

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Apostles

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 Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec, Jr. to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father Miron before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father Miron. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Father Miron is always available for confessions 1 hour before each Divine Liturgy, 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: Parishioners who are hospitalized are visited when Father Miron is notified. It is especially important that a family member contact Father Miron whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

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

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Registration is done only through the Pastor. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. Registered parishioners are those who have received contribution envelopes, and assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to SS. Peter and Paul Parish. Worship at this parish is always expected. 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: Lisa Mosko is in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Miron is available on other days and times by appointment.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES: 6/6/2026 – 6/14/2026

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Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	6 June 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Reciting of Rosary Health & Welfare of Macala Blake – Mom
Sunday	7 June 9:35 AM 10:00 AM	<i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> Service of Third Hour Health & Blessings for Newlyweds – Eli & Katarina – Parish family
Monday	8 June	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	9 June	<i>Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	10 June 6:30 PM	<i>The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.</i> +Steve Zombar – Mary Ann Karchut & Bob Fejko
Thursday	11 June	<i>The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	12 June 9:00 AM	<i>Our Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i> +Betty Vazur – Mary Pakulniewicz
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	13 June 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Martyr Aquilina. Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia.</i> +Richard Pinti – Angeline Kalogeras
Sunday	14 June 10:00 AM	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike



Attentive to the Word
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Matthew 4: 18 - 23

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When Christ was choosing his Apostles, he did not make the choice by random selection. Rather, he chose specific men from various walks of life to bring his name to people all over the world. Neither does Christ address his invitations “to whom it may concern!” But he calls each one of us by our own name. The choosing of the Apostles varies from Gospel to Gospel and sometimes within the same Gospel there may be several accounts. These differences in the accounts are not important but rather the importance lies in the similarities between God’s choosing of the Apostles and His choosing of each one of us.



The four particular men in today’s Gospel message were ordinary fishermen involved with life and hard at work with their jobs. In fact, they were right in the middle of a very important part of their work. They were either busy casting their nets or trying to get their nets in order for a cast. Yet, the importance of Christ’s call was more important than anything else they were involved in. “Immediately they abandoned their nets and became his followers.”

At the time of our baptisms, we were each chosen by name to follow Christ; to lead a Christian life according to his example. No matter who we were or what we are now, we have been chosen by Christ to bring God’s love and his message of hope to those who are in our lives. We were chosen once and for all, but Christ continually calls us many times throughout each and every day of our life. We may be deeply involved in a very important part of our work and someone may interrupt us with a seemingly trivial matter or we may be relaxing during a much needed rest period and be aroused by an unsuspecting person. Yet, any interruption or distraction that may come our way is Christ’s way of reminding us that God’s love is more important than what we are involved in. Or he may be calling us to share God’s kindness and patience with someone near us. When distractions and frustrations set in when nobody is around, then Christ may be calling us to a time of prayer or conversation with God.

If we feel that we are unworthy to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, then we are on the right track! Jesus did not choose perfect men to bring love to others. As God, He not only knows our present sins but also he knows our future faults. He not only calls us as we are, but more importantly he calls us for what we can become. He chose us! Now it is our chance to choose to follow him.

Following Christ does not necessarily mean that we have to perform some type of missionary work in uncharted territories. Rather, following Christ means making his calling an active part of our life; doing missionary work within our own hearts and being the message of Christ for those who he brings to us.



In the book “Gems From The Sunday Gospels,” the author, Anthony M. Coniaris, relates to us a touching dialogue from the second century. The dialogue was between a Roman pagan philosopher, Celsus and Origen, a Christian philosopher.

Celsus said to Origen, “This Christ came into the world to found a terrible society – for He didn’t call the righteous people or the clever people, but the sinners, the beaten and broken and defeated.” Origen, the Christian scholar, told *“That’s true. Christ does call the broken and defeated. He has made us new. He doesn’t leave us broken and defeated. We came to Him greedy and avaricious; He has made us generous. We came to Him impure; He has made us clean. We came to Him hot-tempered; He has made us gentle. We came to Him Godless; and He has filled us with God’s presence.”*

When St. Peter came and answered the call of Jesus, He became a changed person. He went from being a fearful and timid follower of Jesus to a brave and determined disciple of Jesus Christ. Alongside with Peter, the other apostles also went through a change in their personalities. In fact, the apostles followed Jesus and became fishers of men. Filled with power from God; the apostles converted thousands to the Church.

St. Paul says that if we are a follower of Jesus Christ we indeed will become a “new person.” St. Paul writes these words to the Ephesians (Chapter 4, v. 21) *“If, indeed, you have heard Him and learned in Him what the truth in Jesus is, you will strip yourselves from the former conduct – of the corrupt old man with his deceptive lusts – and you will be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and you will be putting on the new man, the one created God-like in righteousness and holiness for truth.”*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wed., June 10 – Thurs., June 18** Lisa will be out of the office.
- **Wed., June 17** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., June 19** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.
- **Mon., June 22** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM to Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., June 24** **Birth of John the Baptist** - Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., June 26** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.
- **Mon., June 29** **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul** – Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM. Social and Icon Display after Liturgy.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

On **Saturday, June 20th, at 9 AM**, Fr. Miron is inviting all women who would like to participate in baking chocolate chip cookies for all men of our parish for Father's Day!

If you are interested in coming to help, please let Mother Theodora know at 216-618-5862. She is heading up the baking project. Thank you!

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FEAST DAY DINNER

June 29th is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. A dinner honoring this feast will be held on **Wednesday, July 1st, at 6:00 PM at DiLucia's, 2610 Elm Road, N.E., Warren, OH 44483.**

Dinner will include a choice of either Stuffed Chicken Breast or Whitefish Francaise. The choice is required at signup.

Costs are as follows:	Adult Parishioners:	\$15.00
	Non-Parishioners:	\$20.00
	Children ages 6 -12:	\$10.00
	Children under age 6:	Free

Prepayment is required when signing up. Someone will be available in the Social Hall after each Divine Liturgy starting on Saturday, June 6th, for signup and to accept payment. Reservation deadline is Sunday, June 21st.

We hope to see you there! Come to enjoy a good dinner and the company of your Parish Family!

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!



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:
June 8 – Emilia Kerul'-Kmec (4 yrs.); June 13 – Elaine Vislosky
Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



GOOD MORNING GOD

You are ushering in another day
untouched and freshly new,
so here I come to ask You God
if You'll renew me too?
Forgive the many errors that
I made yesterday,
and let me try again dear God,
to walk closer in Thy way.
But Father, I am well aware
I can't make it on my own,
so take my hand and hold it tight
For I can't walk alone.

By Helen Steiner Rice

THE SIZE OF A CHURCH. . . .

. . . . is not always determined by numbers. Large numbers do not necessarily make a large church. Little numbers don't necessarily make a small church.

Any church is small if it loses its vision for evangelism. The challenge Christ gave us includes taking the Gospel to our own community . . . to our own families, as well as other parts of the world. It's a "big" church – regardless of its numbers – that seeks to reach the lost. Any church is small whose members think of minimums in church attendance, prayer, service or giving. If the attitude is "How little can I do and still get by?" – the church is little. It's a "big" church – regardless of its numbers – that thinks in terms of giving its best.

Any church is small if it doesn't challenge its young people with full-time Christian service. It's a small church whose mothers and fathers have to apologize if their children consider a vocation to the religious life. It's a "big" church – regardless of its numbers – that sends its best into the service of the Lord.

Any church is small where giving is measured in minimums, not maximums. The church budget is not what a church is costing, it is what a church is doing! Small churches give grudgingly. It's a "big" church – regardless of its numbers – that give of its means with great joy. Any church, regardless of its numbers – can become small, by thinking small.

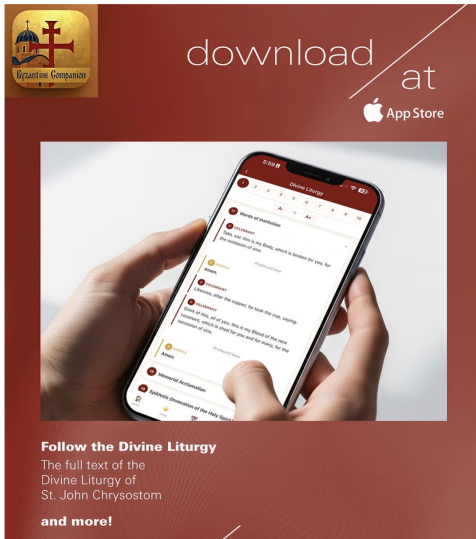
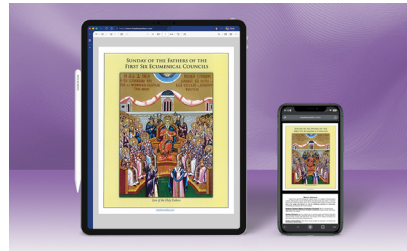


Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 30:

5:00 PM: 36; 10:00 AM: 62

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,143.00

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The Apostles' Call and Ours

But note both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how time consuming a chore fishing is), when they heard His command they did not delay or procrastinate. They did not say, “Let us return home, and talk things over with our family.” Instead, “they left everything behind and followed,” even as Elisha did when he followed Elijah. For Christ seeks this kind of obedience from us, such that we delay not even for a moment, though something absolutely most necessary should vehemently press in on us.

St. John Chrysostom

The kingdom of heaven has no price tag on it. It is worth as much as you have. For Zacchaeus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pock-

eted he promised to restore four-fold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So, as we said, the kingdom of heaven is worth as much as you have.

St. Gregory the Great

Like Peter, Andrew, James and John, we have been called to discipleship. As such, we are given the name of “Christian.” But are we conscious what that name stands for, what responsibility comes with it? It is more than just a title or a label. To be a disciple of Christ, to bear the name of Christian, compels us to take on the responsibility – regardless of the difficulty and cost – of living the Gospel every moment of our lives.