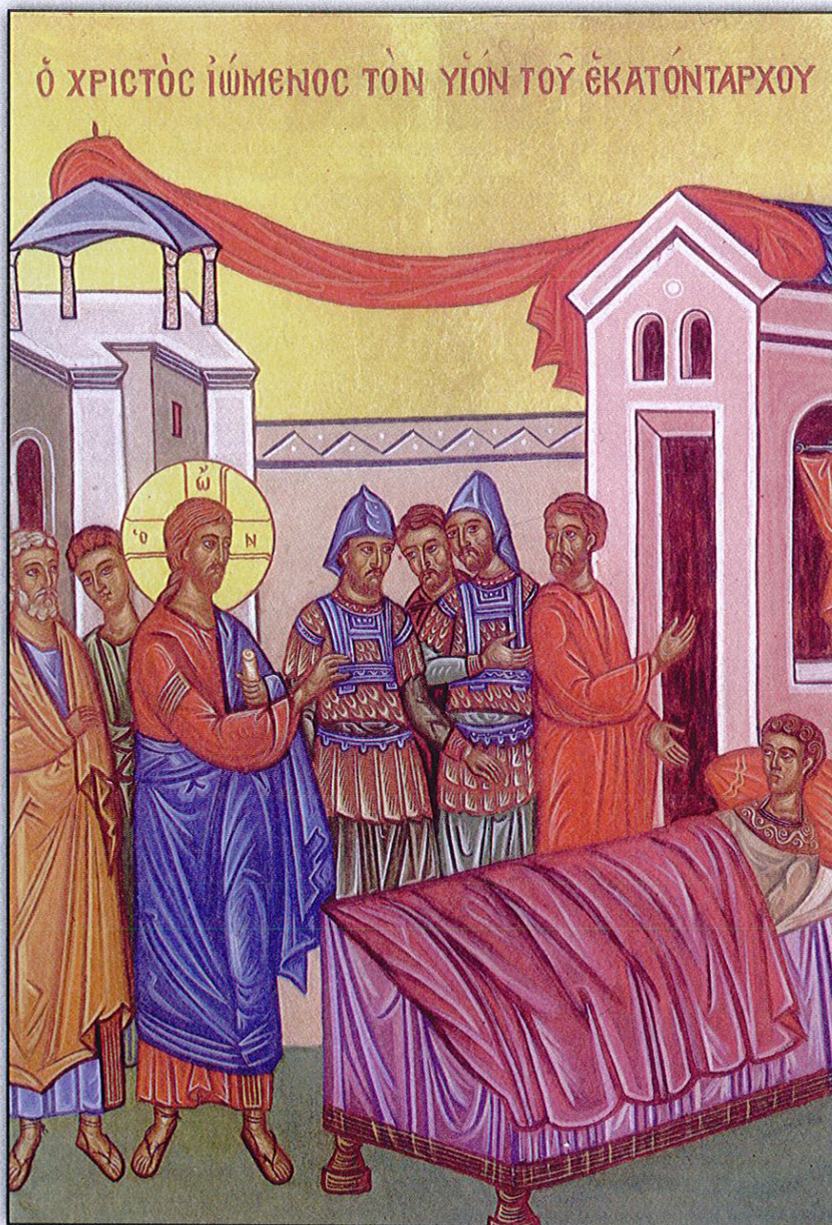


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant

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: 6/20/2026 – 6/28/2026

Fr. Miron is always available for confessions 1 hour before each Divine Liturgy.

Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	20 June 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Reciting of Rosary All Fathers, Fathers-to-be, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Men of the Parish – Fr. Miron
Sunday	21 June 9:35 AM 10:00 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus. Service of Third Hour All Fathers, Fathers-to-be, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Men of the Parish – Fr. Miron
Monday	22 June	The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata. No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	23 June	The Holy Martyr Agrippina. No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	24 June 6:30 PM	BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN. (pgs. 334 – 337) Health & God’s Blessings for Fr. Miron – Parish family (5 th Priestly Ordination – 6/26/2021)
Thursday	25 June	Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia. No Divine Liturgy
Friday	26 June 9:00 AM	Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. +Mary Passek – Michael & Elizabeth Phipps
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	27 June 5:00 PM	Our Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller. +Charles “Buddy” Hite, Jr. – Bob, Sharon & Brad Darno
Sunday	28 June 10:00 AM	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians Cyrus and John. Vesa family – Janet Vesa



Attentive to the Word FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 8: 5 - 13

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This healing was unusual. The one who came seeking this miracle was not a Jew but a Gentile. He was, in fact, a centurion, an officer of the Roman army of occupation. Attractively uniformed and well paid, centurions were often given special assignments by the Roman governors, tasks ranging from controlling riots and conducting public executions to escorting visiting dignitaries. A centurion posted in Jerusalem might well be contemptuous of the local – and often rebellious – inhabitants who were so different from the citizens of Rome.

Yet this centurion, we are told, loved the Jewish people and had built a synagogue for them (Luke 7:5). In humility he went to Jesus seeking a favor. As a man who understood what it was like to exercise authority, he recognized even greater authority in Jesus. Awe-struck, he felt unworthy even to have Jesus enter his house, all the while affirming his faith that Jesus' authority was not constrained by distance.

Jesus pointed out to his disciples that many would come from the east and west (Gentiles) to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God, while many of the children of Israel would remain outside (Matthew 8:11-12). The centurion received much more than he had requested, as noted by St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) in a homily on this passage: "He came seeking health of body for his servant, but went away having received a kingdom. Do you see how the saying had already been fulfilled, 'Seek you the kingdom of heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you,' for, because he showed great faith, and lowliness of mind, he both gave him heaven and added unto him health."

Despite his great faith, the centurion saw himself as unworthy. In truth, none of us is worthy, but the Lord still desires to work in our lives. We are his people, and when we have the faith to ask, we will see him act. We need to approach Jesus with the same faith as the centurion.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On June 24th we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was a priest who belonged to the section of Abijah. His wife, Elizabeth, was a direct descendent of Aaron, the brother of Moses. Both "walked blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord." Both were advanced in years and were childless. They dearly longed for a child.

While serving in the temple according to his lot, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias and informed him that their prayers will be answered, and Elizabeth will conceive a son to be called John. Zacharias was unable to speak until the birth of the child because he did not believe the angel's words.

"When Elizabeth's time to bear the child was completed, she brought forth a son" (Luke 1:57). On the eighth day the boy was to be circumcised and given a name, usually that of the father. Asked for the name he desired to be given to the boy, Zacharias wrote on a writing tablet, "John is his name," at which time his tongue was loosed and he began to speak praising God.

Zacharias had a great vision for his son. He saw in his son the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. The beautiful words of Zacharias' joy are expressed in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:67-80).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Today we salute fathers! Dads, we love you! The role of a Christian father is more important in today's world than ever before. It is a different roll than in earlier generations. In most households today, Dad is called upon to play more of a nurturing role in caring for children. If Mom works outside the home, Dad must take a more active role in doing household chores. Dad is no longer "lord of the castle." Hopefully, however, he has not been reduced to being another of the vassals.

Today's father needs to be nurturing of his children, supportive of his wife, and yet at the same time provide the spiritual leadership of the home that the Bible accords to fathers. It is a rare man, a special kind of man, who can combine all three of these qualities. Fathers play a critical role in the life of the family. Fathers will have a powerful impact upon their families if they connect in three crucial areas.

First, the role of the father is to connect with his God. Second, the role of a father is to connect with his family. Third, the role of the father is to connect with his church.

As we pay tribute to our fathers on Father's Day, we call to mind the example and instructions of our own earthly fathers as well as the teachings of our spiritual fathers. May God, our heavenly Father, abundantly bless our living fathers and grant blessed repose and eternal memory to the fathers He has called to Himself.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Mon., June 22** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM to Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Sun., June 28 (4th Sunday)** Reciting of Rosary 9:30 AM.
- **Mon., June 29** **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul** – Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM. Social and Icon Display after Liturgy.
- **Wed., July 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM. Ss. Peter and Paul Feast Day Dinner 6:00 PM at DiLucia’s – See below.
- **Fri., July 3** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.
- **Wed., July 8** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., July 10** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.



****Happy Father’s Day to all of our Fathers!****

All fathers, fathers-to-be, grandfathers, godfathers, and men of the Parish – please pick up chocolate chip cookies on the table near the Belvedere entrance.



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 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!

KINDNESS:

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.

By Florence Shinn



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

June 22 – William Burick & Joseph Roscoe

June 24 – Diane Gresley

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of **10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional years that are multiples of five** during this year of 2026. *Please inform the Parish Office by July 12, 2026 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.* The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on **Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM.** Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not.

Please call the church office or drop your name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

SMARTEST THINGS SAID ABOUT FATHERHOOD!

It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for a father who takes his daughter shopping. By John Sinor

Whatever you are, be a good one. By Abraham Lincoln

My mother protected me from the world, and my father threatened me with it. By Quentin Crisp

Mother would come out and say, “You’re tearing up the grass.” We’re not raising grass,” Dad would reply, “We’re raising boys.” By Harmon Killabrew

A man that doesn’t spend time with his family can never be a real man. By Marlon Brando as Don Corleone, in The Godfather

There must be many fathers around the country who have experienced the cruelest, most crushing rejection of all: their children have ended up supporting the wrong team. By Nick Hornby



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 13:

5:00 PM: 36; 10:00 AM: 102

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,167.25



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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory Forever!
Slava na viki!

Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith

The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the centurion's house to cure his servant, but he replied: *I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.* In protesting his unworthiness the centurion showed himself worthy to have Christ enter not his house but his heart. Yet he could not have said this with such faith and humility unless he already bore within his heart the One he was too overawed to have within his house. In any case, there would have been no great happiness at the entry of the Lord Jesus within his walls if he were not present in his heart.

But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? *I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go,*

and he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

Now the man who said this was a Gentile as well as a centurion. He was a professional soldier and, as a centurion, acted according to his rank: subject to authority and exercise in authority, obeying as a subordinate and giving orders to those subordinate to him. As for the Lord, though living among the Jewish people, He was already beginning to make it known that His Church would extend throughout the whole world into which He was about to send His apostles. Although the Gentiles would not see him they would believe in him, whereas the Jewish leaders who saw him would put him to death.

St. Augustine of Hippo