

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 Saints 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 and Lisa Mosko are in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION – NOVEMBER

Our parents and all parishioners can also grow in their faith relationship with Our Lord. There are many free Eastern Churches' webinars, books, videos, etc. available to us...Just Google "God With Us Publications" to get started.

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesday evening 8:00 – 9:30 PM, November 11
“CROWNED WITH GLORY” – Understanding the Marriage Covenant –
by Rev. Stephen Freeman.

“The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together...Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down.” – St. John Chrysostom

Please pick up a flyer at the entrances of the church for a listing of the November free adult education webinar.

NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CONVENTION UPDATE

A “must take part in” convention for ALL Byzantine Catholics...Clergy, Monastics, Religious and Laity, sponsored by the four Eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church. It will be a Virtual Convention starting November 1, 2020. There will be a live Panel Discussion on Sat., November 14 from 1 PM – 3 PM on Zoom. This convention is entitled *GROWING A VIBRANT BYZANTINE CHURCH. (It takes all of us to make that happen!)* ***So please pick-up a flyer and register for the convention. BE INFORMED! BE INVOLVED! AND HELP OUR CHURCH TO BECOME A VIBRANT CHURCH! Communication has improved so much with Tim Byer's emails each week. Everyone loves them. (Thank you, Tim, for the special tribute to “Johnnie Welch.”)***

Please register at <https://byzantineconvention.com>

The presenters for the Convention are pre-recorded for viewing on Nov. 3rd on your computer. These viewings will prepare us for the Panel discussion on Nov. 14th. There is a sign-up sheet for the Nov. 14th Social Hall viewing. We need to observe social distancing so the Social Hall viewing will be limited. **Masks are required!** – This Convention should concern all of us – because it is the lifeblood of our future.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 31:

5:00 PM: 39; 9:00 AM: 40; 11:00 AM: 34

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,226.00



- **Sun. Nov. 8** ECF Classes meet promptly at 10 AM. Try to come a few minutes early so that we can get the temperatures taken in the Social Hall. Parents are asked to remain until after temperatures are taken. Parents may wait for their children in the Social Hall, but they are asked to practice social distancing and to wear a mask. *No one is permitted downstairs except teachers and students*
- **Sat. Nov. 14** National Byzantine Catholic Convention – viewing of Panel Discussions – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – in Social Hall.
- **Sun. Nov. 15** Philip’s Fast begins in preparation for Christmas.

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CELEBRATION

St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Byzantine Catholics. We cannot let this beautiful feast go by without a celebration! Due to the drastic increase of Covid-19 cases in Ohio, we will have to limit our usual St. Nicholas Dinner to “carry out” only. The main entrée will be provided by DiLucia’s Catering & Banquet Center. The menu will be posted next to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. The cost per dinner is \$10.00. **On the sign-up sheet, please write your requested number of dinners under the Liturgy you will be attending on Dec. 5th or Dec. 6th.** Even though we cannot be together physically – we hope you will still “celebrate” with us as our Parish family.

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS—Teach this Prayer to your young ones:



Angel of God, my guardian dear,
 To whom God’s love commits me here
 Ever this day be at my side
 To love, to guard,
 To rule, and guide.
 Amen

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	8 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Wilma Taylor – Duane & Janet Ulery +Gloria Sipes – Richard & Sandra Fetsko +David Mosko – Ron Mosko
Monday	9 Nov.	<i>(The Holy Martyrs Onesiphorus and Prophryius.) Our Venerable Mother Matriona. The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	10 Nov.	<i>The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas and Rhodion and Their Companions.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Marialice Verney – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
Wednesday	11 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent. The Holy Martyr Stephanis. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr and Bishop Vincent Eugene Bossilkov in Bulgaria.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Martha Ochtyun – Pat Rinda
Thursday	12 Nov.	<i>Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Our Venerable Father Nilus. The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth & family
Friday	13 Nov.	<i>Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	14 Nov.	<i>The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Philip. Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hosok, Jr. – Wiley Byers
Sunday	15 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Tom Vislosky - family +Michael & +Mary Lickwar - family



Attentive to the Word

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Luke 8: 41 – 56 and Luke 10: 16 – 22

**Tone 6 Trop. of Resurrection – Pg. 152 & the
rest from the Feast of St. Michael – Pgs. 265 - 266**



When Jesus returned to Capernaum, the people welcomed Him, particularly a man and a woman who each had heavy burdens to share with Jesus. The contrast here is interesting, for it shows the variety of people who came to Jesus for help. The man's name is given (Jairus) but the woman is anonymous. Jairus was a wealthy leading citizen, but the woman was a lowly person who had spent all her money trying to get well. Here was a man interceding for his child and a woman hoping to get help for herself, and both came to the feet of Jesus. Jairus had been blessed with twelve years of joy with his daughter, and now might lose her, while the

woman had experienced twelve years of misery because of her affliction, and now she was hoping to get well.

This woman had a hidden need, a burden she had lived with for twelve long years. It affected her physically and made life difficult. But it also affected her spiritually, because the hemorrhage made her ceremonially defiled and unable to participate in the religious life of the nation (Lev. 15:19-22). She was defiled, destitute, discouraged, and desperate; but she came to Jesus and her need was met.

Her faith was almost superstitious, but the Lord honored it. She knew that He had healed others and she wanted Him to heal her. She could have used many excuses – the crowd was pressing around Him; nothing had worked for twelve years; it was not right to come to Jesus as a last resort; she was not an important person; He was on His way to heal Jairus' daughter—but she allowed nothing to stand in her way.

Jewish men wore tassels of blue twisted cords on the corners of their outer garments, as a reminder that they were to obey God's commandments (Num. 15:37-40; Deut. 22:12). The Pharisees went to extremes in obeying this rule to impress people with their sanctity (Matt. 23:5). Why the woman chose to touch this part of His garment, we do not know, but Jesus knew somebody with faith had touched Him and had been healed by His power. The healing was immediate and complete.

Why did the Lord ask her to give witness publicly? Was this not an embarrassment to her? Not in the least. To begin with, this public confession was for her sake. It was an opportunity for her to confess Christ and glorify God. Had she stolen away in the crowd, she would not have met Jesus personally or heard His words of assurance and comfort (Luke 8:48). But her confession was also an encouragement to Jairus, who would soon hear that his daughter had died. (Perhaps he wanted to blame the woman for the delay!) The woman's twelve years of trial were ended, and the same Christ who helped her would help Jairus. She was a testimony to the power of faith. True, she did not exercise "great faith," but Christ honored it and healed her body.

Finally, her witness was a rebuke to the multitude. You can be a part of the crowd and never get any blessing from being near Jesus! It is one thing to "press Him" and another thing to "touch Him" by faith. We may not have strong faith, but we do have a strong Savior, and He responds even to a touch at the hem of His garment.

When the inventor of chloroform, Sir James Simpson, was dying, a friend said to him, "You will soon be resting on His bosom." Simpson humbly replied, "I don't know as I can do that, but I think I have hold of the hem of His garment."

By Warren Wiersbe



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS



On November 8th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Michael the Great Archangel and all the holy angels. The word "angel" means messenger, and many times in both the Old and New Testaments, this is how God used them. They were sent to minister, to heal, to warn, and to protect.

There are many people who do not believe in the existence of spirits – angels and devils. But angels and devils do exist. This was and is the teaching of the Church. Angels are servants of God who work for us. Devils are spirits who alienated themselves from God and who work against us.

The Devil is our number one enemy! He is the tempter who led many people astray. Remember, devils are former angels who turned against God. They are very intelligent and have thousands of years of experience turning people away from God.

St. Michael, defend us against the workings of the devil!