

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.

MILK CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSS SALE – 2020

We still have a few milk chocolate Byzantine Crosses for sale @ \$6.00 each. If anyone is interested, please see Sister Barbara or call the Office.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION – OCTOBER/ 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 Eastern Catholic.org/Events.

Wednesday evenings 8:00 – 9:00 PM, October 7 – 28

**“GOD WITH US” – The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition –
by Rev. David Anderson.**

As an old saying goes, the law of prayer is the law of belief. The foundation and authority of catechesis is and always has been the Divine Liturgy of the Church. Rooted in prayer and looking to the Lord, we discover the Byzantine Faith in the face of Christ. *Please pick up a flyer at the entrances of the church for a listing for the rest of October and November free adult education webinars.*

NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CONVENTION

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 11am – 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 Tm Byer's emails each week. Everyone loves them. (That was the result of an Eparchial meeting 2 years ago.)**



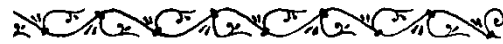
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 4:

5:00 PM: 31; 9:00 AM: 38; 11:00 AM: 44

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,073.10



➤ **Sun. Oct.11** 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.*



THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU

Heartfelt thanks from Benedictine Sisters Agnes and Mary Martha for the beautiful bedspreads received from SS. Peter and Paul Parish. That was such a unique gift, which will bring back many happy memories as they read and re-read your names each day as they make their beds. The sisters are adjusting well to their new surroundings. They realized that they both needed more assistance than was anticipated and have been moved to a different area where more assistance is available. They send their love and their prayers!

The new address is:

(Sr. Agnes Knapik, OSB or Sr. M. Martha Kacmarek, OSB)

P.O. Box 924

318 Villa Drive

Villa Maria, PA 16155

Sr. Agnes' direct line:

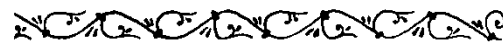
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WORDS OF WISDOM

EVERY JOB IS A SELF-PORTRAIT OF THE PERSON WHO DOES IT.

AUTOGRAPH YOUR WORK WITH EXCELLENCE.

OCTOBER 11, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	11 Oct.	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. The Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons. Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea. Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Suzanne Tablac – Staci Brindle & family +Rebecca Kapusta – John & Irene Chekan +Charles “Buddy” Hite – Ron & Ann Whitfield
Monday	12 Oct.	<i>Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. Venerable Father Cosmus, Hymnographer. Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (SPP)	13 Oct. 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papilus and Agathonica</i> Health/Welfare of Michael J. Mosko – son, Ronald
Wednesday (SPP)	14 Oct. 8:30 AM	<i>Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protasius and Celsus.</i> +Sandra Slyk – Joseph & Judy Chontos
Thursday (SPP)	15 Oct. 8:30 AM	<i>Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger. Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch.</i> +Bill Shuttic – Friends
Friday	16 Oct.	<i>Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	17 Oct. 5:00 PM	<i>Holy Prophet Hosea. Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete.</i> +Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hosos family
Sunday	18 Oct.	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.</i> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM +Anthony P. Simon – Marjorie, Paul & Cheryl +Steve Zumerling – M/M Donald Kovac



Attentive to the Word

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fathers at the 7th Ecumenical Council

Luke 7: 11 – 16 or Jn. 17: 1 – 13

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“Caught doing something nice.” So read the words on an award that teachers like to present to their students – an award given in the hope that the kindness being rewarded was a natural, rather than a solicited, response. This way of recognizing ordinary acts of unselfishness helps reinforce in the students the truth that acts of compassion are always rewarded.

It's hard to imagine Jesus needing a sticker to remind him how important it is to be kind and generous.

Seeing the widow of Nain grieving at her only son's funeral, He was moved with a pity that came from heartfelt mercy. Jesus felt this mother's sorrow through His very being, and, foreshadowing the reason why He came to live among us, He transformed her sorrow. Just as He brought us life through His resurrection, so did He restore life to her son. She didn't expect or even request such kindness, but He gave it anyway, freely and without reservation – just as He saved us by His death before it dawned on any of us to ask Him to make any sacrifice for us.

It's amazing, but true: Jesus has taken the initiative to reveal love to us. As we let His love work in our lives, we find ourselves wanting to turn to Him for wisdom and help in our everyday situations. Without expecting Him to prove Himself, we begin to trust that He will turn our sorrow into joy – according to His wisdom and His timing. We begin to believe that He will take the areas of our lives that are "dead" and bring healing and renewed life to them.

Think about the times in your life when you knew that you had received Jesus' mercy without expecting it. It could be anything from having someone smile at you when you were feeling down, to experiencing the blessings of having a close and trusted friend to whom you could pour out your heart. Each of these situations proves to us that Jesus is on our side regardless of our level of faith. He is with us, ready to reveal the Father's love for us. He loves being "caught doing something nice." And He wants us to do the same!

SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

This Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Byzantine worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Thrasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops. Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine Empire. Religious fanatics were at the point of idolatry and almost worshiping icons. Worship is due only to God. The other extremists, the Iconoclasts, took icons completely out of the liturgical life of the Church. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Byzantine Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor, but not of real worship."



A PRAYER FOR MY PARISH

Holy Spirit, my Guide and Counselor, I ask Your blessing on my parish family. May our priests and other leaders continue to be living witnesses of Your presence among us. May all of us grow spiritually, and follow Your Gospel faithfully. In particular, may our weekly worship bind us closer to one another in faith, and give You glory and praise. May each family in our parish, from the youngest to the oldest, be especially blessed by You. May all of our families truly be "little churches" that daily give You thanks and praise. Thank You for my parish, and thank You for my faith. Amen.