

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.

BELLA CENTER FUNDRAISING BANQUET

We are all familiar with the Bella Center and the work that they do. They operate 100% by support from donations and grants. You are warmly invited to attend one of the two fundraising banquets being held this year. The second one is **November 13 and** will be held at Leo's Ristorante Banquet Hall, 7042 East Market St. If you wish to be a supporter of the Bella Center Projects and attend this banquet, please RSVP one week before the banquet at: www.bellateam.com or banquet@bellawomenscenter.com or call 330.856-3616. We have been good supporters in the past...let us continue to help them do God's work.

NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be taking orders for nutrolls, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut and lekvar rolls. **The rolls will be by advance orders only.** They will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, 15 November from 11 AM to 3 PM. The rolls are \$9.00, and orders may be placed through any member of St. Benedict's Auxiliary, or you may call Mary Villareal at 330-372-5187. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Saturday, November 8th.**

58TH ANNUAL ARCHIEPARCHIAL SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

The 58th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration benefiting our Byzantine Catholic Seminary will be held on **Sunday, 7 December 2014** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Munhall, PA. The celebration will begin with a **Moleben at 3 PM** in the Cathedral and the banquet will follow in the Cathedral Center. I would like to sponsor a table or two from our parish. If you are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office by Sunday, *November 9*.

GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

Greek Food Festival is being held at St. Demetrios Community Center, 3223 Atlantic Street. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 14, 15 and 16. Some menu choices are: Lamb, Chicken Oreganato, Pastitsio, Spanakopita, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Greek Salad and much more. If you like Greek food, this is the place to go.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 19 October:

5:00 PM: 76; 11:00 AM: 120

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us \$2,715.92



- **Sun. Oct. 26** Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) classes for our young people – Kindergarten thru 12th grade – from 9:30 AM to 10:45AM.
- **Sun. Oct. 26** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 5
- **Mon. Oct. 27** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Craft Auction & Covered-dish – 5:50 PM in the Social Hall. Call 330-770-1100 for reservations.
- **Wed. Oct. 29** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall – Session 5
- **Mon. Nov. 3** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon – We can use your help.
- **Wed. Nov. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM
- **Weekend Nov. 8 & 9** Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall after both Divine Liturgies.
- **Sun. Nov. 9** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict at the Monastery – 2 to 4 PM – Please ring #301.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

. . . ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR . . . Our Parish Ladies Guild would like to thank the members for their donations of the beautiful baskets for our raffle and for the help in the food preparation for the Ethnic Dinner, as well as the delicious desserts. We also want to thank our parishioners and friends for their support and patronage of our Ethnic Dinner. It was truly an afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship! *Names of the winners of the Basket Raffles and 50/50 are posted in the Social Hall.*



“SPRING AHEAD – FALL BACK”

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 2nd. Just a reminder to set your clocks back one hour.

26 OCTOBER 2014

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	26 October	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius. Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i> +Virginia Scannell - Family Special Intention – Mike and Sue Johnson +Flora Turner – Eugenia Vesa
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	
(SM)	8:30 AM	
(PP)	11:00 AM	
Monday,	27 October	<i>Holy Martyr Nestor. Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	28 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer. Holy Martyr Paraskevia of Iconium.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	29 October	<i>Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit. Passing of Venerable Father Abraham of Rostov, Archmandrite and Wonderworker.</i> +Sr. Ambrose Chuchvara – Benedictine Sisters
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	
Thursday,	30 October	<i>Holy Martyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia. Passing of the Martyr and Priest Oleksiy Zarytski (1963).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	31 October	<i>Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus, Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i> Chancery
Saturday	1 November	<i>Holy Unmercenary Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian.</i> +Tom Raiti – Raiti Sisters
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	
Sunday,	2 November	<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i> Prayer Intentions of Altar/Rosary Society +Joe Sarsany – son, Tom and M/M Bud Willison
(SM)	8:30 AM	
(PP)	11:00 AM	



Attentive to the Word

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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LUKE 16:19-31 "THE SIN OF INDIFFERENCE"



A while ago, Vladimir Posner, dubbed the "Donahue" of the then Soviet Union, commented on public radio that the media presents news by, for, and about the media. Even network news resembles something like "Inside Edition" or "Entertainment Tonight" more than the "hard news" that I remember growing up with in the days of Walter Cronkite. And the public seems to like it. We can't blame ourselves, I suppose. There's so much violence and tragedy in the world today that news about who's starring in the latest movie is easier to watch than "hard news."

We've become indifferent to the pain around us. The problem, however, is that being indifferent to the suffering of others, as we heard in today's Gospel, is a great sin. Jesus tells the story of two men: a rich man, who feasted on exotic foods every day, wore expensive clothes, and in general lived very well, and Lazarus, a poor man who fed off the leftovers that the rich man threw out. Lazarus had ulcerated sores all over his body and was pestered by stray dogs in the area. When they died, Lazarus in effect went to heaven, and the rich man to hell. This is the only parable, incidentally, in which reference is made to a specific someone going to hell.

St. Cyril of Alexandria notes that it is significant that the rich man was not named, that he was nameless in God's presence, echoing the words of the psalmist referring to those who do not revere God, saying, "I will not make mention of their names with my lips."

Now the rich man wasn't a bad man; we're not told that he killed, or stole from other people, or anything like that. He didn't go to hell because he was rich. But because he was indifferent. To the rich man, people like Lazarus were just part of the landscape.

As the story continues, we heard that the rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man's five brothers about the threat of eternal separation from God. Abraham responds, however, that his brothers have all the warning they need, that if Moses and the prophets were not convincing enough, neither would be someone coming back from the dead.

Repeatedly in the Bible we find that God takes the side of the underdogs of life, and judges those who are blessed with more yet do nothing to help the ones in need. And the need is growing today. The numbers of homeless, for example, have increased dramatically in recent years, beginning with the deinstitutionalization of the severely mentally ill in the 1960s. With so much suffering around us, it's hard not to become indifferent to the needs of the homeless, to the victims of violence, to the suffering caused by natural disasters, and so forth. Yet it is precisely because we are Christians that we must not be indifferent. Fr. Alexander Yelchaninov wrote that the indifference of believers is far more dreadful a thing than the fact that unbelievers exist. George Bernard Shaw once said, "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity."

We're not individually called to rescue the whole world from suffering, but to help the need where we find it. The story is told of a man who was found throwing starfish into the sea as the tide was ebbing out. What was the point, another man asked, as there were hundreds of stranded starfish on the beach, "It won't make a difference." The first man just looked at the other, picked up a starfish, and threw it into the sea. "It made a difference to that one," he replied.

May God grant us the awareness of our indifference and the courage to offer a hand where there is need. Amen.