

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.



RESUME STANDARD TIME . . . on Sun., November 6th. Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** one hour and change your batteries.

PHILIP'S FAST (ADVENT) SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY STUDY

Five weekly sessions will be provided by Fr. Will during the period of the Philip'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.

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.

GIVE ME A WORD

“Strive to enter by the narrow gate (Lk. 13.24, Mt. 7.13). As trees cannot bear fruit if they do not undergo winter storms and rains, so for us this age is a winter. We will not be able to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven other than through many afflictions and temptations.”

By Amma Theodora

.Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 22:

5:00 PM: **52**; 10:00 AM: **85**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$1,775.50



- **Sun., Oct. 30** ECF classes for K through 12 meet from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **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.
- **Mon., Nov. 7** Vigil Liturgy for Archangel Michael & All Angels at 6:00 PM.



COVERED DISH AND AUCTION – THIS SUNDAY, OCT. 30TH

The 100th Anniversary Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Covered Dish and Auction this **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.

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 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 30, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Steve Zombar – Raiti family +Estella, +Andrew, & +Richard Susko – daughter, Suzanne
Monday	31 Oct.	<i>The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. The Holy Martyr Epimachus. The Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i>
(Manor Chapel)	8:00 AM 8:45 AM	Matins (Morning Prayer) Panachida – +Kara Valchar - Thomas Slosky
Tuesday	1 Nov.	<i>The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian.</i>
	6:00 PM	Health of Christine Johnson Leon – family
Wednesday	2 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	3 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; and Aeithalas, the Deacon. Foundation of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his relics are kept.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	4 Nov.	<i>Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great. The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	5 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl (1950).</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Sr. Ambrose Chuchvara – Benedictine Sisters
Sunday	6 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
	10:00 AM	+John Dzemyan – Jim & Marge Basista



Attentive to the Word
21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 8: 26 – 39

Tone 4 Pgs. 141 – 142



Christ called Himself the "Good Shepherd." Throughout His lifetime He showed that special concern for others which marks a true shepherd. Jesus lived on this earth for some 33 years, and during that time He went about the land of Israel healing the sick, comforting the afflicted, forgiving sins, and teaching the great truths of God. The lesson from St. Luke tells us today of an incident that is typical of Christ the Good Shepherd. Jesus had been teaching and helping in the city of Capernaum, which was a sort of headquarters for Him. Throngs of people kept coming to Him for help. Suddenly, He decided to go to the other shore of the Sea of Galilee. The apostles probably wondered why He wanted to go there to the land of the Gadarenes. In fact, on this trip a violent storm came up and all but sank the boat. By a wonderful miracle, Jesus stopped the wind and the wave. But what was pulling the Lord to the other shore of the lake? There was a "lost sheep" there, and the Good Shepherd was going to find him.

What sort of a "lost sheep" was this? Jesus found him in the country of the Gadarenes, a demon-possessed man who lived in caves and tombs off the shore. We might call him a "wild man" in our day, naked and uncontrollable. No chains could hold him, except the chains of Christ. The Good Shepherd had come to save this lost sheep. The Lord healed the man, and in the process of driving out the evil spirits, a herd of swine perished into the sea. The man was "wild" no more, but sat quietly, now clothed, at the feet of Christ.

When the people saw the great change that had come over the sick man, and when they learned of the loss of swine that was involved with his healing, they came to Christ and asked Him to leave. They were afraid. As Jesus got into the boat to go back to His land, the healed man came and asked to go along with Him. But Jesus told him to go to his own home and to tell others what wonderful things God had done for him.

May we learn from this Gospel what a truly Good Shepherd the Lord was and is. He met the people's needs as He found them. He was practical in His ministry to others. He was sad at the sight of sorrow, and did what He could to alleviate it. But the Lord still is the Good Shepherd! Seated at the right hand of the Father, He still feels and knows human heartache and intercedes for our help and comfort. Next we notice the ingratitude of the Gadarene people in beseeching Christ to leave their land, all because they had lost their property. They had put gold before God and wanted no part of Christ and His teaching, because the herd of swine had perished into the sea at the time of the healing miracle. When Jesus disturbed their great love, they wanted no part of Him.

This is a common human attitude. We get set in our loves, our ways and our sins, and we don't want anyone or anything to disturb us. People will pray, will give, will belong, will work, so long as the Church doesn't disturb them. Yet it is the function of the Christian Church to change us, to give us the "abundant life" of Christ. He wants us to live on the best and highest level of life. How careful we must be, lest we, in so many ingenious ways, tell the Lord to leave us alone in our set ways.

Remember what Christ told the healed man after his request to go with the Lord to Galilee? Jesus told him he should not come with Him. "Return to your own house," Jesus said, "and show the great things that God has done for you." The man obeyed and did as the Lord had requested. How much Christian work is left undone right in our own backyards! Our own families, our own neighborhoods, our own communities, need to feel the impact and influence of Christ. We talk to our children and to others about everything under the sun, from A to Z – except Christ the Son of God. Somehow our lips are sealed and we find it so difficult to speak of that Name, which is above every other Name.

The healed man, once possessed with evil spirits, was now possessed with Christ. He spoke to others of his wonderful encounter with the Lord. What a tremendous change had resulted from his meeting with Christ there on the shores of the sea. Others, who knew him well, were amazed at the change for good that had come over him. Every Sunday we meet Christ here in this house of the Lord. We believe we unite ourselves with Him in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Can others tell that we have been in the presence of the Lord by the joy and beauty of our lives – by our thoughts, words and actions?