

## 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.

## KOLACHI TIME???

Fall is here and we are quickly approaching the time for our Annual Kolachi Baking.

With parishioners aging and Covid concerns, we are not sure if we will have the manpower to have this activity this year. Our younger parishioners who work during the day have commented that they would be glad to help if we baked on the weekend. We really are counting on this younger age group to help us continue this activity; therefore, if we have enough help, we are planning to bake on **Fri. and Sat., Nov. 5 and 6.** *You do not need to know how to bake kolachi.*

This activity will benefit not only our parishioners who traditionally look forward to kolachi for the holidays but also our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. Please help us keep this activity going. **A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.**

Any questions, please call Pat James at 330-507-6273.

## PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for Father Simeon. We miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

## THANK YOU!

We thank Father Michael Huszti for all his help and sacrifice while Father Simeon is recuperating. It is greatly appreciated.

## CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN FR. SIMEON'S ABSENCE:

*While Fr. Simeon is recuperating, any needs required by parishioners are to be arranged through the church office.*

If a priest is needed for emergency anointing of parishioners who are seriously ill, please call the office and we will do our best to take care of your request. If a parishioner is hospitalized at St. Joseph's, St. Elizabeth's or Trumbull Memorial, there is a Catholic Chaplain who is on call for emergency anointing, confession, "last rites," etc., and they will be able to take care of these needs at this time.

In case of the death of a parishioner, the Funeral Home will call the office and we will arrange for a priest to work with the funeral director and the family for the funeral service and burial.

## LITURGY STIPENDS

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

**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 16:**

5:00 PM: **48;** 9:00 AM: **40;** 11:00 AM: **40**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,137.00**



- **Sun., Oct. 24** ECF Classes 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Mon., Oct. 25** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., Nov. 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



### SO-O-O SORRY!

#### Assembly of the Byzantine Catholic (Ruthenian) Church!

I am so sorry for not getting this information to you sooner!

This Assembly is being held as a kind of “follow-up” and continuation of the Byzantine Convention held approximately a year ago. Mary Beth and Tim Byers represented SS. Peter and Paul Church, at the Byzantine Convention...and we have all enjoyed and grown together through Tim’s weekly emails. Thank you, Tim! We also thank all who share their pictures, talents and info with him, to be shared with all of us. This Assembly will be an “in person” gathering with presenters and presentations of vital significance, with consideration for every age and interest. It offers an opportunity for us to grow together spiritually, and to begin to bring our Byzantine Church into a time of renewed interest, growth, and participation. We ask you to seriously think about attending this event and join participants from all four Eparchies to listen, to learn, to share and to become part of contributing to the Life of our Church, its parishes and its people. *This Assembly is open for anyone who wants to attend.*

**The Assembly is scheduled for November 5 & 6 at St. John Byzantine Cathedral, Munhall, PA. Registration slips are at each entrance. Even though we missed the deadline for registration, they have extended it for us until Saturday, October 30, 2021.**

We encourage you to attend, if you are able!

**See Flyer on bulletin board for more information!**

### LADY BUG BOX

One of the prizes in the Lady Bug Box this month is 2 raffle tickets for the GCU Seminary Fundraiser! They were donated by 2 parishioners. The winner of the GCU Fundraiser will receive \$2,000 in Holiday Cash.

This month’s drawing will be held on *Sunday, October 31st*, after the 11:00 AM Liturgy.

Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

Stop in the Social Hall and check out the **LADY BUG BOX.**

### OCTOBER 24, 2021 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	24 Oct.	<i>22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Joan Bernard – Betty Zombar</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+Sr. M. Martha Kacmarek (40<sup>th</sup> day) – St. Benedict’s Aux.</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Mary Prest (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Msgr. Mahalik</b>
Monday	25 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius. The Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	26 Oct.	<i>The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius. Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	27 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Nestor. The Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	28 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Our Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer. The Holy Martyr Paraskevia and Iconium.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	29 Oct.	<i>The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Our Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit. The Passing of our Venerable Father Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite and Wonder-worker.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	30 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia. The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Oleksiy Zarytski (1963).</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – wife, Loretta</b>
Sunday	31 Oct.	<i>23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. Holy Martyrs Epimachus &amp; Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Intention of Rosary Society Members</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Bill Fusselman (40<sup>th</sup> day) – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary</b>



Attentive to the Word  
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Luke 16: 19 - 31*

*Tone 5 Pgs. 146 - 148*



"THE SIN OF INDIFFERENCE"



A while ago, Vladimir Posner, dubbed the "Donahue" of the then Soviet Union, commented on public radio that the media presents news by, for, and about the media. Even network news resembles something like "Inside Edition" or "Entertainment Tonight" more than the "hard news" that I remember growing up with in the days of Walter Cronkite. And the public seems to like it. We can't blame ourselves, I suppose. There's so much violence and tragedy in the world today that news about who's starring in the latest movie is easier to watch than "hard news." We've become *indifferent* to the pain around us.

The problem, however, is that being *indifferent to the suffering of others*, as we heard in today's Gospel, is a great sin. Jesus tells the story of two men: a rich man, who feasted on exotic foods every day, wore expensive clothes, and in general lived very well, and Lazarus, a poor man who fed off the leftovers that the rich man threw out. Lazarus had ulcerated sores all over his body and was pestered by stray dogs in the area. When they died, Lazarus in effect went to heaven, and the rich man to hell.

This is the only parable, incidentally, in which reference is made to a specific someone going to hell. St. Cyril of Alexandria notes that it is significant that the rich man was not named, that he was nameless in God's presence, echoing the words of the psalmist referring to those who do not revere God, saying, "I will not make mention of their names with my lips."

Now the rich man wasn't a bad man; we're not told that he killed, or stole from others, or anything like that. He didn't go to hell because he was rich. But he was indifferent. To the rich man, people like Lazarus were just part of the landscape.

As the story continues, we heard that the rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man's five brothers about the threat of eternal separation from God. Abraham responds, however, that his brothers have all the warning they need, that if Moses and the prophets were not convincing enough, neither would be someone coming back from the dead.

Repeatedly in the Bible we find that God takes the side of the underdogs of life, and judges those who are blessed with more, yet do nothing to help the ones in need. And the need is growing today. The number of homeless, for example, have increased dramatically in recent years, beginning with the deinstitutionalization of the severely mentally ill in the 1960s.

With so much suffering around us, it's hard not to become indifferent to the needs of the homeless, to the victims of violence, to the suffering caused by natural disasters, and so forth. Yet it is precisely because we are Christians that we must not be indifferent. Fr. Alexander Yelchaninov wrote that the indifference of believers is far more dreadful a thing than the fact that unbelievers exist. George Bernard Shaw once said, "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity."

We're not individually called to rescue the whole world from suffering, but to help the need where we find it. The story is told of a man who was found throwing starfish into the sea as the tide was ebbing out. What was the point, another man asked, as there were hundreds of stranded starfish on the beach, "It won't make a difference." The first man just looked at the other, picked up a starfish, and threw it into the sea. "It made a difference to that one," he replied.

*May God grant us the awareness of our indifference  
and the courage to offer a  
hand where there is need. Amen.*