



Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church



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Sunday, February 6th, 2022

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

Sunday 02/06/2022 11:00 AM *Sunday of the Publican and pharisee*
+Joseph E. Petruska
By Mary & Dan Joscak
(On-line)

Sunday 02/13/2022 11:00 AM *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*
+Ann Beggs
By Barbara Martin
(On-line)

DIVINE SERVICES ATTENDANCE

Liturgy on Sunday, January 30th was 24.

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

Liturgy on Sunday, January 30th was 95.

UPDATES

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

Rose Petruska is at Concordia at Cranberry, 10 Adams Ridge Blvd, Mars PA 16046

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:

Don Downey, Anna D. Fialkovich, Mark Fialkovich, Benjamin Kaefer, Jr., John Kopay, Jr., Sylvia Kopay, 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, Emily Cox, Margaret Torbich, Mary Pat H, Gale Joscak, Mary Ann Badar, Robert Crowley, Rose Petruska, Gary Fall, Andrew Torbich, Donna Janovich, Judy Kosar, Mark Crowley, Mason Stern, Shawna Lynn Beluscak, Ronald Dusetzina, Gio Savko, Connie Leary, Jonathan Staton, Betty Jean Fialkovich, Eleanor & Bob Rodrigues, Mary Anne Ference Mistick, Raymond Savko, Mario Peticca.

****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.**

On February 6 th 2022	On February 13 th 2022	On February 20 th 2022	On February 27 th 2022
Team D	Team A	Team B	Team C

******PLEASE READ – NEED YOUR RESPONSE******

This subject has been discussed back and forth for some time regarding the time of our Sunday Liturgy with regard to Sts. Peter & Paul.

Starting Sunday, February 6th through Sunday, February 27th, we will be collecting a Survey Sheet. The Survey Sheet will be in the Vestibule/Narthex. Please sign your Survey and place it in the provided envelope addressed to Fr. Vitalii, seal and placed in the collection basket.

If you are unable to attend liturgy in the next few weeks, please call or email Fr. Vitalii by February 27th with your response.

412-461-1712 or stspeterpaulbc@gmail.com

If Sts. Peter & Paul had the opportunity to change its' Sunday Liturgy

From 11:00 AM To 9:00 AM Beginning the month of July through September

YES

NO

Name _____

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS – HRAMOTAS

The first All Souls Saturday is February 19th. The remaining Saturdays will be March 12th, 19th, 26th, and June 4th. We will celebrate a Divine Liturgy with a Panahida on each of the Fridays at 06:30 p.m. If you wish to remember deceased loved ones, please use the envelopes provided in your envelope box.

If you wish to remember loved ones, write them on a piece of paper and enclose in the envelope provided in your box of envelopes (*first names only*). You **MUST** make up a new list. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR LIST BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**.

DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH LUMEN GENTIUM

CHAPTER II; ON THE PEOPLE OF GOD

16. Finally, those who have not yet received the Gospel are related in various ways to the people of God.(18*) In the first place we must recall the people to whom the testament and the promises were given and from whom Christ was born according to the flesh.(125) On account of their fathers this people remains most dear to God, for God does not repent of the gifts He makes nor of the calls He issues.(126) But the plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator. In the first place amongst these there are the Muslims, who, professing to hold the faith of Abraham, along with us adore the one and merciful God, who on the last day will judge mankind. Nor is God far distant from those who in shadows and images seek the unknown God, for it is He who gives to all men life and breath and all things,(127) and as Saviour wills that all men be saved.(128) Those also can attain to salvation who through no fault of their own do not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church, yet sincerely seek God and moved by grace strive by their deeds to do His will as it is known to them through the dictates of conscience.(19*) Nor does Divine Providence deny the helps necessary for salvation to those who, without blame on their part, have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God and with His grace strive to live a good life. Whatever good or truth is found amongst them is looked upon by the Church as a preparation for the Gospel.(20*) She knows that it is given by Him who enlightens all men so that they may finally have life. But often men, deceived by the Evil One, have become vain in their reasonings and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, serving the creature rather than the Creator.(129) Or some there are who, living and dying in this world without God, are exposed to final despair. Wherefore to promote the glory of God and procure the salvation of all of these, and mindful of the command of the Lord, "Preach the Gospel to every creature",(130) the Church fosters the missions with care and attention.

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SOLEMNLY PROMULGATED BY HIS HOLINESS; POPE PAUL VI; ON NOVEMBER 21, 1964

CANDLES FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL January 30th 2022

Mario Peticca	for Good Health
Kim Krivda	for Special Favor
Myron Drabik	For good Health
	For special favor
Barbara Martin	Special Intentions

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/11 TIFFANY LEISER
02/12 MARTHA PETRUSKA
02/18 LUCA DRABIK
02/20 DONALD DOWNEY
02/24 ROSE PETRUSKA
02/25 CONSTANCE SHAMBURA
02/26 DANIEL TORBICH
02/28 MARY ANN SHAMBURA
02/29 DONNA TORBICH

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

02/14 STEPHEN AND CATHERINE SAVKO

CATHOLIC TEACHING, THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

V. The Minister of Confirmation

The original minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In the East, ordinarily the priest who baptizes also immediately confers Confirmation in one and the same celebration. But he does so with sacred chrism consecrated by the patriarch or the bishop, thus expressing the apostolic unity of the Church whose bonds are strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation. In the Latin Church, the same discipline applies to the Baptism of adults or to the reception into full communion with the Church of a person baptized in another Christian community that does not have valid Confirmation.

In the Latin Rite, the ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop. Although the bishop may for grave reasons concede to priests the faculty of administering Confirmation, it is appropriate from the very meaning of the sacrament that he should confer it himself, mindful that the celebration of Confirmation has been temporally separated from Baptism for this reason. Bishops are the successors of the apostles. They have received the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. the administration of this sacrament by them demonstrates clearly that its effect is to unite those who receive it more closely to the Church, to her apostolic origins, and to her mission of bearing witness to Christ.

If a Christian is in danger of death, any priest should give him Confirmation. Indeed the Church desires that none of her children, even the youngest, should depart this world without having been perfected by the Holy Spirit with the gift of Christ's fullness.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE WELCOME YOU HOME!



There are often people who have been raised as Byzantine Catholics and through the years have become separated from the Church. Perhaps, there has been someone in your family or your friends or your neighbors who was raised Byzantine Catholic, but no longer actively participates in a Parish. Please invite your friends or who used to be a member of our parish to come and enjoy again our parish family. Together we can accomplish everything. Sharing with one another always increases joy and diminishes sorrow! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

April 25th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
July 25th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
October 24th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall

CHURCH HISTORY; Eighth Century



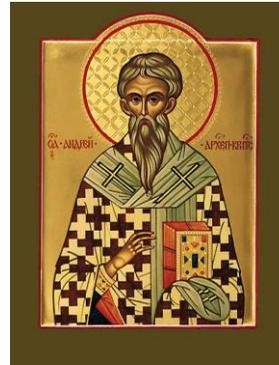
Liturgical Development

Saint John of Damascus was also responsible for very significant liturgical developments in the eighth century. He wrote many liturgical hymns still sung in the Church, such as the Canon of Easter Matins, and some of the hymns sung at the funeral service. He is considered to be the original composer of the Octoechos, the collection of hymns sung in the Church using eight different melodies, one per week on a rotating basis throughout the year (see Worship). Saint John is also the author of the first systematic treatise of Christian doctrine, called the Complete Exposition of the Faith. This treatise forms the third part of his trilogy, The Fount of Knowledge.

Saint Cosmas the Melodist, Bishop of Maiuma (c. 675–c. 751), Saint John of Damascus's adopted brother and a very accomplished hymnwriter, also was active in this era. Fourteen of his canons for various feasts of the Church year were incorporated into the liturgical services of the Eastern Church.

Saint Andrew of Crete, Archbishop of Gortyna (c. 660–740), wrote the lengthy penitential canon which is still sung in the Church during the first week and then in the fifth week of Great Lent.

The feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple was introduced in Constantinople. According to Saint Andrew of Crete, the feast was already being celebrated in Jerusalem as early as the sixth century. By the eighth century, it had found its place in the universal calendar of the Church.



THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Jesus Christ shared the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee with us to warn us of the great spiritual danger of arrogant self-confidence in our own righteousness, coupled with contempt for those whom we consider to be beneath us. In this way Jesus sought to protect us from the terrible spiritual sickness of 'Phariseism'.

This disease of the soul first manifests itself as absolute confidence and trust in the rightness of our own point of view and judgement.

Let us look at the Pharisee in today's parable. He goes into the Temple of God to offer incense to his own self-idol. He proclaims his saintliness and lists his good works. He praises himself. He, after all, is not like other people who are up to their necks in immorality and evil. In the midst of his supposed prayer, he does not hesitate to spill the poisonous bile of his hatred for the Publican whom he sees praying off in a distant corner.

We feel repulsed by the attitude and behavior of the Pharisee, we need to be honest enough to admit to ourselves that there are more than a few times when we astonishingly resemble him. After all, who among us does not want others to think that we are better people than we actually are? Which one of us does not suffer from some lack of respect toward others? Is there even one of us who is very merciful in his judgement of others, and serious in his own self-criticism? I sincerely doubt it. Every one of us, more or less, has something of that Pharisee inside of us. And so to protect ourselves from infection by this disease requires nothing less than constant struggle and vigilant effort on our part.

A truly Christian heart seeks to do what is just and right as a simple and natural expression of our responsibility as persons. But even then, we understand that our good deeds do not reflect perfection and so should not be the cause of weaning pride on our part.

This condemnation of the smug self-satisfaction of the Pharisee, leads us to the justification of the Publican, who keenly feels and readily acknowledges his personal inadequacies. The Publican is admittedly burdened by a host of sins. But he is very aware of his sinfulness and spiritual poverty. And so he stands back, in the farthest corner of the temple. He does not dare to even lift his eyes toward heaven. With heavy sighs, he whispers his short prayer, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

His prayer is a request, a plea actually, that is filled with contrition. And this contrition, this acknowledgement and confession of personal imperfection, is nothing less than the very cornerstone of the entire spiritual life. And this is because it is inseparably bound with humility of the soul; and it is humility that allows divine grace to transfigure and sanctify our lives.

Perhaps the attitude that we need to acquire if we wish to offer prayer that is acceptable before God, is summed up in the words of Jesus himself who said to us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." May we too approach the altar of God with that same gentleness of spirit, and that same humility of heart and soul.

BCW



Dear parishioners who currently receive the BCW please submit your envelope provided for you. We are working on our new list for 2022. The cost is \$15.00 and the deadline is end of February 2022. Only those who submit and pay for subscription will receive. Any questions please call the office number

Church Mice

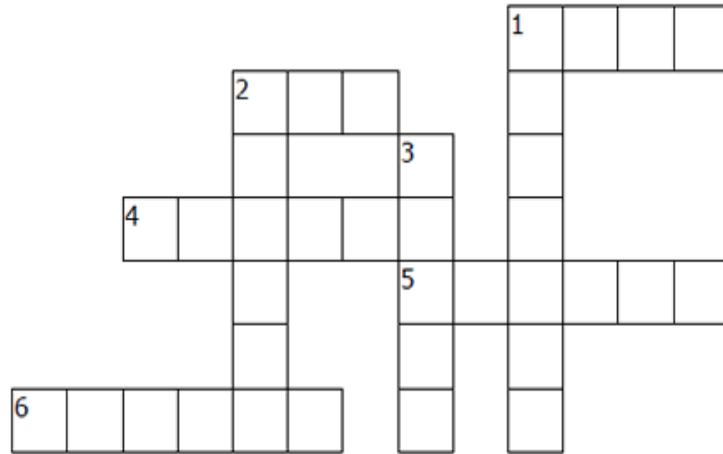
Karl Zorowski



The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

Based on Luke 18:9-14



ACROSS

1. To speak to God
2. Money paid to support the government
4. Modest, not proud
5. Someone who steals from someone
6. A person who breaks God's law

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to teach his followers
2. A place of worship
3. Showing great kindness and forgiveness

TEMPLE	ROBBER	MERCY	SINNER
HUMBLE	PARABLE	TAX	PRAY

NEW YEAR -- NEW PHONE DIRECTORY

It's time to update the directory listing of members and friends of our church. If you would like to be included, please complete a form located in the church vestibule or email your information to: stspeterpaulbc@gmail.com

Please include the following information:

- First/Last Name(s) in household
- Address
- Home phone
- Cell phone(s)
- Email address(es)
- Birthday(s) and Anniversary date



Notes from A/F meeting

1. Reviewed financials. Utilities and insurance have increased substantially. Over the past year, donations and interest from investments cover the costs of operating the church.
2. Maintenance projects
 - Top three are removing the concrete finials from the tops of the bell towers; replacing a part on the furnace boiler; and changing out the lights inside the church, particularly those illuminating the altar.
 - Other projects include repairing plaster, painting and maintaining the exterior including empty lots
3. Ideas for Outreach to Parishioner and Community
 - Touching base with homebound parishioners (and those who do not attend frequently)
 - Planning social events as well as annual parish picnic luncheon held in June (perhaps some social events, like offering haluski a few times during lent could be a "free-will donation" fundraiser)
 - Participating in Braddock's Community Days (August)
 - Hosting community blood drive 2x/year
 - Updating parish directory
 - Surveying parishioner: changing time of Sunday liturgy from 11am to 9am beginning the first Sunday in July through and including the last Sunday in September
4. St. Elias parishioners would welcome volunteers to help with their Friday Lenten fish fry fundraisers. Dates are March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st, 8th.

