

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 servant +**Ann Antal** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember Ann and her family in your prayers.

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Monsignor Sylvester Hladky Memorial Foundation will continue to offer scholarships toward tuition for students of all grade levels who wish to attend a Catholic elementary school, junior high or high school. Applications are now available for students for the 2015-2016 school year who are in need of financial assistance.

Parents may request an application after April 7, 2015 and before May 31, 2015 by calling (330)847-8257 or by writing to the following address:

Monsignor Sylvester Hladky Memorial Foundation
PO Box 184
Warren, OH 44482

All applications must be returned to the above address by June 6, 2015.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 10 May:

5:00 PM: **76**; 11:00 AM: **115**

Feast of the Ascension: **40**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,521.51



- **Sun. May 17** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Monastery. Ring #301.
- **Sat. May 23** Fifth All Souls Saturday – Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM followed by Panachida and reading if the Diptyches.
- **Sun. May 24** Panachida for Pentecost at Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery – 2:00 PM.
- **Wed. June 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We can use your help.
- **Tues. June 9** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Tues. June 9** Ladies Guild Meeting in the Social Hall – 7 PM
- **Sat. June 13** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is an extra day, so we can really use your help.



THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the youth’s Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and will support various activities for our youth, including the National ByzanTEEN Rally nexTEENmmer in Cleveland.

HELP THE HOMELESS FLAPJACK BREAKFAST

A teenage parishioner from St. Anne’s Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church in Austintown is seeking support for his Agabags service project. These bags, named after the word “agape” or “sacrificial love,” are care packages that are distributed to the homeless in the Youngstown area. You can support this cause by donating money at the table by the Belvedere entrance and/or by attending his pancake breakfast from 8am-12 noon on Saturday, May 30 at St. Anne’s social hall. More information is posted in the social hall.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

The Father’s Day Breakfast will be held after the 11:00 Liturgy on June 21. The cost of the breakfast will still be \$8, but the menu items will be different from what was served on Mother’s Day. The youth would appreciate your continued support and generosity.

17 MAY 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	17 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL. Post-festive of the Ascension. Holy Apostle Andronicus and His Companions. Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk.</i>
Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Albert Mindek – Dorothy Byers Family
(SM)	8:30 AM	Health of Marion Bizet – Bob & Helen Bankey
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Mary Bradley – sister, Helen Kuhar
Monday,	18 May	<i>Post-festive of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra. Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and their Companions. Holy Seven Virgins.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	19 May	<i>Post-festive of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and His Companions.</i>
		Chancery Office
Wednesday,	20 May	<i>Post-festive of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Thaleleus.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sr. Julia Rohaly – Benedictine Sisters
Thursday,	21 May	<i>Post-festive of the Ascension. Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother Helen, Equals to the Apostles.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	22 May	<i>Leave-taking of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Basiliscus. Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, 381.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sr. Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters
Saturday	23 May	<i>Memory of all the Faithful Departed. Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada. Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk.</i>
(PP)	9:00 AM	Fifth All Souls’ Remebrance
(SM)	5:00 PM	+Josephine Benedicktus – Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Church
(PP)		
Sunday,	24 May	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Jason Lazor – Mike & Sue Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Todd Zumerling – Zoe Gardishar



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

John 17: 1- 13
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The Sunday which follows the Feast of the Ascension in addition to being the Seventh Sunday After Easter, also commemorates the Holy Fathers of the Council of Nicea. This Ecumenical Council, held in 325 A.D., affirmed the divinity of Christ. Our celebration this weekend pays respect to the collective witness that the Bishops gave to Christian truth. We are already looking towards Pentecost and how the power of the Holy Spirit can give courage to speak for Christ and the truth.

In the Epistle for this Sunday from Acts (20:16-18a, 28-38), St. Paul is on his way to Jerusalem as the end of his ministry begins. He charges the leaders of the Church of Ephesus to keep watch for wolves who would lead the flock astray. It might be said that what causes corrosion in the Church is both on the universal and local levels.

As this Sunday of the Fathers of the Nicean Council testifies, theological error is part of this corrosion. However, studies have shown that other people drop out of the church for a number of reasons: mobility without deep religious roots, too little or too much change, deterioration of Catholic family life, diminishing loyalty to a specific parish, impersonalism of the large parish, a quarrel with or perceived insult from a priest or sister. To be honest, the major reasons that people drop out of the Church are more personal than theological.

This Epistle Reading is a real warning to us to be honest with God and ourselves as well as to constantly make the effort to be active members of the Body of the Christ, the Church!

In the Gospel Reading for St. John (17:1-13) we have one of the most intimate sections of his Gospel. It is the prayer of Jesus as He looks back over His ministry. He also used all the opportunities the Lord gives us by always living in the future. "Tomorrow, I will get down to my spiritual life." "Tomorrow, I will start spending more time with my family." "Tomorrow, we'll reconcile."

Or, we can live in the past as we re-fight old battles and rehearse old hurts. It is, however, in the *present* that the dynamics of salvation take place! God's Word is spoken to us in the now. Christ's offer of peace and the healing power of the Resurrection are available to us now. The time of salvation and of the experience of God's presence are now. *It is in our particular parish, this Archdiocese, this neighborhood, with these people, that God is present and calling us to respond.*

Fr. Gary Powell, O.F.M. Cap.



NICEA I



On this day, the Church celebrates the memory of the three hundred and eighteen God-bearing Fathers who attended the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325), in the course of which the Catholic doctrine of the Holy Trinity was defined.

Arius (280-336), an arch-priest of Alexandria, had taught the heresy that the Son was not equal to the Father, being neither of the same essence nor infinite nor eternal; that He was a creature, the most perfect creature of God, but yet not God, and that consequently his Mother was not the Mother of God. Athanasius, Archbishop of Alexandria, opposed these errors with all his might. He eloquently exposed the true teaching, that the Word of God was indeed God in reality, and that through the incarnation He became a real man.

The controversy raged throughout the Roman Empire, throwing it into a state of turmoil. Emperor Constantine decided to submit the matter to the judgment of the Universal Church, and so he called a general council that convened in Nicea. From the discussion came the Nicene Creed in which the answer to Arianism is expressed in the following passage : " *I believe in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father.*"

By Archbishop Joseph Raya