

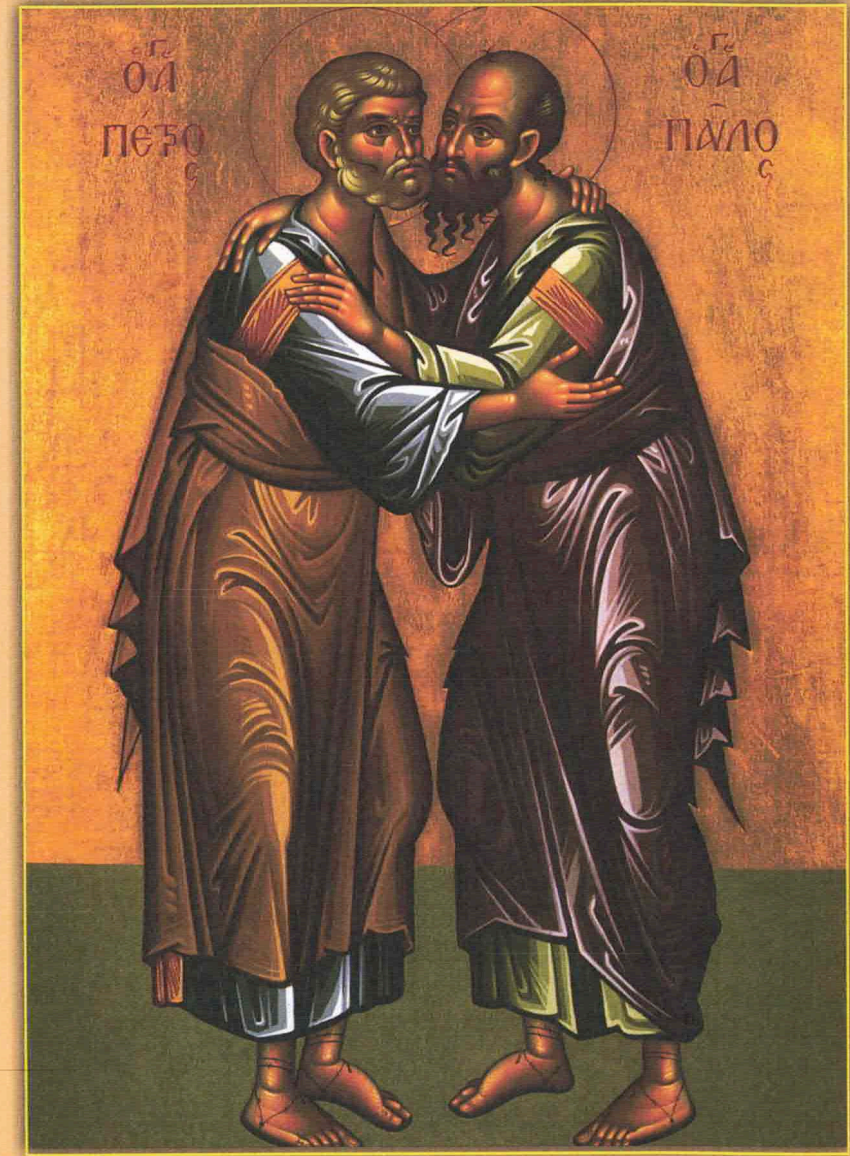
The Illustrious and Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter and Paul

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the Apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles. But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. After Jesus' Ascension, Peter presided in Jerusalem, was bishop of Antioch, and finally presided over the Church in Rome where on the Vatican Hill he was martyred, head downwards according to tradition, in the Circus of Nero.

Paul had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Following his

conversion, he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort – even the most scrupulous observance of law – can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus. Paul never lost his love for his Jewish brothers and sisters, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded in Rome near the Ostian Way where the church of Tre Fontane now stands.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PETER AND PAUL PRIME APOSTLES



Icon of Saints Peter and Paul -- June 29th



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturdays - July 12th at 4:00pm, and July 26th at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
3 rd Sunday After Pentecost Saints Peter and Paul 6.29.2025	11:00am	Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cemetery Pavilion (Cathedral Gardens) Anointing/Mirovanije	For: +William and +Martha Rudy From: Sharon and Dennis Kotula, & their Children and Grandchildren
4 th Sunday After Pentecost 7.6.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

3rd Sunday After Pentecost – Saints Peter and Paul

Liturgical books and handouts, with today's Propers, are located on the table at the front of the pavilion.

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email, and let us know, or contact either one personally.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Tommy Kotula, Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Georgianna Kostak, Sandra Suseck, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline and Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP

Patronage Church – 6.22.2025

Offertory:	\$1,412.00
Tithe.ly:	\$ 175.50
Candle Stands:	\$ 5.00
Saints Peter and Paul:	\$ 87.50
Religious Articles:	\$ 112.00

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website. *“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).*

PATRONAGE CHURCH'S 2ND ANNUAL PICNIC: Fr. Vasyl would like to welcome everyone this morning at Holy Trinity's pavilion to celebrate Divine Liturgy followed by our church picnic. He would like to thank everyone who provided food, organized games and activities for children and adults, those who organized our Liturgical items, and those that either made a monetary donation or brought items for "Baba's Auction" to help offset the cost of today's event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. **Thank you to the GCU for their donation of a pinata, treats, and popsicles for our picnic.** Please enjoy today's festivities and parish fellowship!

BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY: ByzanTeen provides Eastern Catholic faith formation and fraternity for all teens (ages 13-18) growing up in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. Together with their peers, ByzanTeens actively engage in living, growing in, and promoting the Byzantine Catholic tradition. All ByzanTeens are given the opportunity to gather from across the country for our biennial national ByzanTeen Youth Rally. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, form lasting relationships, pray, grow spiritually, listen to inspiring talks from our Byzantine leaders, support one another in the Faith, and just have fun. **The next ByzanTeen Youth Rally will take place July 9-12, 2026, in Cleveland, Ohio.** Save the date! More information to follow.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: Dates are currently available if you would like to have a Liturgy intention. Forms are available either on our website, or on the bookrack in the Narthex. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our church. Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon. Cash will also be accepted.

2025 EPARCHY OF PASSAIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS DATES: The following camps are currently accepting registration applications:

1. **Altar Server Congress:** July 20-24, 2025 – open to Altar Servers ages 6-17
2. **Camp Saint Nicholas:** August 11-15, 2024 – open to pre-teen boys and girls ages 6-12

Camps are located at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, Pennsylvania. Registration and other information is available by visiting www.eparchyofpassaic.com, and clicking on “Youth and Young Adult Ministries,” then “Youth Summer Camps.” ***Please let Fr. Vasy! know if your child would like to attend any of these 2 camps.***

PATRONAGE CHURCH’S ANNUAL CRAB FEAST: Mark your calendar – Saturday, **September 13th**, beginning at 4:00pm with Divine Liturgy, followed by the Crab Feast in our social hall. Dann Karlson will, again, be organizing this event. More info to follow.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: Please mark your calendar. Fr. Vasy! will be blessing our students and teachers on **Sunday, September 21st**, for Catechetical Sunday. Registration for our 2025-2026 school year will begin in July. More information will follow in an upcoming bulletin.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: If you borrowed any ECF books/materials from this past school year, can you kindly bring them to church and give them to Kevin Ross, so that they could be used, again. Thank you for your help!

HOLUPKI MAKING WORK DAYS FOR OUR FESTIVAL: We will be making Holupki on **Friday, October 10th, and Saturday, October 11th**, beginning at 9:00am, for our upcoming Slavic Food Festival scheduled for November 22nd. Please contact Mary Demyan for more details.

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCCELLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Save the date - this event honors married couples beginning with their fifth anniversary and every fifth-year anniversary thereafter, e.g., 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., and will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2025, beginning at 4:00pm**. A banquet will follow in Epiphany’s Parish Center. More information to follow.

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our next session is in the planning phase, and will resume in **September**. More information will be posted in an upcoming bulletin. Any questions, please contact Nancy Bobby. Hope you can join us!

2025 GCU BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK: Join the GCU as they celebrate Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Amusement Park, 4800 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin, PA 15122, on **Thursday, July 24, 2025**, from 11:00am to 9:00pm. Discounted tickets are available for GCU members and their family. For more information, and to order tickets online, visit www.gcuusa.com, click on “Events,” then the icon for this event - deadline to order tickets is Thursday, July 10th. Any questions, please contact the GCU Fraternal Communications Department at 1-800-722-4428, X3810, or email cchamberlain@GCUusa.com. If you have never attended this event, and are considering going, you won’t be disappointed! There are hotels close by if you plan on spending the night.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We continue to collect used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box on the floor in the cry room. ***Many thanks to those who donate their cartridges!***

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Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is a beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.

- Mother Theresa

Children's Corner

Books of the Bible

Next to each abbreviation, write the name of the book from the Bible:

_____ Num.	_____ Lev.
_____ Matt.	_____ Prov.
_____ Gen.	_____ Gal.
_____ Rom.	_____ Phil.
_____ Rev.	_____ Ex.
_____ Hab.	_____ Tob.
_____ 1 Sam.	_____ Mk.
_____ Heb.	_____ 1 Cor.
_____ Col.	_____ Neh.
_____ Sir.	_____ Eccles.
_____ Phil.	_____ Mal.

We have a new Pope!

AND THE VATICAN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Caring for the Eastern Catholic Churches was actually one of the TOP QUESTIONS raised by bishops worldwide during the Vatican Synod on Synodality.

Seize this **historic and unprecedented** opportunity to bear witness and make your voice heard before the representatives of our **new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV** himself!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION &
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This biennial event is a rare and pivotal moment for us to come together in worship, reflection, and renewal.

Why is this year's Assembly so special?

- **Momentum with the New Pope:** With the recent election of Pope Leo XIV, there's a renewed focus on Eastern Catholic Churches.
- **Deep Discussions:** Engage in meaningful conversations about the future of Byzantine Catholic life in America.
- **Historical Connection:** Visit the childhood home of Pope Leo XIV, just 25 minutes from the venue!
- **Inspiring Keynote Speakers:** Hear from leaders who will explore the future of Byzantine traditions and Christian unity.

This is more than just a conference—it's a spiritual movement. **Secure your spot by registering before July 1** and be part of this historic gathering!

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION: We are currently updating our church email, phone, and mailing lists. If you have not already completed a census form, and would like to be included on these lists, forms are located on the bookrack in the Narthex. If you have any new contact changes, please also submit a new census form with that info. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our church. Thank you for your help!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good-standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***If you want to make us your home church, parish, registration is the OFFICIAL way to join our church.*** Simply complete a census form that is located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

