

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of the Holy Fathers

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.

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Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	18 July 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Reciting of Rosary Health & Welfare of Judith Bailey – husband, Eugene
Sunday	19 July 9:35 AM 10:00 AM	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of St. Basil the Great. Our Venerable Father Dios. Service of Third Hour +James Basista, Jr. – Cathy Krupsa Eddy
Monday	20 July 6:30 PM	FEAST OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELLIAH. (pgs. 343 – 344) (Blessing of Vehicles following Liturgy.) +Nancy Tomko – Irene Sosh & Virginia Yankoski
Tuesday	21 July	Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and His Fellow Ascetic John. The Holy Prophet Ezekiel. No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	22 July	The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles. No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	23 July	The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and Their Companions. The Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vilalis, Bishop of Ravenna. No Divine Liturgy
Friday	24 July 9:00 AM	The Holy Great Martyr Christine. The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David. +George Bernard - family
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	25 July 5:00 PM	Dormition of the Holy Anna, Mother of the Theotokos. Health & Welfare of Elaine Vislosky – Rick & Debbie Taylor
Sunday	26 July 10:00 AM	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions. The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskevia. +Nicholas Santucci – Janet Vesa



Attentive to the Word

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Matt 14: 14 – 22 & John 17: 1 – 13

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OUR CARING SHEPHERD

I want you to see something wonderful about Jesus Christ today. Jesus knows where you are and what you're going through, and *He cares*.



When this huge crowd gathered, Jesus looked out and saw broken people with broken lives. They had brought their sick and their lame, people with all manner of problems. And Jesus felt compassion for them. That tells us a lot about Jesus Christ, because it says that He is more than just a Person of power. He is One who cares. I'm here to tell you today that Jesus knows what you are going through. Jesus feels your pain. The beauty of the Incarnation is that when God became man, He could feel what we feel. We need a

Person like that because we're like sheep. Mark says Jesus had compassion on the people because "they were like sheep without a shepherd." There are three things you need to know about sheep: they are dumb, defenseless, and directionless. It's not flattering, but it's true.

These people were groping for direction. They were defenseless, ripe for plucking. How many times have we been deceived into going to the wrong places, doing the wrong things, thinking the wrong thoughts, hanging out with the wrong people? We are defenseless and directionless. Jesus can do much more than just sympathize with you. His power can overrule your circumstances. His compassion can deal with your situation. *He healed the sick that day (Matthew 14:14), and He fed them too.*

I don't know what impossible situation you may be facing today, but when you bring Jesus Christ into the equation, you have someone who can surmount the insurmountable.

SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of July, our Church remembers the bishops who gathered in collegial assembly under the grace of the Holy Spirit to take common and definitive action for the doctrinal and pastoral good of the Christian faithful. They are called "ecumenical," *meaning universal, involving the entire Church*. Through the history of the Church, only the first seven Councils are universally recognized and undisputed among Christian Churches. An ecumenical council differs from a general meeting or council of bishops in that a *synod* is concerned with local or regional issues and does not involve the Church as a whole.

These Councils decided definitively what we are to believe about Christ. Today, these issues seem almost irrelevant in the face of modern-day concerns; however, without the clear teachings of the Fathers, our Faith would be foundationally weakened.

At Matins for this Sunday, our Church proclaims, "When the holy preachers of Christ fully received the light from the Holy Spirit, they spoke with divine insight, with few but deeply meaningful words inspired from above, bringing to the front the evangelical doctrines and traditions of true worship. When these were clearly revealed to them from on high, they were enlightened and thus established the faith received from God."

(Matins at the Praises)



THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH:



Elias, also known as Elijah, was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. Of his origin, not much is known, except that he was from the city of Tishba. He appeared on the historical scene during the reign of Ahab (9 cent. B.C.) He delivered to that impious king the message of Yahweh: Israel would be punished by a long drought and Ahab's house would fall. He then lived to see the tragic end of Ahab. Next we hear of Elias in connection with Ochozias, Ahab's son and successor, to whom he predicted that the injuries received in a fall would be fatal. The end of the earthly life of Elias came mysteriously. As he was conversing with Eliseus on the hills of Moah, "a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (Kgs. 2:11). Jews, Christians and Moslems pay high honor to Elias; Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ's transfiguration.

To commemorate Elijah's ascent, "our means of transportation" is usually blessed by the priest following the Divine Liturgy on this day.



- **Tues. – Thurs., July 21 – 23** Fr. Miron & family will be on vacation.
- **Sun., July 26 (4th Sunday)** Reciting of Rosary 9:30 AM.
- **Mon., July 27** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., July 29** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., July 31** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.
- **Wed., Aug. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Thurs., Aug. 6** **Transfiguration of our Lord.** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM and Blessing of Fruit.



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Fr. Miron and his family will be on vacation July 21st - 23rd. Fr. Miron will not be able to receive any phone calls or texts. If there are any emergencies, please contact Fr. John Welch - (330) 799-8163.

Thank you for your understanding! Fr. Miron.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, August 1st - 3:30-4:15; Divine Liturgy at 4:30

The statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will be at St. Mary Church (in the church)

Guest speaker: Catherine Moran

The Forgotten and Abandoned Request - the 5 first Saturdays of Reparation – 100th Anniversary

Brief history of the United Nations Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (UNPVS):

The UNPVS is one of 4 statues carved by Jose Thedim, known as the Michelangelo of Portugal, because he could breathe life into his sculptures just as Michelangelo breathed life into his marble sculptures. The UNPVS was carved to reside in the chapel of the United Nations in New York City. The statue was not allowed to stay in the chapel. The statue was secretly taken into the chapel where several bishops, people and John Haffert, founder of the Our Lady's Blue Army, prayed for an end to the Korean War. The statue in the 1990's was once again briefly at the United Nations chapel. The statue traveled around the world for almost 70 years. The statue now permanently resides in the chapel at the Blue Army Shrine, headquarters for the Blue Army Apostolate, in Washington, NJ.

The UNPVS came into the United States sometime early 1953. This statue was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1952.

This statue was present at the First Fatima Congress on July 12, 1953. The congress was at the church of St. Mary's in the archdiocese of Newark, NJ.



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

July 21 – David Gilmore

July 22 – Karen Massari; July 23 – Donald Firment

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

Make a Right onto Believeth Blvd.

Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.

You are on the King's Highway – Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.

Then exit off onto Grace Blvd.

From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.

Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave.

Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END.

Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue.

Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. and Trials and Tribulations Ave.

But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!

AMEN!!!!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 11:

5:00 PM: 43; 10:00 AM: 82

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$3,022.75



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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory Forever!
Slava na viki!

Authority of the Council – Authority of the Church

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturation and a certain adaptation.

Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local

bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Emilianos