Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

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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: 11/14/2026 – 11/22/2026

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Saturday	14 Nov.	*The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip. Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.*
(Sunday Vigil)	**4:30 PM**	**Reciting of Rosary**
	5:00 PM	**+Frances Bahrey – Michele Golias Family**
Sunday	15 Nov.	*Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost. The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.*
	9:30 AM	**Service of Third Hour**
	10:00 AM	**+Janet Yocum – Family**
Monday	16 Nov.	*The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.*
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	17 Nov.	*Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kocylovskyj, Bishop of Peremyshal (1947).*
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	18 Nov.	*The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman.*
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	19 Nov.	*The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam.*
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday	20 Nov.	*Prefestive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos.*
(Vigil Liturgy)		**Vesperal Divine Liturgy**
	6:30 PM	**+Gloria Sipes – Richard and Sandra Fetsko**
Saturday	21 Nov.	*Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.*
(Vigil Liturgy)	**5:00 PM**	**+Charles "Buddy" Hite, Jr. – Carl and Gloria Karafa**
Sunday	22 Nov.	*Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost. Postfestive Day of the Entrance. The Holy Apostle Philemon and His Companions. The Holy Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus.*
	10:00 AM	**+Health and God's Blessing for Marjorie Simon – Paul and Cheryl Simon**

Attentive to the Word

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.

Luke 10: 25 – 37

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THE MARK OF A GOOD SAMARITAN



A special obligation binds us to make ourselves the neighbor of absolutely every person, and of actively helping him when he comes across our path, whether he be an old person abandoned by all, a foreign laborer unjustly looked upon, a refugee, a child born of an unlawful union and wrongly suffering from a sin he did not commit, or a hungry person who disturbs our conscience by recalling the voice of the Lord: "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me."

Furthermore, whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflected on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonor to the Creator.

Since all men possess a rational soul and are created in God's likeness, since they have the same nature and origin, have been redeemed by Christ, and enjoy the same divine calling and destiny, the basic equality of all must receive increasingly greater recognition.

True, all men are not alike from the point of view of varying physical power and the diversity of intellectual and moral resources. Nevertheless, with respect to the fundamental rights of the person, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language, or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent. How do you measure up?

Documents of Vatican II, *The Church Today* [Guild]

PHILLIP'S FAST

Phillip's Fast is the 40-day period before Christmas which is devoted to preparation for the coming of the Messiah. It begins on November 15th, the day following the feast of St. Phillip, and extends through December 24th. It is a period of fasting, prayer, Scripture reading, church attendance and participation in the sacraments to enable us to capture the full meaning of Christ's coming.

The Church has traditionally taught four main ways to engage in Christian self-denial, no matter what our state in life. *These are prayer, fasting, almsgiving and love*. By actively engaging in these disciplines of discipleship during the time of the fast, we unite ourselves more perfectly to Christ as we celebrate the joy of the feast of His Nativity.

Below we offer some suggestions for ways to put into practice the four forms of Christian self-denial during the Nativity fast.

Prayer: Spend at least 15 minutes in the morning and evening in prayer each day. Pray the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Display an icon of the Nativity in the prayer corner of your house or room and spend 10 minutes each day meditating on the saving mysteries surrounding the story of Christ's Birth. Receive the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) at least once during the fast.

Fasting: Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Fast from certain foods, such as soda, alcoholic beverages or candy. With each meal, eat only an amount that is sufficient for nutritional needs, without feeling full. Fast from select forms of entertainment (television, movies, radio, internet, novels, etc.).

Almsgiving: Give your time, talent and/or treasure to a parish outreach or a special charity. Increase your parish tithe for the season. Clean out your house of any excessive items or possessions and share them with the poor and needy. Purchase gifts for homeless or needy children or families.

Love: Meditate on the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and identify one or two of these to put into practice each week. Examine your conscience each night, asking for forgiveness from God and others as needed. Find opportunities to share your faith with others.

Let us do at least a *minimal fast* of abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, attending devotions, and doing some Scripture reading to prepare for the Nativity of Christ.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Sun. Nov. 15** ECF Class
- **Wed. Nov. 18** No Divine Liturgy
- **Wed. & Thurs. Nov. 18 & 19** Kolachi Baking
- **Fri. Nov. 20** Kolachi Sales - Parishioners Only – 12 pm – 4 pm
- **Fri. Nov. 20** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM
- **Sun. Nov. 22** ECF Class
- **Sat. & Sun. Nov. 21 & 22** Kolachi Sales
- **Mon. Nov. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed. Nov. 25** **Thanksgiving Liturgy** 6:30 PM

GCU – SAINT VINCENT de PAUL UPDATE

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the 2026 GCU Matching Fund Program. Donations totaling $1,932.00 were received and with the $500.00 GCU matching and our Parish Guild matching $1,000.00, a total of $3,432.00 will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. God Bless all who participated in making this a successful 2026 Holiday Food Bank collection. A date for the presentation will be set in the near future.

ST. NICHOLAS' FEAST DAY DINNER

Sunday, December 6 – 11 A.M. in our Social Hall

Please sign up in Social Hall by Sunday, November 29th.
There will be no charge.

Come join us for an afternoon celebrating St. Nicholas with Christmas Carols, Gifts, & Delicious Food.

Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

November 16 – "Frank, II" Hoso
November 19 – John Lesniewski

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!

ETERNAL MEMORY

Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant, +Kenneth R. James, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

FALL KOLACHI BANKING 2026

We will be baking Wednesday & Thursday, November 18 & 19. No early pre-orders. Price remains at $15.00 per roll. Sales to parishioners will be Friday, November 20th from 12 noon to 4:00 PM. Additional sales will be AFTER liturgies Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. As always, all help is welcome and appreciated. God Bless you for your time, work and sacrifice.

KOLACHI BAKING SET-UP

We will be baking Kolachi next week! Anyone who is willing to lend a helping hand with the preparations and setup for baking, please stop by the Social Hall after Sunday's, (November 15th) Divine Liturgy. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

CHURCH DECORATING … for the Nativity of Our Lord

We will be decorating our Church for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ on Sunday, November 29th after the Divine Liturgy. Please come and join us in preparing your Church for Christmas. If needed, we will finish decorating the Church on December 3rd at 10:00 AM.

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of November 7, 2026:
5:00 PM: **52;** 10:00 AM: **60**
Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: $3,030.00

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava na viki!

Glory Forever!



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DIVINE LITURGY | SATURDAY: 5:00PM | SUNDAY: 10:00AM | FEAST DAY OF WEEK: 6:30PM

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Do We See Jesus?

If you wish to honor the Eucharistic Victim, offer your own soul for which the Victim was immolated. Make your own soul all of gold. If your soul remains viler than lead or clay, what good does it do to have a golden chalice? Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Then do not disdain Him when you see Him in rags.

After having honored Him in church with silken vestments, do not leave Him to die of cold outside for lack of clothing. For it is the same Jesus Who says, "This is my Body" and Who says "I was hungry but you would not feed me. Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me."

The Body of Christ in the Eucharist demands pure souls, not costly garments. But in the poor He demands all our care. Let us act wisely; let us honor Christ as He Himself wishes to be honored; the most acceptable honor to one whom we would honor is the honor which He desired, not that we ourselves imagine.

Peter thought he was honoring his Master by not letting the Lord wash his feet; and yet it was just the opposite. Give Him the honor which He Himself has asked for, by giving your money to the poor. Once again, what God wants is not golden chalices, but golden souls.

Saint John Chrysostom

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