

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.

ROMANIAN MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Sunday, 3 May 2015, 12:15 PM. Holy Resurrection Romanian Orthodox Church, 1836 North Road NE, Warren. Menu: Chicken Stew, Corn Meal w/ Cheese, Braised Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Cash Refreshments. \$10 minimum donation.

MOTHERS' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The youth of our Parish will hold a Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, 10 May following the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. Details are posted at all the entrances. Proceeds will go towards the 2016 National ByzanTEEN Youth Rally to be held in Cleveland.

PAPAL LITURGY BUS TRIP

The Archeparchy will be hosting a bus trip for the Papal Liturgy in Philadelphia Saturday, 26 September – Sunday, 27 September 2015. There are a limited number of spaces for this trip and reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Brochures with details are available at the entrances. Deadline to register is 1 June 2015.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE.

The Orientale Lumen Foundation (past organizers of the Seminary Concert Tours) is sponsoring a Marian Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe for Byzantine Catholics on August 7-18, 2015. The trip will include visits to the Marian Shrines of Litmanova and Lutina in Slovakia, and Mariapocs in Hungary; liturgies in the Cathedrals of Presov and Bratislava; tours of wooden churches and other cultural sites; and joint fellowship activities with European Byzantine Catholics. The land package is only \$1995 per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation, accommodations and some meals. Single rooms are available for an extra \$500. Airfare is extra. Registration and \$500 deposit is due by May 15, 2015. For more details, and to register online, visit www.olconference.com and click on the Pilgrimage button. Or call 703-691-8862.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 April:

8:00 PM: 71; 11:00 AM: 100

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,703.00
Helen Prokop memorial donations \$250.00



- **Sun. May 3** ECF Catechists and students are asked to attend the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy with the children who are making their Solemn Communion today. Rows 2 & 3 on the Blessed Mother's side will be reserved for you.
- **Wed. May 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- **Tues. May 12** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Tues. May 12** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall



First Reconciliation, Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Solemn Communion

Today our parish family extends its prayerful best wishes to those who have come to the fullness of the Church through the celebration of the renewal of their Baptismal Vows, the Mystery of Reconciliation and their solemn Holy Communion. Our Prayerful best wishes are extended to:

Alexi Marie Elbon

Rebecca Nicole Falatic

Alexander Earl Patrick Limber

Gabriella Grace Morgan

Andrew Michael Sanders, Jr.

Landon Scott Turner



MANY THANKS

Our heart-felt thanks go out to our dedicated Catechists, to the Parents, who so faithfully brought their children to classes, and to the children, themselves. We have a wonderful group of children who have formed their own “community” and who have been very regular in their attendance. *It was a wonderful year!* We hope to see you in September. Enjoy your “summer vacation”, but remember to attend the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. God bless you all!

3 MAY 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	3 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Holy Martyr Timothy and his Wife, Maura. Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Pecherskaya Lavra.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sylvester Minarish – Leonard Raynish
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intentions of the Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	Intention of the children celebrating 1st Reconciliation
Monday,	4 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Martyr Pelagia.</i>
		Chancery Office
Tuesday,	5 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene. Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	Special Intention
Wednesday,	6 May	<i>Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	7 May	<i>The appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius. Holy Martyr Acacius.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Betty Rhoads – John & Sandy Alamilla
Friday,	8 May	<i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	9 May	<i>Holy Prophet Isaiah. Holy Martyr Christopher. Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicholas to Bari.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	Intentions of the Living and Deceased Mothers
Sunday,	10 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Living and Deceased Mothers
(PP)	11:00 AM	Intentions of the Living and Deceased Mothers



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

John 4: 5 – 42

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The Gospel reading today takes place at the well. When you live in the desert, water is experienced as essential for life. It's simple, no water equals no life. The well is also the meeting place. It is the place of encounter and engagement. Jesus meets the woman at the well.

The woman at the well comes to draw water. Yet when she leaves, she leaves behind her water jar because she has found something more than water, more life giving; she has found the Source of life. When the people of the town come to Jesus at the well, they tell the woman (after they hear Jesus speak) – "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves and we

know that this is really the Savior of the World!"

Jesus is the meeting place for Christians – He has established the New Covenant in His Body and His Blood. At the Last Supper, after He blessed the bread and wine, He said: "Take this and eat it. This is my Body. Drink of this all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant for the remission of sins. Do this in memory of me."

Jesus is the source of faith. He opens up for us and is the gift of Divine Life. It is around this that our faith, our worship, our community, our identity is made as Christians. The communion hymn for Mid-Pentecost says: He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood lives in Me and I live in him, says the Lord. Alleluia! Our Communion hymn for today says: Receive the Body of Christ! Drink the source of immortality. Alleluia!

Our Liturgy, our worship identifies Jesus as the *Well*, the Source of immortal life, the Source of divine life. Jesus is the one around whom we gather and offer ourselves with Him. Jesus is the one who leads us and teaches us, who meets us in the Divine Liturgy. Jesus is our source of faith and hope. At every Eucharist we receive Him into our lives. At every Eucharist we offer ourselves to Him as we receive our Lord and our

Savior. At every Eucharist we are united to Christ and one another. *The Eucharist is the Source of immortality!*

Our Holy Father St. John Paul II, of blessed memory, teaches this faith that we hold as Catholics, that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life." It is the life giving well. *The Eucharist contains the church's entire spiritual wealth: Jesus Christ, who offers Himself to the Father for the redemption of the world.* Our Holy Father teaches "the Eucharist is the one sacrifice of the cross, which is represented until the end of time." The Eucharist fulfills Jesus command at the Last Supper "Do this in remembrance of me."

So we too can say: We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is really the Savior of the World.

By Fr. John Zeyack



THE SAMARITAN WOMAN:

Today, on this the fourth Sunday following the Feasts of Feasts, the Pascha of the Byzantine Church, we read a lesson from the Gospel of John that details Christ's dealings with the Samaritan Woman. It was on account of this interaction that the Samaritans became the first people to recognize Jesus as Savior of the world. And, it is on account of this interaction that we first realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people!

According to an early tradition, after the Resurrection of Christ the Samaritan Woman was baptized and given the Christian name Photini, 'the enlighten one.' Along with her two sons and five daughters she went to Carthage to spread the Gospel. There they were arrested, taken to Rome under Nero, imprisoned, and later martyred. According to tradition, Saint Photini, who first met Christ beside a well, was martyred for Christ by being thrown into a well. The Church commemorates her on March 20.

In *St. John the Golden-Mouth Commentary*, it says of the Samaritan Woman: "She taught us that when we are listening to spiritual matters, we must overlook the things of this life, and make no account of them. For what the Apostles did, that, after her ability, did this woman also. They left their nets when they were called; she of her own accord, without the command of any, leaves her water pot, and elated with joy, performs the office of Evangelists. She calls not one or two, as did Andrew and Philip, but aroused a whole city and people, and so brought them to Him."