Love is not like a loaf of bread. If I give a chunk of the loaf to you I have less to offer others. Love is like Eucharistic Bread: I receive the whole Christ. You receive the whole Christ too; and so does the next and the next.

You can love your mother with your whole heart, and your husband or wife, and each of your children. The wonder is that giving the whole of it to one person does not force you to give less to another. On the contrary, each one of us now gets more. For if you love only your friend and no one else it is a feeble heart that you offer. Your friend would stand to gain if you also gave it to others.

Certainly, we are limited. We are constrained by time, energy, and talent. But we can all do something. Maybe we can't do everything for everyone all the time. But we can do something. And it's those little things that we do that open up our heart, that love becomes visible, and that let Christ become present and visible to others.

By Fr. John Zeyack



Outside His parables, there are only three occasions when Christ explicitly speaks of the punishment of hell:

1. When people fail to perform works of mercy.
2. When adults corrupt children by bad example and serious scandal.
3. Whenever there is an unforgiving hatred of neighbor.

Christ even condemns what some consider only slight infringements of the law of charity and brotherly love. Christ denounces all words of anger, ridicule and contempt. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, our Lord says ". . . everyone who grows angry with his brother/sister shall be liable to judgment; anyone who uses abusive language toward his brother (neighbor) shall be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and if he holds him in contempt he risks the fires of Gehenna (hell)."

Let us do good and perform works of mercy so that we can receive the reward prepared for us by our Heavenly Master.