

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 Fr. Simeon to schedule.

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

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. 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: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.



Please pray for those who are ill or infirm – that they may regain their strength and health and hold fast to their faith in the goodness of God. They are also a part of our parish family, so when you are able, send them a card, give them a call, or pay them a visit. Our shut-ins are so appreciative of your caring acts of kindness. Special thanks to Mary Beth Byers & Loretta Greskovich for sending parish bulletins and cards monthly to the sick of our Parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS NEEDED ... for School Supply Distribution...donations can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 2415 Niles Rd. SE, Wed.-Fri. 9-1. List of needed supplies is on both bulletin boards.

BABYSITTER NEEDED ... part time for 9 year-old boy. Mature female preferred. If interested, please call Sonya at 330-801-7103 for more information.

MARIAPOCH PILGRIMAGE

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma invites you to its annual eparchial pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, OH on 13 August and 14 August. See complete pilgrimage schedule at www.mariapoch.org.

WORKSHOP FOR CATECHIST AND INTERESTED ADULTS

August 20, 2016 – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. Topic: “*We Journey with God and Each Other*”. Registrations are needed. Cost: \$25. Brochures are at the Belvedere entrance.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 31 July:

5:00 PM: 65 11:00 AM: 69

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,199.00

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 31 July:

23 from St. Michael; 14 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$843.00



- **Aug. 1 – 14** **Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother.** We recommend abstaining from meat on Wed. and Fri.
- **Tues. Aug. 9** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 P.M. in the social hall.
- **Sun. Aug. 21** Parish Picnic – Don't forget to sign up!
- **Mon. Aug. 22** Church cleaning party – 9 AM to noon. We can use your help!



COMBINED PARISH PICNIC



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 21st** at **St. Demetrios Center Grounds at 3223 Atlantic, NE.** We are planning a combined parish picnic with St. Michael Parish. Keep the date open and plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Last year we had a wonderful time! We hope to see all of you there! **Deadline for sign-up August 15, 2016.**

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

The 51st annual pilgrimage will be held from 13 August through 15 August 2016. Metropolitan William will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 14 August at 7 PM. All of our local clergy are asked to concelebrate with Archbishop William. You are encouraged to attend this Divine Liturgy. The feast of the Dormition (Assumption) is a Holy Day of Obligation in both the East and West. You can fulfill your obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy on this Feast Day by attending this Vigil Liturgy at the Shrine. See complete schedule at www.ourladyoflebanonshrine.com

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Once again we will be offering a Bible Study Class on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM. In these sessions, we will be studying *Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk*. This is a 8 session course and **will begin Sunday, 11 September 2016.** If you are interested, please call 330-372-1875 or email sppbyzchurch@gmail.com to register. Registrations are necessary so that we can order the number of books needed for the sessions. The cost for the materials is \$14.

7 AUGUST 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	7 August	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of the Transfiguration. Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy) (SM) PP)	5:00 PM 8:30 AM 11:00 AM	+Robert Michaux – Millie Syrko & Family Int. of Carol & Ken Ferance –Cindy Babyak +Patricia Harper – James & Patricia Ropchock
Monday	8 August	<i>Postfestive Day of the Transfiguration. Holy ConfessorEmilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (Chapel)	9 August 8:30 AM	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Apostle Matthias.</i> +Andrew Susko, Jr. – Angela Frascolla
Wednesday (Chapel)	10 August 8:30 AM	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome..</i> +Betty Jane Ross – Puff & Pat Petrillo
Thursday (Chapel)	11 August 8:30 AM	<i>Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Martyr Euplus..</i> +Sr. Mary John Semon – Byers Family
Friday	12 August	<i>Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (PP)	13 August 5:00 PM	<i>Otdanije (Leave-taking) of the Feast of the Transfiguration. Venerable Father Maximos the Confessor.</i> +Kay Roscoe – John & Mary Craciun
Sunday (SM) (PP)	14 August 8:30 AM 11:00 AM	<i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Prefestive Dayof the Dormition. Holy Prophet Micah. Translation of the Relics of our Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Pecherskaja Lavra.</i> Prayer Intention of Rosary Society +Helen & +Fio Nuzzi – Janice and Mike



Attentive to the Word
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 19:16 – 26

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THE 4 MISTAKES OF THE RICH YOUNG RULER

He was a wealthy man, and a young man. His eyes were set on religious matters – on teachers, eternal life, good deeds. He had the look of a seeker; he seemed willing to listen and eager to learn. He seemed a disciple-in-the-making. But his story has a dark end. It was he that inspired Jesus famous words "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom." Levi

Matthew was there to watch the unfolding of this man's confrontation with Christ. Let us examine his account of the fateful meeting

The 1st mistake: He did not recognize Jesus as Lord.

The young ruler came rushing to Jesus, and falling to his knees, he asked "Good teacher, what good thing need I to do, so that I may have real and unending life?" Jesus, perceiving the youth's mistakenness, answered with a question – a question that would prove the depths of the young ruler's knowledge of God. "Why do you call me good?" Jesus was in the habit of asking such disarming questions. The young man did not recognize with whom he was talking. A teacher – and more than a teacher! He was kneeling before the one called "greater than Solomon." The young ruler saw Jesus as a moral man, a man of insight and depth, but he did not recognize His divine authority. And to make such a mistake is fatal. As C.S. Lewis made clear, Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. He cannot be only another teacher.

The 2nd Mistake: He was unaware of his own faults.

Suppose for a moment that the wealthy youth had never violated the commandments Jesus presented to him. Suppose that he had never murdered – even with his tongue. Suppose that he had not committed adultery – even in his heart. Suppose that he had not stolen – or even envied. Suppose that he had never spoken less than the whole truth. Even still he was unaware of his own faultiness. Did you notice that Jesus only presented him with the parts of the Ten Commandments that deal with man-to-man relationships. The other commandments have to do with God-to-man relationships, and this young man had obviously not fulfilled those commands. If he had fulfilled them, he would have immediately recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But he did not recognize Jesus, and he did not tell the truth to Him about his behavior. He was wildly naive and tragically blind.

The 3rd Mistake: He misunderstood the plan of grace.

"What good thing **must I do** to have eternal life?" There is no good thing! Only to believe on Jesus Christ as Savior. As wealthy as he must have been, he was spiritually bankrupt, and terribly poor of faith.

The 4th Mistake: He went away.

In a way, this is his only mistake. A man can misunderstand the divinity of Christ, be blind to himself, and misunderstand God's grace and still be saved – if he will commit to staying with God. Peter, Andrew, John, Matthew, and the others did not fully understand the Lordship of Jesus, and they certainly did not fully understand the plan of grace, but they stayed with Jesus. They were willing to commit to a lifestyle of learning Him. They apprenticed themselves to Him, for the long haul. That is the way to be saved. If you are willing to launch out with Christ on the long journey from brokenness to wholeness, if you are willing to walk all the way, every hard step, then you are a wise man, even if you are not young or wealthy.