

# SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



*Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th*

**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: 10/10/2026 – 10/18/2026**

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

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| Saturday<br>(Sun. Vigil)    | 10 Oct.<br>4:30 PM<br>5:00 PM | <i>The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.</i><br><b>Reciting of Rosary</b><br><b>+ Richard Pinti – wife Anna Marie</b>                                                                                                         |
| Sunday                      | 11 Oct.                       | <i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. The Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons.</i>                                                                            |
|                             | 9:35 AM<br>10:00 AM           | <b>Service of Third Hour</b><br><b>+ Fio &amp; Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| Monday                      | 12 Oct.                       | <i>The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maium, the Hymnographer. Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.</i><br><b>No Divine Liturgy</b>                                    |
| Tuesday                     | 13 Oct.                       | <i>The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papilus and Agathonica.</i><br><b>No Divine Liturgy</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| Wednesday                   | 14 Oct.                       | <i>The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protasius and Celsus. Our Venerable Mother Paraskevia of Trnovo. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).</i><br><b>6:30PM</b><br><b>+ Esther Roule – family</b> |
| Thursday                    | 15 Oct.                       | <i>Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger. The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch.</i><br><b>No Divine Liturgy</b>                                                                               |
| Friday                      | 16 Oct.<br>9:00 AM            | <i>The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i><br><b>+ George Bernard - Family</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| Saturday<br>(Vigil Liturgy) | 17 Oct.<br>5:00 PM            | <i>The Holy Prophet Hosea (Osee). The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete</i><br><b>+ Sister Agnes Knapik, O.S.B. – Vesa Family</b>                                                                                            |
| Sunday                      | 18 Oct.<br>10:00 AM           | <i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.</i><br><b>+Father Simeon Sibenik – Mr. &amp; Mrs. James Basista</b>                                                                                |



Attentive to the Word  
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL  
COUNCIL

*Luke 7: 11 – 16 or John 17 1 – 13*

*Tone 3 Pages 135, 263 & 264*



Only the Gospel of St Luke records the scene that highlights the widow's hopeless situation and Jesus' compassionate response. The woman is portrayed as having neither husband nor other sons and therefore no means of support. She would possibly be a dependent in another relative's household, and therefore little more than a servant. If she lacked even that, she would be a beggar.

Besides losing her independence, the woman also lost whatever joy there was in her life. St. Gregory of Nyssa drew attention to this aspect of her sorrow when he wrote, "Anyone who is not a complete stranger to natural feeling can easily see how great is the grief expressed here. To him alone had she struggled to give birth. Him alone had she nursed at her breast. He alone made her table cheerful. He alone made her home happy. In play, in work, in learning, in gaiety, at processions, at sports, at gatherings of youth – he alone was all that was sweet and precious in a mother's eyes. Now at the age of marriage, he was the stock of her race, the shoot of its succession, the staff of her old age. Imagine, then, his mother's sorrow! Would not her heart be consumed as if by fire? . . . "(On the Making of Man, XXV.10).

In compassion Jesus brings the young man back to life, as He did Jairus' daughter and His beloved friend Lazarus. This was an act of resuscitation: of restoration to physical life. On one level it would point to Christ's prophetic role, looking back to the raising by Elijah of a widow's only son at Zarephath (1 Kings 7:8-24). On both occasions the people's response is, "A great prophet has risen among us!"

Luke sandwiches this narrative between the story of the healing of a centurion's servant and the reaction of John the Baptist. Hearing about "all these things," John sends two disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

(Luke 7:19) Jesus responds in the words of Isaiah 61, which the disciples would come to understand as a messianic allusion.

The Church points to these resurrections as indications of Christ's victory over death, which would be sealed with His own resurrection. His resurrection would go beyond any of these revivals, bringing Him and us to a share in the eternal life of the Trinity.



## NICEA 2

At the insistence of the Byzantine Empress Irene, a council met for the second time in the city of Nicaea (in modern day Turkey) from September 24 until October 23, 787. Called the *Seventh Ecumenical Council*, it met to deal with a second, fresh outburst of iconoclasm (the idea that the use of sacred art and images violates the commandment against graven images).

The Council repeated the famous dictum of St. Basil the Great that "honor paid to an image passes to the one depicted." The Council went further and clarified what is meant by veneration, worship, etc. It said that true worship is reserved for God alone. Veneration may be paid to the saints, and their images. Beyond that, the Council also ruled that sacred art – because it proclaimed the dogma and teaching of the Church – had to be under the supervision and governance of the Church leaders. It was this prescription which would give to Byzantine iconography its tradition and continuity.

This Council moved against those who said any use of images was a violation of God's law. The Old Testament Law forbade the use of "graven images". The Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council "were unwilling to separate image and word, regarding them as two sides of one thing."

Saint Gregory of Nyssa (brother of St. Basil the Great) explained what was meant by "graven images" this way. The commandment against graven images forbids us to trust our own understanding of God as adequate and final! He said that the image of God we carry in our minds and hearts is the real purpose of the commandment, and God wants us to be open to further development and growth. When we "fix" our understanding of God and make it "concrete," we can no longer adjust it to reflect the new interventions of God in our lives. The Seventh Ecumenical Council taught us that we need, and may have, ideas about God which we express in word and image – but these images are only human approximations which must remain open to adjustment.



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 3, 2026:**

5:00 PM: 43; 10:00 AM: 84

**Protection of the Theotokos: 33**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$3,711.25**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- **Sun., Oct. 11** The start of ECF classes.
- **Wed., Oct. 14** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., Oct. 16** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.
- **Sun. Oct. 18** Class.
- **Wed. Oct. 21** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Sun. Oct. 25** No Class – Saints and Snacks (Trunk or Treat)



**2026 GCU HOLIDAY MATCHING FUND PROGRAM**

*Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>*, 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!



**Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:**

*October 11 – Dorothy Winland*

*October 13 – Archangelo Tomsich – 1 years old*

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



**In case of Emergency**

Fr. Miron will not be available Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. If there is any emergency, please contact Fr. John Welch - (330) 799-8163 or any local Catholic Parish.

Thank you for your understanding! Fr. M

**New Event!**

**SNACKS & SAINTS (Trunk or Treat)**  
**Sunday, October 25**

**Trunk or Treat the Byzantine Way! Children** of our parish are encouraged to dress as a saint or as someone from the Bible. Costumes may be worn to church. After Divine Liturgy everyone will convene in the parking lot where parishioners will treat our “saints” from the trunks of their cars!

Parishioners are more than welcome to participate/dress up or their trunks for the event as well! We hope everyone will participate!



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**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Slava Isusu Christu!**

**Glory Forever!**  
**Slava na viki!**

### ***The Shepherd's Family***

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words

rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*