

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 Father Simeon to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father Simeon before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father 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 Father Simeon is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Father Simeon whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father 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.

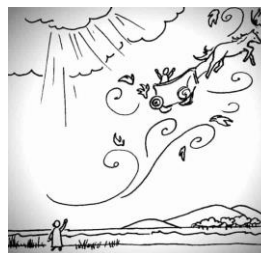
Rectory Office Hours: Lisa Mosko is in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Julia Chaky** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

THE GREAT PROPHET ELIJAH



According to tradition, Elijah was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot. To commemorate Elijah's ascent, "our means of transportation" is usually blessed by the priest following the Divine Liturgy on this day. We all have Holy Water at home... so this year, please celebrate the Feast of Saint Elijah by blessing your own auto on Wednesday, July 20th.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

PLEASE NOTE – Monday, 7/18 – Last day to notify the office:

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional years that are multiples of five during this year of 2022. **Please inform the Parish Office by July 18, 2022 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.** The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop your name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. . . .

When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities. When God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 9:

5:00 PM: 58; 10:00 AM: 72

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,554.00



- **Mon., July 25** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., Aug. 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., Aug. 9** Parish Guild Meeting 6 PM. All are welcome to attend.

MAY I LIVE WITH YOU?



Hi! My name is Gomez! I am six years old. I am a Chihuahua/Fox Terrier mix and weigh about 15 pounds. My “human daddy” and I are very sad, because he must find a new home for me. You see, he must move to a new home (not too far away) but it is not pet friendly, so we must split-up. I am a good dog; I admit I’m a little spoiled, since I’m an “only child.” But I am a good companion, especially to young adults and older adults; I like to play,

especially tug-of-war, but when you are busy, I am happy just lying next to you. I love dog treats, raw carrots, walks and vanilla ice cream. I’m very smart; I have a very good vocabulary; I am “potty-trained.” I will let you know when I have to go “out,” and I am obedient (most of the time). I am also a very good watch-dog. My ears are like “radar” if anyone comes even close to your home. My “daddy” is looking for someone to give me a good home...someone who will love me and as much as he does! And I promise to love you back! Will you help us?

Please call 330-372-1875. Thank you! Gomez



CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Fun in the Social Hall after Liturgies in July!

Pick a Christmas Gift for \$5.00. Win a Prize!

Prizes include Gift Cards, Lottery Tickets & Mystery Gifts.

JULY 17, 2022
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	17 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. The Holy Great Martyr Marina. The Blessed Martyr Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Prešov.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Jeff Hoso – Hoso family +Nancy Danko – Mary Ann Karchut & Bob Fejko
Monday	18 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris. The Holy Martyr Emilian. The Passing of the Venerable Martyr Tarsykia Matskiv (1944).</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	19 July	<i>Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of St. Basil the Great. Our Venerable Father Dios.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	20 July	<i>FEAST OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	21 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and His Fellow Ascetic John. The Holy Prophet Ezekiel.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	22 July	<i>The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Phocas.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	23 July	<i>The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and Their Companions. The Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, Bishops of Ravenna. Repose of Our Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Medila. Our Holy Father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluf.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family
Sunday	24 July	<i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Great Martyr Christine. The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David.</i>
	10:00 AM	+Linda Mendenhall – sister, Lisa, & John Mosko



Attentive to the Word
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of the Fathers of the
Six Ecumenical Councils

Matt. 9: 1 – 8; John 17: 1 – 13

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PARALYSIS – BODY OR MIND

Charles Steinmetz, born in Switzerland, an electrical genius, was crippled from birth. His body was physically grotesque. He was physically short in stature with a hunchback and a dwarf look. People constantly made fun of him.

His mother died before he was one year old. His father was poor but was determined that, as far as possible, young Charles would have a thorough education. Charles couldn't run and play games like the other little boys his age so he made up his mind that he would devote himself to science. He set this goal in his mind: "I will make discoveries which will help other people."

In addition to his physical defects as a burden, when he immigrated to the United States, he could not speak a word of English. His clothes were shabby. He looked terrible. He got sick on his passage across the Atlantic and the officials strongly wanted to return him to his home country. However, Charles was industrious. He had a job lined-up in America, so he convinced the officials that he could pay his own way. They reluctantly allowed him into the country. Good thing they did, because our lives in this country today would probably not be the same.

He got a job as an electrician which paid him \$12 a week. His co-workers recognized his talents and genius in the field of electricity. He moved into the area of electrical research and development with a few others in a new and small company. Maybe you have heard of it? It is called "General Electric." He is largely responsible for the growth and prestige of that name and company as we know it today.

When Charles Steinmetz died in 1923, one writer said, "This deformed hunchback had the mind of an angel and the soul of a seer – a true electrical genius."

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a paralyzed man. It is a theme we have heard before. In this Gospel we see that Jesus can see beyond the physical limitations. He can bring out the best in you and me. Don't be paralyzed by what the world says about you. Don't be paralyzed by what you say about you. Sometimes we create our own limits and spiritual paralysis. Remember St. Paul's advice: "I can do ALL things through Christ, Who strengthens me."

SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

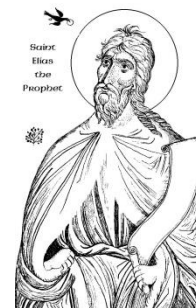
On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of July, our Church remembers the bishops who gathered in collegial assembly under the grace of the Holy Spirit to take common and definitive action for the doctrinal and pastoral good of the Christian faithful. They are called "ecumenical," *meaning universal, involving the entire Church*. Through the history of the Church, only the first seven Councils are universally recognized and undisputed among Christian Churches. An ecumenical council differs from a general meeting or council of bishops in that a *synod* is concerned with local or regional issues and does not involve the Church as a whole.

These Councils decided definitively what we are to believe about Christ. Today, these issues seem almost irrelevant in the face of modern-day concerns; however, without the clear teachings of the Fathers, our Faith would be foundationally weakened.

At Matins for this Sunday, our Church proclaims, "When the holy preachers of Christ fully received the light from the Holy Spirit, they spoke with divine insight, with few but deeply meaningful words inspired from above, bringing to the front the evangelical doctrines and traditions of true worship. When these were clearly revealed to them from on high, they were enlightened and thus established the faith received from God." (*Matins at the Praises*)



THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH:



Elias, also known as Elijah, was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. Of his origin, not much is known, except that he was from the city of Tishba. He appeared on the historical scene during the reign of Ahab (9 cent. B.C.) He delivered to that impious king the message of Yahweh: Israel would be punished by a long drought and Ahab's house would fall. He then lived to see the tragic end of Ahab. Next we hear of Elias in connection with Ochozias, Ahab's son and successor, to whom he predicted that the injuries received in a fall would be fatal. The end of the earthly life of Elias came mysteriously. As he was conversing with Eliseus on the hills of Moah, "a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (Kgs. 2:11). Jews, Christians and Moslems pay high honor to Elias; Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ's transfiguration.