

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is an appropriate time for us to reflect on our blessings. It is a day to express our gratitude to Almighty God for His abundant gifts. He is the source of all blessings, as we pray in the Ambo prayer of the Divine Liturgy. "For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights."

There is no true prayer without thanksgiving. Today we take good things too much for granted. In the hot dry desert when the sun beats down unmercifully, we treasure water more than gold. After being without food for a few days, we know the importance of food. When our pockets are empty, we realize the value of money. When we are ill, we finally acknowledge the wonders of health. We can go on and on to enumerate how we take so many things for granted, and it is only when we are deprived of them that we really begin to appreciate them. We do have reason to be thankful, don't we?

MANY THANKS!!!

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who participated in nut roll baking last week! Our help went as far as Fredericksburg, Virginia and Columbus, Ohio, where we had family members of one of our parishioners bring in extra helpers. In 3 days of baking, we made 750 nut rolls. We also made some cinnamon rolls with some of the leftover dough.

We will continue selling nut rolls after the Liturgies until they are all sold. They are \$12 each and freeze well for the holidays. Proceeds will benefit our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

If you have any questions, please call Pat James at 330-507-6273.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at 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.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of November 12:

5:00 PM: 56; 10:00 AM: 92

Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos: 19

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,936.75



- **Sun., Nov. 20** ECF classes for K through 12 meet from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **Mon., Nov. 21** Entrance of the Theotokos - 6:00 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.
- **Wed., Nov. 23** Session 2 - Scripture and Liturgy Study 6 PM – 7 PM in Social Hall.
- **Thurs., Nov. 24** *HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!*
- **Fri., Nov. 25** The office will be closed due to the Holiday.
- **Mon., Nov. 28** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Mon., Nov. 28** Divine Liturgy at 6:00 PM.
- **Sun., Dec. 4** St. Nicholas' Feast Day Celebration at DiLucia's at Noon.
- **Mon., Dec. 5** Vigil Liturgy for Nicholas of Myra – 6:00 PM.
- **Wed., Dec. 7** Vigil Liturgy for Maternity of Holy Anna – 6:00 PM.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 22**, at **7:00 PM** at Central Christian Church. Please join other members of our Parish Family along with members from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Living Lord Lutheran Church, and possibly some other churches as we give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. A social with refreshments will follow the service.

Come and Give Thanks to God for all the Blessings you have received!

ST. NICHOLAS' FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Come Celebrate on Sunday, December 4th, at DiLucia's Banquet Hall at Noon! Doors will open at 11:30 AM. St. Nicholas will join us for Fun, Prizes, and Caroling.

Served dinners are as follows: \$15 for Adult Parishioners; \$20 for Guests; \$7 for Children 12 years & under. (Church will cover the additional cost.)

Dinners must be Prepaid with your reservations after Liturgies on November 19 & 20 and November 26 & 27.

PHILLIP'S FAST ALMSGIVING

The **Bella Women's Center** will be the recipient of our Phillip's Fast Almsgiving this year. Envelopes for your cash or check donations can be picked up at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to Saints Peter and Paul Church and drop in the collection basket.

Deadline to donate is December 18th. Please call Elaine @ 330-770-1100 for any more information.

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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 Hordashevskia.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Tom Vislosky - family
	10:00 AM	Health/Welfare of the Sudik family – Ted Falatic & family
Monday	21 Nov.	<i>FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE (pgs. 268 – 271).</i>
	6:00 PM	+Sister Agnes Knapik – John & Irene Chekan
Tuesday	22 Nov.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Entrance. Holy Apostle Philemon & His Companions. Holy Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius & Maximus.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	23 Nov.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Entrance. Our Holy Fathers Amphilocheus, Bishop of Iconium and Gregory, Bishop of Agrigento.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	24 Nov.	<i>THANKSGIVING DAY! Post-festive Day of the Entrance. The Holy Great Martyr Catherine. The Holy Great Martyr Mercury.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday	25 Nov.	<i>Leave-taking of Feast of the Entrance. Our Holy Fathers & Martyrs Clement, Pope of Rome & Peter, Bishop of Alexandria.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	26 Nov.	<i>Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite. Commemoration of the Dedication of Church of Holy Great Martyr George in Kiev.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Ronald Barrick – sisters, Eleanor Cerbus/Dolores Barrick
Sunday	27 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr James the Persian. Our Venerable Father Palladius. The Holy Icon of the Mother of God, called “the Sign.”</i>
	10:00 AM	Health/God's Blessings for Marjorie Simon – Paul & Cheryl



Attentive to the Word
24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 12: 16 – 21

Tone 7 Pgs. 156 – 158 & Pg. 267



Aside from the obvious message in today’s parable – that we should not place earthly riches ahead of our spiritual riches – there are other things that are important to understand: The rich man had many barns to fill with food, but he could have put food into the bellies of the poor. If a man has more than another, he is obligated to give to one who needs. The bellies of the poor are abundant storehouses, and the wonder of these storehouses is that when food is put into them, it does not perish. In the words of our Savior, every single cup of water that is given to those in need will be remembered on the last day.



Everyone must understand that this is not just a moral teaching saying that we should give to others. There is depth here as far as why we give to others . . . everything belongs to God anyway. This is another mistake the rich man made when he thought about his long-lasting goods. Oh, rich man, you have no goods! Everything is God’s. God has given some of it to you – and has given it to you in abundance in order that you could “give unto others.”

The purpose of our life is to become rich towards God and to know Him. Therefore, we are only His stewards. We must have that attitude about ourselves. God has given us many things of a physical nature and we can enjoy them. But we must understand what our true treasure is. Language can’t communicate what God wants to give us . . . “eye has not seen, ear has not heard, the mind cannot comprehend what God has in store for those who love Him.” But we must live and act as good stewards of God’s gifts.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS



The feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple praises and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place. The Byzantine Church never tires of praising the Mother of God for her role in our salvation. She is called the "Heavenly Tabernacle" in the Kontakion of the Feast. Her body is the living tabernacle of the God Incarnate. Through Mary, God has taken on our human nature and elevated us to become “sharers of the divine nature.” This is God's plan, and in the Virgin Mary, this plan of salvation was achieved.

In the Icon of the Entrance of the Mother of God, Mary is shown as a young girl being escorted to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She is also accompanied by the holy virgins carrying candles. In all the icons of the Presentation, the High Priest greets the holy family at the entrance of the Temple. The Church honors the Virgin Mary as the God-bearer, (in Greek: Theotokos) the one who, in God's plan of salvation, would give birth to God the Word.

TROPARION - Today is the prelude of God’s benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: “Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator’s Plan.”



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh, God, when I have food help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer; and remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and stir up my compassion. Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

