

## 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.

## ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your servant +**John Fedyszak** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ St Michael's Byzantine Catholic Center, 2140 Highland Road Hermitage, PA. Admission, lunch and free tear sheet - \$5.00. Doors open at 1:00 PM. Drawing starts @ 2:15 PM. Let's show our support for our Byzantine Catholic brothers & sisters at St Michael's.

## TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

October 2<sup>nd</sup> the pro-life gathering of local churches will take place along Elm Road between Warren Plaza and Harding High School at 2:30 PM. You are encouraged to take part in this prayer demonstration against abortion.

## WORD OF WISDOM

Three things in human life are important: The *first* is to be kind. The *second* is to be kind, And the *third* is to be kind. Henry James (1943-1916)

The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy. Florence Shinn (1871-1940)



### (PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 18 September:

5:00 PM: 64 11:00 AM: 114

Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,958.35**

### (SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 18 September:

19 from St. Michael; 18 from St. Peter & Paul

Exaltation of the Holy Cross: (SM): 2 (PP): 2

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$638.00**



- **Sun. Sept. 25** ECF classes – Classes begin at 9:30 – 10:45 AM. If your child is not registered, please bring them any way!
- **Sun. Sept. 25** Bible Study at 4 PM in the social hall – Session 3
- **Mon. Sept. 26** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon. We can use your help.



**JUST A REMINDER: GET YOUR BINGO, CARD PARTY & RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE SOCIAL HALL BEFORE & AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGIES!!!**



**APPROPRIATE CHURCH BEHAVIOR**

A Greek word “anamnesis” means “to recall to mind.” It would be helpful for all of us to recall to mind where we are when we are in church. A Church is the house of God. We should remember we are in God’s presence and as such should focus our attention on worship. As adults, we have the responsibility to teach our young people what is appropriate behavior. Loud and unnecessary talking before, during and after the Liturgy is not appropriate Church behavior! Unless you are ill, it is also inappropriate to leave the Church before the closing of the Royal Doors. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners who wish to remain a little longer in the quiet presence of God.

**\$300.00 RAFFLE (to benefit the Ladies Guild)**

Raffle Tickets will be sold after all the Divine Liturgies, from September 17<sup>th</sup> thru October 2, 2016. The drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild Bingo/Card Party, October 2, 2016. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winner does not need to be present.

**BINGO & CARD PARTY TICKETS**

Ladies Guild members will be selling Bingo & Card Party tickets before and after all Liturgies. Tickets are \$6.00. Ticket purchase includes eligibility for the door prize, other drawings and a box lunch. Please support the Ladies Guild activities as they host the various functions for our Parish Family.

25 SEPTEMBER 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	25 September	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our venerable Mother Euphrosyna.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Irene Brienz – St Benedict’s Auxillary
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Anna Yencovcik – M/M Mick Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike
Monday	26 September	<i>The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Our Blessed Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	27 September	The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	<b>Intention of Sr. Adele Vecchione - Friends</b>
Wednesday	28 September	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet Baruch. The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949). Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Anna Marie Metz – Wm. McNaughton
Thursday	29 September	Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite.
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Dorothy Byers – Andy & Linda Deskevich
Friday	30 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	1 October	<i>THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY, The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father Romanos the Hymnographer.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	<b>Intention of Sr. Marion Dobos – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Sunday	2 October	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	<b>Prayer Intentions of the Rosary Society</b>
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Estella Susko – daughter, Suzanne



**Attentive to the Word**  
**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Lk. 5: 1 – 11**

**Tone 2 pg.130 - 132**



Simon Peter turns from a hearer to a doer. Imagine his boat serving as a primitive church. He and his fellows had just returned from an exhausting night's fishing. They are not just weary; they are a bit discouraged. As he listens to Jesus explaining the wonders of God and a world that is hidden from ordinary eyes, suddenly the Lord turns to him and says that He would like Simon to go back out into the sea. There are fish out there that he missed catching. Was it a test? Quite! Impulsive Simon Peter must have thought: What can He teach me about fishing, I who had been doing this all my life? Besides, he wanted only to be lulled by comforting words about God, not

ordered to return to the sea.

It explains something about Jesus. His sermon was a show and tell lesson. He told Simon what He expected, and when the disciple obeyed, then He showed him where the fish were. Our Lord is the God who acts, and He does so through us. True Christianity is not for spectators. The world is a field, we are in a contest, and every one of us is a player.

Then Simon Peter says: Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! At another occasion he was not averse to rebuking Jesus (Matt. 16:23). Here he realizes that this Teacher is no ordinary human being. His Lord is of one essence with the Lord Almighty. Here is a moment in his lifetime that he will never forget. May each of us have some-thing similar happen to us in our days on this earth.

To understand what happened to Peter that day is to grasp the essential difference between true, or Byzantine Christianity and all other varieties. At first, Peter loved, honored, and was ready to obey Jesus. He saw Him as a special human being, which many Christians and even non-Christians would agree with. But until the net of Christ's true nature caught him, recognizing God at work in Him, he was only an admirer. In time Peter would understand much more about Christ; but at the moment he saw God in Him.

The Byzantine Church never tires of explaining the inexplicable mystery - Jesus Christ is the only-begotten, unique Son of God, true God of true God, as the Creed proclaims. God alone is capable of saving us from sin and death. Because Christ is God, it is not only possible, salvation has become the supreme goal of our lives.

*By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky*



**VERY GOOD NEWS**

The Annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference is Happy to Host the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Eastern Catholic Bible Conference. It will be held November 4 & 5, 2016 at St John the Baptist Cathedral Munhall, Pa. It is entitled: *A Holy Nation The Church in God's Plan of Salvation.*

The speakers are excellent!! The talks include:

- Are Eastern Catholics "Bible Christians?"
- Reading the Bible in the Heart of the Church
- The Seven Ages of the Kingdom in the Bible
- Biblical Images of the Church
- Sacred Reading: How to Pray the Scriptures
- The Bible and the New Evangelization

Registrations are necessary. Brochures containing registration forms are beside the bulletins. *You are encouraged to attend this very enlightening program.*



**THE YEAR OF MERCY ... What Is Mercy?**

We tend to think of "mercy" as compassion or sympathy, but the word has a much deeper meaning. It is more than feeling sorry for someone. Having mercy means that we enter into the other person's suffering. We feel the other person's pain, see through the other person's eyes, and place ourselves inside the other person's heart and mind. When that happens, we are moved to respond in a merciful way.

We can be merciful because God is merciful. "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all your woks" (Ps"145:8-9). Mercy grows in us as we reflect on how God has been merciful with us. In the following weeks we will include eight ways to live a merciful life.