

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Tabitha and Others -- October 25th

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 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: Shirley Wade is in the Parish office from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Miron is available on other days and times by appointment.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES: 10/24/2026 – 11/01/2026

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Saturday (Sunday Vigil)	24 Oct. 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions.</i> Reciting of Rosary + Carl & Marialice Verney – Daughter Carla
Sunday	25 Oct. 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	<i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.</i> <i>The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius.</i> <i>The Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.</i> Reciting of Rosary + Steve Zombar – Mary Anne Karchut & Bob Fejko
Monday	26 Oct.	<i>The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius. Memory of the Great and Fearful Earthquake (Constantiople, 740).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	27 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Nestor. The Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	28 Oct. 6:30PM	<i>The Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Our Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer. The Holy Martyr Paraskevia of Iconium.</i> + George Bodajlo, Jr. – Beverly Czarkowski
Thursday	29 Oct.	<i>The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Our Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit. The Passing of our Venerable Father Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite and Wonder-worker.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	30 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia. The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Oleksiy Zarytski (1963)</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	31 Oct. 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. The Holy Martyr Epimachus. The Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i> + Richard Perhacs (40th day)
Sunday	1 Nov. 10:00 AM	<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.</i> <i>The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian.</i> + Virginia Pipa (40th day) – Elaine Vislosky & Betty Blake



Attentive to the Word
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Luke 16: 19 - 31
Tone 5 Pages 146 - 148



"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 others, or anything like that. He didn't go to hell because he was rich. But 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 number 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.***

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Sat. & Sun., Oct. 24 & 25 Coffee & Donuts after Liturgies.
- Sun. Oct. 25 No Class – Saints and Snacks (Trunk or Treat)
- Mon. Oct. 26 Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- Sun. Nov. 1 Class
- Sun. Nov. 8 Class
- Tues. Nov. 10 Parish Guild Meeting 6 PM



2026 GCU HOLIDAY MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

Beginning October 1st through October 31st, our Parish will be participating in this program. The GCU will match donations up to \$500.00. St. Vincent de Paul, where we volunteer, is approved for this program. In addition, the Parish Guild will match all donations up to \$1,000.00.

Donation envelopes will be at the entrance ways and can be returned in the collection baskets. If donating by check, please make check payable to:

Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Memo: St. V. de Paul GCU Matching Fund.

Thank you in advance for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul, who helps feed so many in need in our community. God Bless You for your generosity!



GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH

The GCU St. Nicholas Virtualthon is holding a raffle ticket fundraiser with *all-cash prizes totaling \$2,000 in Holiday Cash*, to raise additional funding for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. You have chances to win \$250 and \$1,500. *We only have 15 tickets to sell so it's first come, first serve.* Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winning numbers are based on the PA Daily 3-digit numbers drawn on Monday – Wednesday, December 7, 8, and 9 at 7 PM.

Tickets will be sold after Saturday and Sunday Liturgies until all sold.
Please support the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius!



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

October 26 - Luanne Hite & Gary Sharon
October 29 - Brian Canan
October 30 - Patricia Bazar & Mary Greskovich

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servants, **+Margaret Basista and +Judith Cibella**, who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



A Word From the Saints:

The Divine Liturgy, which is the prayer of prayers, is very valuable and precious for the ones who have fallen asleep. When we bring this sacrifice of Christ for those who cannot pray anymore, they truly feel great joy and brighten up like lights in the darkness where they dwell.

St. Sofian of Antim



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 17, 2026:
5:00 PM: 42; 10:00 AM: 82

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$1,899.50



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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory Forever!
Slava na viki!

Peter Restores Tabitha to Life

Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek means Dorcas, a gazelle). She was completely occupied with good deeds and almsgiving. Now during those days she fell sick and died, so after washing her, they laid [her] out in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

So Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs where all the widows came to him weeping and showing him the tunics and cloaks that Dorcas had

made while she was with them. Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to her body and said, "Tabitha, rise up."

She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up, and when he had called the holy ones and the widows, he presented her alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many came to believe in the Lord. And he stayed a long time in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43