

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 scription 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: Lisa Mosko is 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANICE CLARK – THIS MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER OF THE LADY BUG BOX!

You have to play to win! Tickets are being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the Lady Bug Box. This box contains Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We would like to continue this fundraiser monthly with your support. Any donations of Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and appreciated.

Next month's drawing will be held on Sunday, August 29th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SIMEON

As you know, I haven't been feeling well for some time now, especially since I have had Covid-19. Recovery and side effects have made life difficult for me, and I have not been able to give 100% to our Parish family. For this, I apologize and ask your forgiveness.

I will be away on medical leave for a while. Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec, Jr. will temporarily serve the spiritual needs of the Parish. I ask you to welcome Father Miron and give him the same love and cooperation that you have given me. Please remember me in your prayers! You will be remembered in mine! Any well wishes and correspondence should be sent to the Parish office or placed in the collection basket.

Thank you,
Father Simeon

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM SKURLA

Covid Obligations – Restrictions Lifted

We have all known and felt the impact of COVID-19 in so many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. It has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Now, as life returns to normalcy in so many ways, it is also time for us to return to Sunday Divine Liturgy. In our Archeparchy, we will reinstate the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on **Sunday, August 15, 2021**, the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, the Mother of God. As your Archbishop, I had dispensed you from this obligation in the Spring of 2020 as the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Liturgy. This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill or have a serious health risk.

God Bless You!

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 24:

5:00 PM: **46**; 9:00 AM: **58**; 11:00 AM: **48**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,497.00



- **Aug. 1 – 14** **Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother.** We recommend abstaining from meat on Wednesday and Friday and your own private prayers.
- **Wed., Aug. 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Thurs., Aug. 5** Vigil Liturgy for Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord at 6:00 PM with Blessing of grapes and other fruits.
- **Tues., Aug. 10** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall. All Parishioners are invited.
- **Sun., Aug. 15** Parish Picnic after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in Social Hall.

(PPP) PARISH PICNIC “PARTICULARS”:

When? Sunday, August 15th after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

Where? SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall and Grounds.

Who? YOU...Parishioners & Manor residents.



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Because we are still in the pandemic mode, **the Church will provide all of the Picnic Foods.** (If anyone is so inclined, monetary donations are accepted.) There will be fun and games for everyone. You will need quarters for the wheel and the

CRL game. Come and enjoy an afternoon of good old-fashioned camaraderie! We hope to see all of you there!



... for all the prayers, cards, and telephone calls. It is greatly appreciated!

God bless all of you!
Mary Anne Karchut

LITURGY STIPENDS

The Divine Liturgy Stipend has been increased to \$20 by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh effective July 1, 2021.

AUGUST 1, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	1 August	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solomonia and Elder Eleazar.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Sandy Bishop – husband, Ken Bishop +Douglas Winland – Marjorie Reynolds Bill & Alexis Fusselman (50th Anniversary)
Monday	2 August	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	3 August	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	4 August	<i>The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. The Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Ioan Bălan.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday (Vigil Liturgy)	5 August 6:00 PM	<i>Pre-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i> +George Bernard - family
Friday	6 August	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Pgs. 346 – 350).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	7 August 5:00 PM	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i> +Dr. Domingo Villareal – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
Sunday	8 August	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i> 9:00 AM +Stephanie Bodajlo – mom, dad & family 11:00 AM Blessings for our Grandchildren – Gary & Julie Sharon

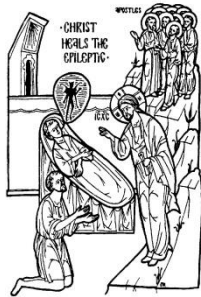


Attentive to the Word TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Procession of the Cross

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The Apostles in today's Gospel failed to cure a young man. They didn't succeed because they depended too much upon themselves. To cure the young man, they had to have great faith, a change of heart, and complete dependence on God. They looked for the key to success in themselves. It was not the proper place to look. The answer was always before their eyes....in Christ.

Some years ago a poor old man living in New Jersey discovered about five thousand dollars in an old family bible. The bills were scattered throughout the bible.

Many years before, his aunt had died. In her will she left her family bible to him. The will read: "To my beloved nephew I will and bequeath my family bible and all it contains."

The nephew took the bible home and laid it on his table. Days, months, and years passed by. His eyes often rested on the bible. Sometimes his hand touched it. But not once did he open it. Through these many years he lived in poverty.

When he was an old man he decided to spend the last few years of his life in his son's home. He began to pack. When he picked up the old bible, he decided to open it. To his amazement he saw a twenty dollar bill. He turned a few more pages and found another. Then he looked through the entire bible. He discovered about five thousand dollars altogether.

For thirty-five years he lived in poverty while a very large sum of money was within easy reach. The nephew, like the Apostles, had the solution to his problem before his very eyes. But he failed to find and use it.

The answers to our problems also are in Christ. We can learn more about Him and His solutions by reading the bible, especially the Gospels. It holds more than the riches of money. It contains the word of God which is the source of truth, life and strength. The Gospel Book represents Christ Himself. This is why we give it special veneration in our churches and liturgies.

Open and read the bible! It holds much spiritual wealth. It is wisdom and is yours for the asking.

THE TRANSFIGURATION



On Aug. 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The whole atmosphere on the Mountain of Transfiguration, as presented by the Evangelists is glory. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and His garments glistened and gleamed like the light.

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Our Lord spoke of His approaching passion and death. The Apostles undoubtedly must have been very hurt and disappointed to hear Jesus tell of His journey to Jerusalem and how he would be humiliated, treated like a criminal, suffer, be crucified and die. The Transfiguration was something

which was intended to lift up their hearts. It was to enable them to look beyond the humiliation and shame of Good Friday and the death on the cross to the glorious and crowning resurrection.

It is no wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the Mount and remain there. He wanted the great moment of glory to be prolonged. He did not want to go down to common everyday things, especially not to face the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Similarly, we too wish to experience the intimacy of peace and joy and our nearness to God at all times. The Mountain of Transfiguration is always more enjoyable than common daily things. But the Transfiguration is intended to give to us, as to the apostles, hope and strength to walk the daily way of the cross and to see beyond this, to the glory of our own transfiguration.

BLESSING OF FRUIT



As is customary in the Eastern Church on the Feast of the Transfiguration, **GRAPES AND FRUITS** will be blessed following the Divine Liturgy. Grapes are indicative of wine which is "transfigured" into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don't forget to bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with you.