



# Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church



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Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK: (COULD BE CHANGED)

Sunday	06/06/2021	11:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	+Leonor Trankocy By sister in low Val DelleDonne (On-Line)
Sunday	06/13/2021	11:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	+Irene Tatko By Mary & Dan Joscak (On-Line)



**On SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 we are going to celebrate  
125 Years of the establishment  
of Sts Peter and Paul in Braddock.**

**Most Reverend William C. Skurla at 3:00 P.M. will  
celebrate Divine Liturgy. All details will be announced.**

### DIVINE SERVICES ATTENDANCE

Liturgy on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> was 5; on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> was 28.

### LIVE STREAM VIEWING

Liturgy on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> was 134; on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> was 101.

### SICK AND SHUT-INS



*Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick,  
homebound, hospitalized, living in nursing facilities, or need  
your prayers for their personal intentions:*

*Andrew Cencarik, Don Downey, Anna D. Fialkovich, Mark Fialkovich, Benjamin  
Kaefer, Jr., John Kopay, Jr., Sylvia Kopay, Mary Anne Ference Mistick, Richard  
Paloscko, Nancy Pcolar, Bob Newton, Rebecca McCullough, Will McCullough, Marie  
Churley, Joanne Skinta, John Gegick and Those serving in the Armed Forces, Gerry  
Petticca and Family, Paul Peek, Emily Cox, Margaret Torbich, Mary Pat H, Gale  
Joscak, Mary Ann Badar, Robert Crowley, Rose Petruska, Gary Fall, Andrew Torbich,  
Mark Crowley, Mason Stern, Shawna Lynn Beluscak, Ronald Dusetzina, Virginia  
Mehalik-Woods, Gio Savko.*

**\*\*If you have a family member in the hospital or other facilities, and would like us to remember them  
in prayer, contact Father Vitalii and we will be glad to publish their name in the bulletin – even if they  
are not a parishioner of Saints Peter & Paul Parish.**

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/03 JERRY SPYNDA  
06/05 MARY KAEFER  
06/09 JOHN SKINTA  
06/27 MARLENE TORBICH  
06/28 JEREMY DRABIK

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

06/03 RONALD & WANDA HODOBA  
06/28 THOMAS & SHARI FIALKOVICH

### IMPORTANT UPDATES

**Beginning January 31, 2021 all MONTHLY donations are going to cover our expenses for our 125 years  
celebration on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2021. Collected so far \$2,159.00**



### COFFEE SOCIAL

**Today, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Coffee & Donut Social after  
Liturgy. Please plan to attend and enjoy some coffee and donuts.**

### SPRING CLEAN UP



On Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> starting 9 AM we need volunteers to help  
in preparation for our 125th Celebration. The basement, and kitchen  
needs cleaned and organized. There may be some outside work,  
painting, clean up, etc. Please we need your help to get as much done  
as possible before our big day!

On June 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	On June 13 <sup>th</sup> 2021	On June 20 <sup>th</sup> 2021	On June 27 <sup>th</sup> 2021
Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D

## CATHOLIC TEACHING, THE LITURGY - WORK OF THE HOLY TRINITY

### *III. The Holy Spirit and the Church in the Liturgy*

#### *The Holy Spirit makes present the mystery of Christ*

Christian liturgy not only recalls the events that saved us but actualizes them, makes them present. the Paschal mystery of Christ is celebrated, not repeated. It is the celebrations that are repeated, and in each celebration there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that makes the unique mystery present.

The Epiclesis ("invocation upon") is the intercession in which the priest begs the Father to send the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, so that the offerings may become the body and blood of Christ and that the faithful by receiving them, may themselves become a living offering to God.

Together with the anamnesis, the epiclesis is at the heart of each sacramental celebration, most especially of the Eucharist:

*You ask how the bread becomes the Body of Christ, and the wine . . . the Blood of Christ I shall tell you: the Holy Spirit comes upon them and accomplishes what surpasses every word and thought . . . Let it be enough for you to understand that it is by the Holy Spirit, just as it was of the Holy Virgin and by the Holy Spirit that the Lord, through and in himself, took flesh.*

The Holy Spirit's transforming power in the liturgy hastens the coming of the kingdom and the consummation of the mystery of salvation. While we wait in hope he causes us really to anticipate the fullness of communion with the Holy Trinity. Sent by the Father who hears the epiclesis of the Church, the Spirit gives life to those who accept him and is, even now, the "guarantee" of their inheritance.

*CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member, they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only by the pastor.

### UPDATES

*Joan Skinta* is at Woodhaven Care Ceeter, Room 107, 2400 McGinley Rd., Monroeville Pa 15146

*Rose Petruska* is at Rebecca Residence Skilled Nursing, 3746 Cedar Ridge Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101

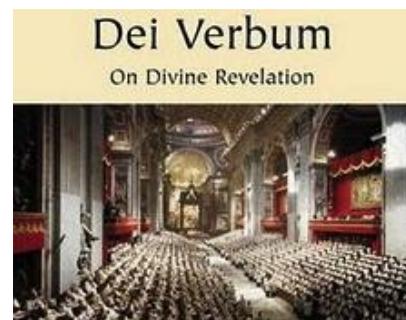
## CHAPTER VII - CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AND TASKS

### *The indispensable requirements of the word of God*

84. The importance of metaphysics becomes still more evident if we consider current developments in hermeneutics and the analysis of language. The results of such studies can be very helpful for the understanding of faith, since they bring to light the structure of our thought and speech and the meaning which language bears. However, some scholars working in these fields tend to stop short at the question of how reality is understood and expressed, without going further to see whether reason can discover its essence. How can we fail to see in such a frame of mind the confirmation of our present crisis of confidence in the powers of reason? When, on the basis of preconceived assumptions, these positions tend to obscure the contents of faith or to deny their universal validity, then not only do they abase reason but in so doing they also disqualify themselves. Faith clearly presupposes that human language is capable of expressing divine and transcendent reality in a universal way—analogically, it is true, but no less meaningfully for that. 103 Were this not so, the word of God, which is always a divine word in human language, would not be capable of saying anything about God. The interpretation of this word cannot merely keep referring us to one interpretation after another, without ever leading us to a statement which is simply true; otherwise there would be no Revelation of God, but only the expression of human notions about God and about what God presumably thinks of us.

*To be continued... FIDES ET RATIO OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF, JOHN PAUL II*

## DEI VERBUM; CHAPTER V THE NEW TESTAMENT



18. It is common knowledge that among all the Scriptures, even those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special preeminence, and rightly so, for they are the principal witness for the life and teaching of the incarnate Word, our savior.

The Church has always and everywhere held and continues to hold that the four Gospels are of apostolic origin.

For what the Apostles preached in fulfillment of the commission of Christ, afterwards they themselves and apostolic men, under the inspiration of the divine Spirit, handed on to us in writing: the foundation of faith, namely, the fourfold Gospel, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.(1)

*Solemnly Promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI on November 18, 1965*

## **CHURCH HISTORY; Fourth Century; The First Ecumenical Council**

Soon after Emperor Constantine took up residence in Nicomedia, the eastern capital, after his victory over Licinius, he was chagrined to learn of this new controversy that was troubling the whole Eastern Church. So, with the advice of St Hosius, Bishop of Spain, his theological advisor, he summoned the largest council of bishops ever held up to that point. It opened on May 20, 325, in the city of Nicea, near Nicomedia. Constantine himself gave the opening address. According to tradition, 318 bishops were in attendance, including the famous and greatly beloved Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Lycia, and Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Tremithus in Cyprus.

This council, known now as the First Ecumenical Council, decreed that the Logos, the Word and Son of God, is uncreated, ever-existent, and fully divine. He is begotten—that is, “born” or generated—from the Father, and not made or created by Him. He is of one essence (in Greek, homoousios) with the Father. He is true God of true God, the Word of God by Whom all things were made (Jn 1.3; Heb 1.2). It is this uncreated, only-begotten, divine Son of God Who became man from the Virgin Mary as Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world.

The Council of Nicea also decreed a number of canons (i.e., Church regulations) concerning various issues of order and discipline in the Church. Canon 6 confirmed the jurisdictional authority of Alexandria over Egypt and the neighboring regions of Libya and Pentapolis, “since the like is customary for the Bishop of Rome also [meaning that the Roman Church, in a corresponding way, had jurisdictional authority only over Rome and its neighboring territory—at that time, most likely central Italy]. Likewise in Antioch and the other provinces let the Churches retain their privileges.” This canon clearly ratifies the ancient practice of the Churches in the major cities each having full jurisdictional authority only over the surrounding region.

Concerning the lapsed, Canon 11 offered the possibility of restoration to Eucharistic communion, but only after a period of 12 years of heartfelt contrition, in three stages:

*Concerning those who have fallen without compulsion, without the spoiling of their property, without danger or the like, as happened during the tyranny of Licinius, this Synod declares that, though they have deserved no mercy, they shall be dealt with mercifully. Those who were previously communicants, if they heartily repent, shall spend three years among the hearers; for seven years they shall be prostrators; and for two years they shall join the people in prayers, but still as yet without receiving the Eucharistic gifts.*

Canon 20 prohibited the practice of penitential kneeling during the Church’s Sunday Liturgy, as well as during the entire Pentecostarian season.

The Nicene Council also established guidelines for determining the date of the annual celebration of Pascha—thus helping to bring the Quartodecimans’ practice to an end.

Finally, this council affirmed once and for all, at least for the Eastern Churches, the propriety of allowing married men to be ordained as deacons, presbyters, and at that time even bishops, and to still have a normal married life. While the Roman Church during the 4th century began trying to force its clergy to be celibate, it was not until the 12th century that it was finally able to enforce this rule.



## **THANK YOU!!!**

*We would like to give thanks to all our faithful for all preparation and customizing and cleaning of Sts Peter & Paul. Thank you and God bless all of you.*

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*He said to them, «Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men». At once they left their nets and followed him.*

Who among us, would leave your wife, husband, family to follow a man who invited you to do so. Who will take care of your mortgage, your car loan, the college loan? Do we have the same faith as that of the men who were first called? There are few who can say yes right off, yet the rest hesitate, they worry. Our Lord knows of our opposition, for He said, “*Do not worry about your life*” For the Father our God takes care of us, so why do we hesitate? Jesus gave us the example of the lilies of the valley and the birds of the air. The Lord said, “*Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.*” As they are being attended to by God, are we, “*of more value than they,*” are also being taken care of by God.

Our savior calls each of us to Him. “*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*”. Come to the Lord! “Come and see!” for the Lord is good. So when is it the right time to come to Christ and follow Him? NOW!!!

For most of us, from our early years as a child we began our journey to follow Him at our baptism as we received the grace of God. A grace, received at that moment of time, which we need more than any other a time in our lives, His grace in our physical and spiritual lives. So as we grow in our lives physically, we hear that call, “*Follow Me*” to be reminded of our continued renewal of our commitment to the Lord and His Church. St Paul says, “*Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation*”.

Serving God is an opportunity for our salvation and for that of others. Each of us has received and been given the ability to exercise the acts of Love and Charity, to serve those who may be less fortunate, or not. But to share these gifts, the talents, which have been given to each of us to care for so many who are in need. Jesus calls us to serve Him. He calls us with all our faults, strengths and weaknesses. Let us today, either here in Church or in a quiet place at home, examine our lives. Let us ask ourselves how we have responded to His call in our lives. How have we responded or have we fallen short of His plan for us?

The simplicity of Jesus’ words, the call and promise are striking but remains powerless without a decision on our part. Jesus needs for us to take action on our part, to follow him or to remain where we are.

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NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN



## What group of Churches make up the Byzantine Churches?

- The Byzantine Churches or Greek Catholic Churches are “**Sui Juris**” Churches (self-governing Churches), they are constituted by the following Churches:

- The Melkite Catholic Church
- The Ukrainian Catholic Church
- The Ruthenian Catholic Church
- The Romanian Catholic Church
- The Greek Catholic Church
- The Greek Catholic Church, Eparchy of Krizevci (former Yugoslavia)
- The Bulgarian Catholic Church
- The Slovak Catholic Church
- The Hungarian Catholic Church
- The Russian Byzantine Catholic Church
- The Belarusian Greek Catholic Church
- The Albanian Greek Catholic Church
- The Macedonian Greek Catholic Church



Source (CNEWA - Catholic Near East Welfare Association )

## A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE - 3 P.M. – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – ST ELIAS

Though it is uncertain right now if the actual celebration can be held, we are still asking for you to submit the names of the wedding anniversary celebrants for this year, so that they can be honored in some way.

This will take place at St Elias in Munhall on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m., followed by a dinner in the Social Hall. **If you are celebrating or have already celebrated your wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65,** or beyond during this year of 2020 and 2021, contact Fr. Vitalii. **Dead line is July 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary being Celebrated \_\_\_\_\_

### **We need you!**

Not too many churches reach the blessed milestone of 125 years of age.

**As part of our Anniversary Celebration, there will be a special Anniversary Memory Book about our Church. Here's how you can help:**

- (1) We would like to honor our founding families and long-time members by publishing their photos, names, and information.** Please share any information and photos you may have about your grandparents, great aunts and uncles, etc.
- (2) We are also looking for very old photos of the church (pre-1940).** Do you have any old family photos that were taken at SS. Peter & Paul? We'd love to include them.
- (3) Would you share a favorite church memory or two?** We'd like to include members' reminiscences, of any kind. It can be long or short, from long ago or last month.

Please send any information or suggestions you might have to:

Mary Anne (FERENCE) Mistick  
Email: mam109@verizon.net

**Thank you very much!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Glory to Jesus Christ!

With courage, conviction and God's help at long last, a "return to normal."

The Office of Religious Education has planned a workshop for catechists on August 14, 2021 (see attachment). Interested parents are always welcome.

An assembly for all four eparchies in the Metropolia is being planned (in-person event). This event will be held on November 5-6, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, PA. More specific information will be sent out in the near future.

In-person Pre-Cana Program will resume during the Great Fast, 2022 at BCS. Dates TBA.

Women's Spirituality Day 2022 will take place at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA. Dates TBA.

Thank you for supporting and promoting these faith formation programs.

Sr. Marion & Amanda

## TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE GREATMARTYR THEODORE STRATELATES; COMMEMORATED ON JUNE 8



The Holy Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates suffered for Christ in Heraklea on February 8, 319. At the time of his sufferings the holy Great Martyr Theodore ordered his servant Varus to bury his body on the estate of his parents in Euchaita. The transfer of the relics of the Great Martyr Theodore took place on June 8, 319.

On this day we also recall a miracle of the icon of the Great Martyr Theodore in a church dedicated to him at a place called Karsat, near Damascus. A group of Saracens had turned this church into their residence. There was a fresco on the wall depicting Theodore. One of the Saracens shot an arrow into the icon of the Great Martyr. From the saint's face, where the arrow had stuck into the wall, blood flowed before the eyes of everyone. A short while later, the Saracens who had settled in the church killed each other. Accounts of this miracle are given by Saints [or, "by the holy Fathers"] Anastasius of Mt. Sinai (April 20) and John of Damascus (December 4).