

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

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: 5/23/2026 – 5/31/2026

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Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	23 May 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Reciting of Rosary +Sister Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters
Sunday	24 May 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 4:30 PM	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</i> Reciting of Rosary Intention of Parish Family Pentecost Vespers
Monday	25 May 10:00 AM	<i>PENTECOST MONDAY. (pgs. 203 – 210). MEMORIAL DAY.</i> Divine Liturgy with Panachida +Joan Bernard – Hood & Vargo families
Tuesday	26 May	<i>Pentecost Tuesday. The Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy. Feast of the Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	27 May	<i>Pentecost Wednesday. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	28 May	<i>Pentecost Thursday. Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	29 May	<i>Pentecost Friday. The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia. Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	30 May 5:00 PM	<i>Leave-taking (otdanije) of Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i> +Nancy Tomko – Joseph Tomko
Sunday	31 May 10:00 AM	<i>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.</i> Health & Blessings of Newly Baptized Ignatius Cleopa Kerul'-Kmec – Fr. Miron & family

THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST IS A FAST-FREE WEEK!

Attentive to the Word

PENTECOST SUNDAY (BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH)

John 7: 37 - 52 & 8: 12

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The Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord's glorious Resurrection from death to life, represents a renewal of life. Green foliage and branches of trees (in many of our churches the branches of the l'ipa tree) will decorate the church symbolically reminding us of this. Some writers refer to Pentecost as the "Birthday of the Church," as we place great emphasis on the correlation between Pentecost and new beginnings.

If Pentecost, however, means nothing more to us than green vestments and freshly-cut branches of trees, we have overlooked the real significance of Pentecost and this Feast's message to a world groping in search of a new beginning. The Apostles were given by Christ the challenge of laying the foundation for His Church. They completed their

task well, but we must remember that it was only a foundation that they built. The Apostles left the responsibility for the growth and development of the Holy Church to us! Empowered by the Lord, they bequeathed to all generations of Christians to follow them the great testimony of faith that they left them, with the bold summons to action given by the Lord Himself: "Go...teach...baptize." If we are to be obedient to this divine command, like the Apostles on that first Pentecost, we must open our hearts and minds and be receptive to the "descent, power and operation of the Holy Spirit."

We pray the familiar words of the "Carju Nebesnyj" ("O Heavenly King") prayer at the beginning of the Pentecost Liturgy. What we will ask for is the fervent plea for the Holy Spirit to bring life to our Church! We will ask that the Spirit of all truth come and dwell in us as we commence any effort, any endeavor in the life of the Church, whether in our routine daily lives or in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which takes us to the heights of worship. Without the Spirit of God, we are nothing! On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles

were transformed into something they had not been, just as we are capable of becoming. Just as the fiery tongues descended upon each of the Apostles to purify, refine and consecrate, the working of the Holy Spirit does the very same for us as we endeavor to do God's will. This is truly the meaning of the Pentecost Feast.

Let us prayerfully accept the driving force of His descent upon us, as we will pledge when we incline our heads during the reading of the Kneeling Prayers at the Pentecost Liturgy. I pray that we can respond to the admonition of David of old: "Be still and know that "I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Let us place ourselves at the disposal of God's Holy Spirit. Let us cooperate with God. Let us make God and His plan for us first. Let us go in the direction He has mapped out for us. Let us faithfully follow where He leads, not questioning, but confident that our destiny is eternal salvation.

We are not orphans, for the Holy Spirit has come to take Christ's place until He comes again on the Great Day! The results of Pentecost must propel us towards that goal. Not one of us can do anything holy or spiritual on our own; only the Holy Spirit can change us; only He can provide us with the spiritual comfort that allows us to turn to Him as a treasury of blessings.

"O Holy Spirit, come and dwell within us, and save our souls, O Gracious One."
(by +Metropolitan Nicholas of Johnstown)

MEMORIAL DAY



St. Paul once said: "You are not your own, for you are bought with a price." The reference here, of course, is to our salvation; Jesus came to earth and paid with His death on the cross to redeem us from eternal death, hell, which is the due payment for our sins.

But we, who live in this great land of ours today, live a life of freedom only because of the great sacrifices of others. Not only have we been "bought with a price" as far as our eternal destiny is concerned, we have also been redeemed, so to speak, as far as our earthly domicile is concerned.

In these days when so much is said about the high cost of living (yes, and of dying, too!), it is fitting to pause on Memorial Day and acknowledge the great price that thousands of others have paid that we might live in this land of freedom, the United States of America.

Memorial Day came as a result of the Civil War. This was America's greatest war in the lives that were lost, in the issues and principles at stake, in the fact that it was fought on American soil, and in the results that have come from it.

Since that time, Memorial Day has become a national holiday to honor the dead of all wars. In 1971, it was declared a national holiday by Congress, which was to be celebrated the last Monday in May. It differs from Veteran's Day, which is observed on November 11, which honors *all* veterans - *the living and the dead*.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Mon., May 25** The office will be closed for Memorial Day. Lisa will be in the office Tues., Wed., and Fri.
- **Sat., May 30** Parish Retreat at 9:00 AM in Social Hall. See below.
- **Sun., May 31** Baptism of Ignatius Cleopa at St. Nicholas. See back page.
- **Wed., June 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM. Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., June 5** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.



100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

The commemorative book is in process. It will include “Memorial Tributes” that may be purchased for \$15.00 per plaque. There will be approximately 20 plaques per page, each will include a Byzantine Cross on the left end. The design is in the works but will be similar to the following.

Eternal Memories of Our Loved Ones...

† John & Suzanne Rockwell

† Anna & Joseph Marino

The deadline to order Memorials is May 31st. To order please print the name/names as you would like them on each block. **Include your name and phone number in case there are any questions and include your payment.** Checks should be made payable to “Ss. Peter & Paul 100th Anniversary.” Please write: Memorial – 100th Anniversary on the envelope and put your sealed envelope in the collection basket.

FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCES – **Deadline for submission is Sun., May 31st.**

By the Church entrances, there are envelopes with forms enclosed for Father’s Day Remembrances. If you are interested, please fill in the form and enclose it with \$5.00 per name in the envelope. ***Please don’t forget to mark if Living or Deceased and if you will be attending Saturday or Sunday’s Liturgy.*** Please drop off envelopes in the collection basket. Father’s Day is Sunday, June 21st.

Sat., May 30th - Using the Scripture for the Love of God Retreat

Join us on ***Saturday, May 30th, at 9 AM*** in the Social Hall for a retreat with Fr. Nathan Symeon, host of Searchers of the Lost podcast. ***Please sign up in the Social Hall.***

St. Augustine taught that reading the Bible is about learning to love God and others, not just understanding words, so when we read it, we should try to see the meaning behind the story, know a little bit about the time and people it talks about, and think about how it teaches us to live holy lives.



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

May 29 – William Dudt (6 yrs.)

May 30 – Andy Nemeth

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to our parishioners, Andrew and Carol Nemeth, who will be celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on May 29th at a Liturgy on Sunday, May 31st, at Holy Protection Monastery in Michigan by their son, Father Ambrose.

May God grant you peace, health and happiness for many years!



Sun., May 31st - Baptism of Ignatius Cleopa at St. Nicholas

Fr. Miron and Sarah are inviting all of you to come for the Baptism of Ignatius. Because of the extended family reasons, the Baptism will be held in their home parish: ***St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 1051 Robinson Ave., Barberton, Ohio 44203.*** First part of the Baptism (exorcism) starts at 9:00 AM. The Divine Liturgy starts at 9:30 AM. ***Please sign up in the Social Hall if you are planning to come.*** We hope to see you there.

Liturgy on Sunday at St. Peter and Paul will be covered by Very Rev. Bryan Eyman.

KNEELING PRAYERS

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory. Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost" — and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches — for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit - "the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life - comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 16:

5:00 PM: 74; 10:00 AM: 86

Ascension of Our Lord: 60

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,086.00

Upcoming Retreat

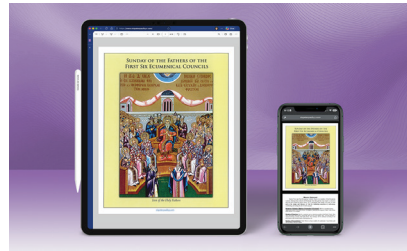
Topic: Using Scripture to Grow in God's Love



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

may 30

FROM LAS VEGAS
Fr. Nathan Symeon
HOST OF SEARCHERS OF THE LOST PODCAST



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There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo