

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.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES 2022

Congratulations to the following couples on their milestone anniversaries!
May God grant you many more years of love and happiness!

<i>Harry and Elaine Vislosky</i>	<i>65 Years</i>
<i>John and Lisa Mosko</i>	<i>45 Years</i>
<i>Gary and Julie Sharon</i>	<i>40 Years</i>
<i>Joe and Mary Jennings</i>	<i>30 Years</i>
<i>Mike and Janice Clark</i>	<i>25 Years</i>



SAYINGS OF THE HOLY ELDERS

Somebody asked Abba Anthony: "By observing which [precept] shall I be well-pleasing to God?" The elder answered: "Observe what I am telling you: Always have God before your eyes wherever you go. Whatever you are doing, have the testimony from Holy Scripture to hand. Wherever you are living, do not be in a hurry to move away. Observe these three [precepts] and you will be saved."

Anthony the Great 3 (1.1)

PAUL HARVEY RIDDLE

By the way, the answer to the Paul Harvey Riddle in last week's bulletin is "Nothing."

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesday, October 19 (started on Oct. 5.)

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**“SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER”: An Introduction to the Holy Prophets
by Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D.**

Who were these holy prophets that “through faith conquered kingdoms . . . received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire . . . put armies to flight” (Cf Heb. 13: 32-34)? Join us as we learn the stories of these great Old Testament saints with Fr. Sebastian.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 8:

5:00 PM: **63**; 10:00 AM: **85**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,541.50



- **Sun., Oct. 16** ECF classes for K through 12 meet from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **Sat. & Sun., Oct. 15 & 16** Pastor Appreciation Days. See below.
- **Mon., Oct. 24** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Sun., Oct. 30** Covered Dish & Auction @ 1:00 PM in Social Hall. See below.



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAYS



*A pastor devoted to giving so much,
God only knows all the souls that you touch.
Committed to serve when you
answered God's call.
You prove it by being a servant to all.
Matt. 25: 21*

Please join us for refreshments after all the Liturgies this weekend, **Oct. 15 & 16**, in the Social Hall. Show your appreciation to Father Will for his spiritual leadership and guidance. We hope to see all of you there!

COVERED DISH AND AUCTION

The 100th Anniversary Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Covered Dish and Auction on **Sunday, October 30th, at 1 PM** in the Social Hall.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We will provide the meat and beverages. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Social Hall.

We would also appreciate any new items that can be auctioned off. Crafts, holiday decorations, homemade cookies, candies, etc. are all items that people love to bid on.

Non-perishable items can be brought to the Social Hall after the Liturgies any weekend.

Come join us for a Sunday afternoon of fun!

A HUGE THANK YOU



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

We want to thank all who cooked, donated, decorated, and volunteered their time in any way to make the Pasta Dinner a huge success!

Net Profits are as follows: Pasta Dinner - \$1,752;
Chinese Auction - \$1,160; Wine Bar - \$390; 50/50 - \$160.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2025. God Bless You All!

OCTOBER 16, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	16 Oct.	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hosos family
	10:00 AM	+Andrew Basista (40th day) – brother, Jim, & Marge
Monday	17 Oct.	<i>The Holy Prophet Hosea (Osee). The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	18 Oct.	<i>The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.</i> 6:00 PM +Helena Smith
Wednesday	19 Oct.	<i>The Holy Prophet Joel. The Holy Martyr Varus. Our Venerable Father John of Rila.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	20 Oct.	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Artemius.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	21 Oct.	<i>Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	22 Oct.	<i>The Holy Bishop Abercius, Equal to the Apostles, Wonder-Worker. The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Our Holy Father John Paul II, Pope of Rome.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Mary Ann Johnson – Connie Reed
Sunday	23 Oct.	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God.</i>
	10:00 AM	+Richard Kilbert – Bob Fejko & Mary Anne Karchut (40th day)



Attentive to the Word
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Luke 8: 5 – 15 or John 17: 1 – 13
Tone 2 Pg. 130 & then Pgs. 263 – 264



One of the most fertile areas in Galilee is the Plain of Gennesaret. It lies on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, near Capernaum. Jesus often spoke to large crowds in these fields, and the plain's abundance inspired many of His stories about the nature of God's kingdom. In this setting, such a parable was related in today's Gospel (Luke 8: 5-15) about a Sower. It is quite likely that Jesus may have been looking at some sower sowing his seed as He spoke, using a familiar scene from Palestinian life.

Farming methods in the Near East were and still are crude and primitive. Having broken the soil by surface plowing, the sower simply walked through the field scattering seed on either side of him by the handful. He did not expect

all of it to take root. Some would inevitably fall on the beaten path instead of the plowed area and thus remain on the surface to be trampled on by passerbys or eaten by birds. Some would be scattered in areas where there is only a thin layer of soil over bedrock: this is the geological condition of much of the land of Palestine. In such ground the rain does not seep away quickly into the ground so that the excess moisture would cause the seed to germinate immediately and begin to grow. But it would be a premature growth that could not last; the sun and the plant's lack of roots would soon finish it off. Still other seed would fall among thorns, which rob the soil of its nourishment and choke off the growth of the grain. Finally the rest of the seed – the bulk of it – would fall where the sower wanted it to fall, in his good ground where it would germinate successfully in good measure.

This parable was a riddle to the disciples and the Jews. Jesus developed His teaching by solving the riddle. The fate of the word of God depends on the disposition of its receptor.

The hardened pathway represents the closed mind which shuts out God's instruction. The shallow, rocky ground represents those who accept the word but who never reflect on it, who fail to realize its consequences and who, therefore, collapse (wither) when challenged.

The thorny ground stands for those whose lives are so busy that the things of God are crowded out by cares, responsibilities, selfish pleasures, human projects – a whole multiplicity of occupation which an individual may allow to stifle God's voice.

The good ground is a fertile disposition in the hearer to do three things. First, to listen attentively. Second, to keep what he heard in his mind and heart and think it over until he discovers its meaning for himself. Third, he puts what he has heard into action.

Jesus' exclamation, "Listen, anyone who has ears to hear" (Vs. 8), is a fitting invitation to respond to the message of the parable, positively or negatively: either spiritual fruitfulness or barrenness; spiritual abundance or poverty; eternal salvation or reprobation. The fascinating parable of the Sower is an exhortation to perseverance and an encouragement to banish any thought of despair in the conviction that no setback, disappointment or loss can trouble us when our faith is well-rooted in God's word.

The word as seed invites the hearer to examine self and test self in terms of the seeds' bearing fruit.

How well do we LISTEN as the entire Divine Liturgy – not only the Epistle and Gospel – speaks to us of the mysteries that should be the substance of our living in Christ Jesus?

By Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.



NICAEA II.

This Sunday honors the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (The Second Council of Nicaea). This Sunday is between October 11 and 17.

ICONS

In 787, the 7th Ecumenical Council, which was held in Nicaea, declared that we worship only God, but we venerate or reverence the person being depicted on the icons, not the wood or paint of the icons. The reason was that Christ took on human flesh, a part of the earth's matter; therefore it is possible to depict Him through material symbols. A symbol, which has verbal images, is a Gospel. Holy icons portray the divine Sonship and actions of Jesus by means of paints and colors. Thus, we remember and experience Christ when we prayerfully read the Gospels and when we prayerfully behold him in icons.

The 7th Ecumenical Council declared that icons are proper in churches and homes, because they help Christians pray by reminding us of the presence of Jesus and the Saints. After the defeat of Iconoclasm, the feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy originated. In 843, under the Empress Theodora, there was the final restoration of the holy icons. This action was know as the Triumph of Orthodoxy and is celebrated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of Great Lent.