

## 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 William Rupp to schedule.

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

**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father William Rupp 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 William Rupp is available on other days and times by appointment.

## PHILLIP'S FAST (ADVENT) SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY STUDY

Five weekly sessions will be provided by Fr. Will during the period of the Phillip's Fast (Nov. 14 – Dec. 24). In the classes we will examine the use of Holy Scripture and Hymnography in the Byzantine Tradition for the Feasts of Nativity and Theophany.

**Please bring your Bible! Sessions will take place in the Social Hall from 6 PM – 7 PM. See sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.**

**Dates for the sessions are as follows:**

- **Wed., Nov. 16 (Session 1)**
- **Wed., Nov. 23 (Session 2)**
- **Wed., Nov. 30 (Session 3)**
- **Wed., Dec. 14 (Session 4)**
- **Wed., Dec. 21 (Session 5)**

## FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

**Monday, November 28**

**8:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**“CUTTING AWAY THORNS”: Why Fasting Precedes the Feast  
By Hierodeacon Moses Wright**

Fasting at this time of year is a foreign concept to the world, but the Church knows that it is a sure means of preparing to celebrating the Feasts and great mysteries of our faith to the fullest. Join us as we discover a deeper “why” for fasting as we approach the Great Feast of the Lord's Nativity.



## HOLIDAY “CHRISTMAS MARKET”

ST. MICHAEL'S HALL

405 Robinson Road, Campbell, OH

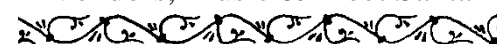
**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 26TH**

**OPEN FROM 9 AM – 4 PM**

FREE ADMISSION

Slavic Food, Basket Auction,

Vendors, Music & Meet Santa



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of November 5:**

5:00 PM: **44**; 10:00 AM: **91**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: ..... \$3,191.30**



- **Sun., Nov. 13** ECF classes for K through 12 meet from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **Tues., Nov. 15** Phillip’s Fast begins in preparation for Christmas.
- **Tues., Nov. 15** Emmanuel Moleben at 6:00 PM.
- **Wed., Nov. 16** Phillips’ Fast Scripture & Liturgy Study from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- **Tues., Nov. 22** **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM at Central Christian Church. Come to give thanks to God with our Christian brothers and sisters.**



**SAVE THE DATE:**

..... **Sun., Dec. 4** – St. Nicholas’ Day Dinner at DiLucia’s @ 12:30 PM.



**CHRISMATION – THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

With great joy, this Sunday we will celebrate the Mystery of Chrismation for some of our youngest members: Ethan Estep, Alice Dudt, John Dudt, Kurtis Dudt, and William Dudt. Chrismation, known in the Latin Rite as Confirmation, is one of the three Sacramental Mysteries of Initiation. It is when a Christian becomes the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit!

When someone is Baptized in the Byzantine Catholic Church, all three Mysteries of Initiation are given together, but it is normal to celebrate Chrismation separately when families join a Byzantine Catholic Parish from a Latin Rite background. Ethan, John, Kurtis, and William will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time as well. The Mystery of Chrismation is administered with an oil, called Chrism, which is blessed by the Archbishop. It consists of olive oil, to which many fragrances have been added, each fragrance being a symbol of a gift of the Holy Spirit. The priest anoints with the Chrism saying, “The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Following Sunday’s Liturgy, we will have a coffee and donut social to celebrate with the Dudt family. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Social Hall.

**GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH**

Thank you to all who bought and/or sold tickets for this fundraiser! All tickets were sold.

**HOPING FOR A WINNER FROM OUR CHURCH!**

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday <b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	13 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> <b>5:00 PM +Joseph &amp; +Mary Vasil – former neighbor</b> <b>10:00 AM +Eugenia Vesa &amp; +Dr. Bohdan Czepak – Gary Sharon</b>
Monday	14 Nov.	<i>The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Philip. Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	15 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i> <b>6:00 PM Emmanuel Moleben</b>
Wednesday	16 Nov.	<i>The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	17 Nov.	<i>Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kocylowskyj, Bishop of Peremyshl (1947)..</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	18 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday <b>(Vigil Lit.)</b>	19 Nov.	<i>The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam.</i> <b>5:00 PM +Tom Vislosky - family</b>
Sunday	20 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Pre-festive Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Our Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople. Our Blessed Mother Josaphata Hordashevska.</i> <b>10:00 AM Health/Welfare of the Sudik family – Ted Falatic &amp; family</b>



Attentive to the Word  
23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Luke 10: 25 - 37*

*Tone 6 Pgs. 152 - 153*



It is easy to identify someone else as the uninvolved priest or Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan, but take a close and honest look at yourself. What do you see? Do you turn your head, so you don't have to see? Do you ignore the plea for help? Are you insensitive to the plight of those who are unfortunate?

You have only one life to live. You cannot go back at a later date and live it the way you knew you should have. This is it. What you do with your time, what you focus on, how you expend your energy, where you place the emphasis on your life - it is all being lived out right now.

It has been said that the most sympathetic people are those who themselves have suffered. They know what it's like to hurt. And yet God through us offers so much more than mere sympathy; He offers the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit Whom He calls "The Comforter."

As the minutes tick by today, look around you. No matter where you are, chances are you will be able to identify a person who is hurting and needs help. Will you walk by? Will you see them only as an inconvenience to your plans? Will you go out of your way to avoid the hurting one, or will you go out of your way to help him? As a Christian, you are an extension of God's life.



### **PHILLIP'S FAST**

The Byzantine Catholic Church invites all to participate more fully in the central mysteries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through her calendar of feasts and fasts. The feast of the Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (Christmas, December 25) is one

of the great feasts of the Church year, celebrating the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Christ was born into the world through the Theotokos to offer us the wondrous gifts of salvation.

Through the mystery we celebrate in the Nativity, we too are invited to become the children of God, sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. But this transformation does not occur overnight. Rather, it requires a rediscovery of the essential disciplines of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Church has traditionally taught four main ways to engage in Christian asceticism, no matter what our state in life. *These are prayer, fasting, almsgiving and love.* By actively engaging in these disciplines of discipleship during the time of the fast, we unite ourselves more perfectly to Christ as we celebrate the joy of the feast of His Nativity.

In anticipation of the "coming" of the Messiah that we celebrate during the feast of the Nativity on December 25, Byzantine Christians enter into a time of preparation known as the "Nativity Fast" or "St. Philip's Fast" since it begins each year the day after the Feast of St. Philip the Apostle, November 15.

Below we offer some suggestions for ways to put into practice the four forms of Christian asceticism during the Nativity fast.

**Prayer:** Spend at least 15 minutes in the morning and evening in prayer each day. Pray the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Display an icon of the Nativity in the prayer corner of your house or room and spend 10 minutes each day meditating on the saving mysteries surrounding the story of Christ's Birth. Receive the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) at least once during the fast.

**Fasting:** Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Fast from certain foods, such as soda, alcoholic beverages or candy. With each meal, eat only an amount that is sufficient for nutritional needs, without feeling full. Fast from select forms of entertainment (television, movies, radio, internet, novels, etc.).

**Almsgiving:** Give your time, talent and/or treasure to a parish outreach or a special charity. Increase your parish tithe for the season. Clean out your house of any excessive items or possessions and share them with the poor and needy. Purchase gifts for homeless or needy children or families.

**Love:** Meditate on the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and identify one or two of these to put into practice each week. Examine your conscience each night, asking for forgiveness from God and others as needed. Find opportunities to share your faith with others.