

## 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.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for their kind words and encouragement during last week's social for Pastor Appreciation Days. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the social as well. It is my prayer for our Church that we all grow into the fullness of what Christ desires for us. Let's continue to pray for one another and support each other in our journey towards the Kingdom of God.

*Fr. Will*

## FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

**Wednesdays, November 2 & 9**

**8:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**“O JOYFUL LIGHT”: An Introduction to Evening Prayer**

**By Rev. David Anderson**

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! Psalm 113:3*

The setting of the sun has always inspired the Church to turn to the Lord in prayer. Join us as Fr. David teaches us the importance and unique character of this special hour in the Church's life of prayer.

## YOUR LIFE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU

Likewise, it will be costly to develop the gifts we have received from God. But to misuse or to neglect them is far worse. Have you discovered those special gifts God has given you? Then dedicate them to Him. It's the first step toward using your gifts for His glory.

*Dare to do right! Dare to be true!*

*You have a work that no other can do;*

*Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well,*

*Angels will hasten the story to tell.*

**Your life is God's gift to you;**

**What you do with it is your gift to God.**



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 15:**

**5:00 PM: 39; 10:00 AM: 90**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,459.00**



- **Sun., Oct. 23** ECF classes for K through 12 meet from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **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.
- **Wed., Nov. 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



### COVERED DISH AND AUCTION

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Covered Dish and Auction on **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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!***

### GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH

The GCU is holding a raffle in which *the winner will receive \$2,000 in Holiday Cash.* We only have 34 tickets to sell so it's first come, first serve. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winning number is based on the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 Number drawn on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7 PM.

**Lisa Mosko will be selling tickets at the Covered Dish and Auction on October 30; Mary Ann Karchut will be selling tickets after the Liturgy on November 5; and John Mosko will be selling tickets after the Liturgy on November 6.**

***It only takes one ticket to win!***

### GCU MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN

In addition to the GCU raffle fundraiser, the GCU Board of Directors has authorized a matching funds campaign for October 1 – December 6, 2022. The GCU will match total donations up to \$5,000 during the campaign.

Please donate to this very worthy cause. The faithful can donate to the St. Nicholas Virtualthon Fundraiser – A GCU Community Outreach to Benefit Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary online or via the US Mail. There is a link on the home page of the GCU website: [www.GCUusa.com](http://www.GCUusa.com) for those wishing to donate online. For those preferring to mail in a donation, checks can be made payable to: St. Nicholas Charity Dinner and sent to: GCU St. Nicholas Virtualthon, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009.

Thank you in advance for your support to assist our Byzantine Seminary.

OCTOBER 23, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	23 Oct.	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Mary Ann Johnson – Connie Reed</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>+Richard Kilbert – Bob Fejko &amp; Mary Anne Karchut (40<sup>th</sup> day)</b>
Monday	24 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Tuesday	25 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius. The Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.</i> <b>6:00 PM +Michael &amp; +Stella Stemock – son, Mark Stemock</b>
Wednesday	26 Oct.	<i>The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius. Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Thursday	27 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Nestor. The Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Friday	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 Services</b>
Saturday	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>(Vigil Lit.) 5:00 PM +Steve Zombar – Raiti family</b>
Sunday	30 Oct.	<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia. The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Oleksiy Zarytski (1963).</i> <b>10:00 AM +Estella, +Andrew, &amp; +Richard Susko – daughter, Suzanne</b>



Attentive to the Word  
20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Luke 16: 19 – 31*

*Tone 3 Pgs. 135 – 137*



In the Epistle to the Galatians, St. Paul speaks a truth that we all know, that we all practice to a large degree: “Everyone should bear his own responsibility.” I can remember being a young boy and my father telling me, “Johnny, you don’t take anything from anybody. If you want something, work for it. If you can’t afford it, you can’t have it.”

I learned that lesson well. And for the most part that works. But what happens, if you lose your job? What happens if you get sick or someone in your family gets sick and you don’t have enough money? What happens when you aren’t able to take care of yourself? Those also are real issues for us. Those are real possibilities. I have never met anyone who likes to beg, who wants to ask for help, who is driven by poverty, sickness and the need to say, “I don’t have enough to take care of myself, would you please help me.” We even hesitate to ask our parents, or brothers and sisters, or friends – it is humiliating and makes us feel worthless. Nobody wants to be poor!

Jesus tells the story for us in today’s Gospel. Lazarus is the poor man. He is a beggar. He’s covered with sores. He’s not a pleasant sight. You don’t want to see him coming to your door. You know he’s going to ask for money. You know he’s not going to smell good or look good. Please get him out of here! And so the rich man ignored him. He wouldn’t even give him the scraps from the table: “Just get away. I don’t want anything to do with you. You are a bother. You don’t belong here.” Jesus teaches us that is not how God treats us. He sees our need. He sees our face. He sees our heart. He recognizes our person no matter how bad off we are. We can always turn to Him. He will always listen.

The rich man had no heart. The rich man was blinded by his own good fortune. He was too comfortable to be bothered. He was too isolated and secure to see someone else’s need. He had no time, no money and no ear for the poor man who was standing at his gate.

Jesus teaches us in the Beatitudes. (They can be found in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.) We sing the beatitudes as found in Matthew’s Gospel as the third antiphon on Sundays during Lent. I would like to quote today from St. Luke’s version: Blessed are you poor; the reign of God is yours. Blessed are you who hunger; you shall be filled. Blessed are you who are weeping; you shall laugh. St. Luke gives us also the corresponding woes: But woe to you rich, for your consolation is now. Woe to you who are full; you shall go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now; you shall weep in grief.

St. John in his Epistle teaches us the same lesson in these words: When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us. God is Love, and he who abides in Love abides in God and God in him. We for our part, love because He first loved us. If anyone says, “My love is fixed on God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. One who has no love for the brother he has seen cannot love the God he has not seen. This commandment we have from Him is this: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

As Christians, we are followers of Jesus, we are people who know and have received God’s love and blessing. We also need to be people who love in return, who bless in return, who acknowledge our brother or sister in no matter what dress or condition they come to us.

Let us hear the Gospel, let us hear the prophets and the commandments of God. Let us love one another and see more deeply than the externals. It is easy to love rich people, nice people, people who have it all together – God loves us no matter what – Let us try to love those whose need comes to our door.

By Father John Zeyack