

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. Andrew to schedule.

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

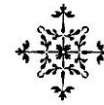
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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: The Parish office is open from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your departed servanta, +**Patricia Mindek and +Pauline Koziel** who fell asleep in the Lord recently. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.

MT. ST. MACRINA PILGRIMAGE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Bus Transportation for Mount Saint Macrina Pilgrimage, Uniontown, PA is available on Sunday, September 6, 2015 on a first come, first serve basis.. Round-trip fare is \$20.00 per person (non-refundable). The bus will leave at 8:00 AM from the Byzantine Center on Shady Run Road, Youngstown. Please arrive by 7:30 AM. The bus will depart from Uniontown, PA at 7:00 PM. Please call Theresa or Tony Swindler at 330-759-2655 to reserve a seat (deadline is August 31st). Make checks payable to: *St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church* and mail to: Theresa Swindler, 217 Mansell Dr., Youngstown, OH 44505. We thank Theresa for providing this opportunity for us.

GCU CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The GCU is holding a Charity Golf event to assist with the funding for the renovations on Mt. Macrina Manor Nursing Home, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown, PA. The event is a 4 person golf scramble planned for a 1 PM shotgun start on **Friday, 4 September 2015**. The tournament is open to everyone, GCU members and non-members alike. In addition to golf, the entry fee includes cart, lunch at the turn, prizes and a buffet dinner. The cost for this event is \$100 per golfer with a discount of \$20 for those entering a complete foursome. The tournament is being held at Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver, PA. Deadline to enter is 24 August 2015. Applications are available online at www.gcuusa.com/PDF/CharityScrambleApp.pdf or see Fr. Andrew for one.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 9 August:

5:00 PM: 98; 11:00 AM: 80

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,410.05



- **Mon. Aug. 24** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM – Noon
- **Sun. Aug. 30** Our Parish Picnic, approximately 12:45 PM – Don't forget to sign up on the registration sheet, and plan to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. It will be an afternoon of fun.

COMBINED PARISH PICNIC (Please note the date change)



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 30th** at **St. Demetrios Center Grounds at 3223 Atlantic, NE**. We are planning a combined parish picnic with St. Michael Parish. Once again, our parish will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. **You provide your “specialty” to share with everyone else. Please bring a serving utensil and don't forget to mark your container and utensil.** If you plan on attending, please sign your name and the number attending to the sign-up sheet located in the social hall or at the Belvedere Avenue entrance, so that we can properly prepare. We hope to see all of you there!



If Christ stood in front of us offering His outstretched hands for us to take hold of, could we offer Him our own – palms upward and open – or would they be clutching tightly to whatever we can't leave? **THE CHOICE IS OURS.**

I counted all my dollars while God counted crosses;
 I counted gains while he counted losses;
 I counted my worth by the things gained in store,
 But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.
 I coveted honors and sought for degrees;
 He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.
 I never knew till one day by a grave
 How vain are the things that we spend life to save.
 I did not know till a friend went above
 That richest is he who is rich in God's love.

Author unknown

16 AUGUST 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	16 August	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of Dormition. Translation of the Icon of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, the icon not made by human hands, from Edessa to Constantinople. Holy Martyr Diomedes.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Ann Lubas
(SM)	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. of Michael and Sue Johnson – 53rd Anniversary
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Todd Zumerling – John Senoyuit
Monday,	17 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Dormition. Holy Martyr Myron.</i> Chancery
Tuesday,	18 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Dormition. Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	19 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Dormition. Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	20 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Dormition. Holy Prophet Samuel. Holy King Stephen of Hungary.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Molly Prokopchank – Benedictine Sisters
Friday,	21 August	<i>Post -festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Apostle Thaddeus. Holy Martyr Bassa.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth
Saturday	22 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Dormition. Holy Martyr Agathonicus and His Companions. Passing of the Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Joseph & +Betty Campana – Irene Marchin
Sunday,	23 August	<i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Leave-taking of the Feast of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Lupus. Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Jason Lazor – Micheline M. Hayda
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Robert Kleese (40th Day) – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Mt. 19: 16 – 26

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or Use the papers provided



There was a wealthy British man who decided that he wanted to go to Africa and explore the Nile River. He made all the arrangements for the expedition. He obtained the best accommodations; more than enough supplies and attended to all the details necessary for such a great trip. He hired a driver who also acted as the guide for this small boat and began the journey down the Nile.

He began a very smug conversation with the driver. He asked, “My good man, do you know world economics?” The driver said, “No, I don’t.” There was a pause and the man said, “What a pity!” The conversation continued. He asked the driver, “Do you know how the stock market works?” Again he replied, “Sorry Sir – no I don’t.” Again another pause and he said, “What a pity!” He then proudly boasted, “My good man I am one of England’s leading industrialists and do you know how a got that way?” Again he replied, “Sorry Sir – no I don’t.” At that moment the small boat hit a hidden rock and capsized. Both men were thrown in the Nile. The driver asked the industrialist, “Sir, do you know how to swim?” He answered, “No I don’t.” The driver looked over at the man struggling and said, “What a pity!” With all of this man’s wealth, knowledge of economics and industry, he did not know what was needed at that crucial time.

This is a warning that Jesus gives us in today’s Gospel. We are surrounded by things from morning to night and even through the night. Some things we own. Some things we have access to because of our jobs or positions. The warning in today’s Gospel is that wealth and material things clog our senses and dull our desire for the spiritual things needed for peace and happiness not only here in this world but in the next.

Today ask yourselves these questions. What is my attitude toward money and the material things of this world? Do I control them or do they control me? There is a difference between the two. Our Lord says it best in Lk 12: 15. “Avoid greed and all of its forms. A man may be wealthy but his possessions do not guarantee him life.”

The story that follows this one is of the farmer with the great harvest who had so much that he needs larger grain bins. We hear this Gospel on the 26th Sunday after Pentecost. If you remember the rich man said to himself, “You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!” But God said to him, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?” Jesus asks a very sobering question!

I don’t know if it will surprise you or not, but professional marriage counselors and clergy see more married couples in conflict over finances and material things than all other matters combined. By the way, this is on both ends of the spectrum – those who have a lot of material things and those who have little. Why? Because it is essentially a matter of attitude toward the money and material things. I listen for the words they use to describe their financial situation – “MY money – HER money – OUR money.” Is God or the Bible’s concept of stewardship and tithing factored in any of this or not?

I may have used this story before but even if I have I think it illustrates today’s Gospel well.

Recently was the anniversary of Elvis Presley’s death. It was all over the news. If you remember after his death in August of 1977, lawyers and accountants were kept busy for months figuring out all of his finances, land holdings, cars and investments. A press conference was called when the final form was released. There was a question/answer period with reporters and a spokesman from the Elvis estate. After going through tons of numbers with lawyers and accountants, one reporter finally asked, “Bottom line – how much did Elvis really leave behind?” The spokesman looked at him squarely in the face and said, “Sir he left it **ALL!**”

Churches are not immune from this either. I was assigned to one parish that had 4 cans of coffee opened on a kitchen shelf. When I asked the secretary why was this she told me, “Fr. Mike – one can is Ladies’ Guild – one can is Men’s Club – one can is Bingo and one can is for the parish.” This blew my mind. How many parishes are operating in this building? Do you see how attitudes towards things surface?

We need to keep the horse before the cart. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well,” just as the Gospel says.

We need to remember the lesson learned from the story of the wealthy industrialist and focus on what is truly important. We are children of the kingdom and final goal is not here in this world – but we wait for our eternal reward in the kingdom of heaven.

By Fr. Michael Hayduk