



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)  
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)  
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)  
*Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh*  
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**Mysteries of Christian Initiation:** There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist**. It is desirable that Christian Initiation be celebrated together with the Sunday Divine Liturgy, as the entire faith community welcomes its newest member. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according to the norms of Church law and practice.

**Crowning in Marriage:** A **six month period of preparation** is to precede the marriage. Couples are to meet with the pastor before other arrangements are scheduled. The **Pre-Cana Program** offered by the Archeparchy in the spring of each year is a **required** part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

**Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill:** Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor**. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and other facilities do not always notify the pastor; and it is best for the family.

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions):** **Saturdays: 3:00 pm (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment. Confessions are in the priest's sacristy area, before an icon of Christ, before whom we are confessing our sinfulness.

**Opportunities for Stewardship:** Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties** are scheduled the first Saturday of each month, and **Church Cleaning** is scheduled the first Monday, unless a Church Feast Day falls on the same date.

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<b>Epistle Readers Schedule</b>			
<u>Sunday, May 14</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<u>Sunday, May 21</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>
<u>Sunday, May 28</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<u>Sunday, June 4</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>
<b>Troitsja &amp; Bulletin Schedule</b>			
<u>Sunday, May 14</u>	Troitsja: <i>Issabella Crum</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u>	<i>Ryan Lenz &amp; Christina Goral</i>
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>	Troitsja: <i>Sydney Leturgey</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u>	<i>Issabella Crum &amp; Hunter Whitcomb</i>
<u>Sunday, May 28</u>	Troitsja: <i>Ryan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u>	<i>Evan Lenz &amp; Sydney Leturgey</i>



### **Living Water and the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

The occasion of **Mid-Pentecost**, Wednesday, May 10, recognizes that exactly half of the journey [twenty-five days] from Pascha to Pentecost has been completed. This observance also serves to develop an awareness and anticipation of the bestowal of the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We continue on this Fifth Paschal Sunday to sing the Troparion and Kontakion of **Mid-Pentecost**. These make reference to the image of “*living water*”, which is a way of identifying the gift of the Holy Spirit.

And there is an even greater development the theme of “*living water*” in the Gospel for this Sunday. Jesus’ dialogue with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob’s well in a village of Samaria crafts a challenging yet uplifting instruction on the nature of the life he brings. The woman has come to carry out the daily chore of drawing water from the town well. For his part, Jesus makes this an opportunity to develop an awareness of the thirst of the human heart for the “*living water*” which he promises to provide:

***“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; the water I shall give him will become a spring of living water welling up to eternal life”***

[John 4:14]

### **Happy Mother’s Day!**

A **Happy Mother’s Day** today to all of the Mother’s in our parish families and to all Mothers of our parishioners whom we honor and remember fondly and gratefully today.

We will remember both our living Mothers and also our Mother’s who have fallen asleep in the Lord, with our prayers and commemoration at today’s Divine Liturgy.

***“She opens her mouth in wisdom,***

***And on her tongue is kindly counsel.”*** Proverbs 31:26

### ***The Paschal Season***

- We share the greeting “***Christ is risen!***”, “***Indeed He is risen!***” from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

### **Graduates 2017**

We would like to acknowledge Graduates of the Class of 2017 from our parish family. Please submit the names of parishioners who are graduating in 2017 from high school, college, or technical and professional schools, and include degrees earned and any special awards, recognitions, etc.



Please place information in an envelope in the offering basket, or call the rectory [736-9780]. ***Please submit by Sunday, May 28.***

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Annual Festival Preparations

The meeting for the Annual Festival held on Wednesday, May 10 gave attention to a schedule for cooking and kitchen responsibilities. The variety of tasks is to be shared among a number of volunteers. This schedule will be listed in the bulletin as we approach these dates in June.

Additional help is needed for responsibility for the *children's games and activities*. Please let Fr. Jim know if you are interested in helping with this area. The next meeting for the Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM in the social room of the church hall.

Thank you for your cooperation for the annual festival scheduled for Sunday, July 9 2017.

### Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the conference of the rectory.

Minutes of the previous meetings of April 6, 2017 for the *Parish Advisory Council* for *Saints Peter & Paul, Portage*; are inserted in today's bulletin.

### ECF Students—Troitsja and Bulletins

We would like to continue to schedule the junior high and high school students to hold the Troitsja at the Divine Liturgy and distribute bulletins over the summer months. Please let Father Jim know the Sundays when you will not be available [vacations, etc.]. *Thank you*

### Byzantine Catholic Seminary

The annual offering envelope for the *Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius* is dated May 7, 2017. *Thank you* for your generosity in supporting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in its mission in the formation of priests and deacons and as a center of learning for the Byzantine Catholic Church. Visit the Seminary website at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).

### Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+ Jerry Kinback**, the husband of Diane Kinback, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 13. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Diane, their sons Nicholas, Ryan, and Cody; and to all of his family.

### Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+Margaret** and **+Joseph Halovich**, requested by Louise Halovich.

### A Note of Thanks...

Jonathan and Deborah Mackovyak would like to acknowledge with their thanks the many expressions of prayer and concern on behalf of Jonathan's mother **Kathryn Mackovyak** while in the hospital and also at Health South Rehabilitation. Kathryn continues her recuperation at John Paul II Manor in Cresson.

## Liturgical Chant – Paschal Season

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, May 21**, the **Sunday of the Man Born Blind** may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from pages 189-191.
- The Magnification [The Angel Exclaimed] and the *Our Father* in the Paschal Tone are on page 167.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

### Offerings for April

	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16</u>	<u>April 23</u>	<u>April 30</u>
Portage:	\$1,987.00	\$2,283.00	\$7,276.00	\$2,387.00	\$1,698.00
Beaverdale:	\$395.00	\$525.00	\$1,330.00	\$260.00	\$340.00
Dunlo:	\$120.00	\$258.00	\$629.00	\$105.00	
\$103.00					

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Kathryn Mackovyak** [John Paul II Manor, Cresson]; **Walter Prozialeck, Pauline Barelich; George Yatsky; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Joan Ditko; Cliff Inman; Shawn Crum;** infant **Basil; Ellen Colwell**, Fr. Jim's sister; and all the ill & homebound.

## Memorial Donation

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to **Saint Mary's Beaverdale Furnace Fund**. In memory of **+Frank Albert** from his family. **Eternal Memory.**

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Helping Hands Day 2017

The **Greek Catholic Union [GCU]** and the Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite you to **Helping Hands Day**, Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown Saturday, June 3 at 9:30 am to help beautify the grounds. Monetary contributions toward the purchase of flowers at Mt. St. Macrina may be made to: **Helping Hands Day [Mt. St. Macrina]**; GCU Fraternal Department; 5400 Tuscarawas Rd.; Beaver, PA 15009.

### Questionnaire for the Upcoming Synod of Bishops

The Vatican has issued a questionnaire in order to gather information for the forthcoming Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome, October, 2018. Metropolitan William will attend the Synod, and he asks for your participation in completing the questionnaire. The Questionnaire for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on **"Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment"** can be completed on line.

Go to: [archpitt.org](http://archpitt.org); and then to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/archpitt>. Metropolitan William's Invitation is on the home page, directly under the banner and the questionnaire can also be accessed from there. Follow the directions. Thank You!

There will also be printed copies of the survey in the narthex for your convenience.

### Fatima Pilgrimage

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, three dates in October 2017. The all land inclusive cost: \$2149 in twin accommodations. For further information please call Mr. James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 toll free or simply email [pmadalr@thecatholictour.com](mailto:pmadalr@thecatholictour.com).

## Register for Summer Online Credit and Certificate Classes

These *Summer 2017 Certificate Courses* are offered online June 12 to August 4, 2017:

**The Seven Ages of the Kingdom: Salvation History and the Bible**, taught by Fr. Deacon Daniel Dozier, Word of Life Institute. This course explores the main elements of the Bible's great story of the Kingdom of God from Genesis to Revelation, in light of the Byzantine Christian theological and liturgical tradition, using the framework of the Seven Ages of the Kingdom.

**History of the Eastern Churches in America**, taught by Joel Brady, PhD. This course explores the history of the Eastern Churches-Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Assyrian-in the Americas, with a particular focus on the United States.

For registration, tuition information: [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu), and under "Programs" go to Byzantine Online.

## Summer Church Music Program for Cantors at Seminary

A regular summer church music program for cantors and choir directors is being inaugurated. For 2017, the program will consist of a three-day master class and workshop to be held on July 12-14 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

The program is open to experienced cantors and choir directors in the Byzantine Catholic Church; some experience with reading music is required. The program will show church singers:

- **How to improve the flow, pacing, and effectiveness of liturgical singing**
- **How to use extemporized natural harmony to enhance plain chant**
- **How to renew liturgical music in the parish, and increase participation**

Program includes classroom instruction, individualized vocal coaching and the opportunity to lead services. The program is directed by Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski. A registration fee of \$200, due by July 1, covers all materials, meals, and instruction for the three day course. Lodging at the seminary is available for an additional \$100; both men and women can be accommodated, on separate floors of the seminary. For more information, or to register, please contact: Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski, [mci@archpitt.org](mailto:mci@archpitt.org); (412) 735-1676.

### **Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer**

**At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage)**: Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura **St. Michael (South Fork)**: Michelle Maskal; Anna Garanich; Catherine Czapp **St. Mary (Beaverdale)**: Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough; **SS Peter & Paul (Dunlo)**: Mary Louise Cimba; Walter Prozialeck.

#### **Nursing & Other Care Facilities:**

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown**, Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Forest Hills Personal Care, Sidman**: Pauline Valko [Dunlo]
- **Meadow View Nursing Center [Berlin]**: Margaret Timura
- **Arbutus Park Manor**: Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]
- **Maple Winds**: June Nezeski; Mary Yetsko; Fred Tutsock
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville**: Mary Vrabel
- **Brookside Manor, Portage**: Andrew Majer
- **Amber Hills Ebsenburg**: Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson**: Kathryn Mackovyak

***Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!  
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!  
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!***

**Liturgical Schedule Fifth Paschal Week—May 14, 2017**

**Fourth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Samaritan Woman--*Mother's Day*  
Saturday May 13**

Dunlo            **5:00 PM**            Vigil Divine Liturgy  
*We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased*

**Sunday May 14**

Portage        **9:00 AM**            Sunday Divine Liturgy  
*We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased*

**Monday May 15**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Tuesday May 16**

Portage        7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                  8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [+Emile Billy, Sr., by Joe & Donna Panek]

**Wednesday May 17**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Thursday May 18**

Portage        7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                  8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [For the Grace of the Holy Spirit]  
                  6:30 PM            Compline—Evening Prayer

**Friday May 19**

Portage        7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                  8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [+Joseph Lazor, by Mary Perich]

**Saturday May 20**

Portage        3:00 PM            Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
Beaverdale    4:30 PM            Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

**Fifth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

**Saturday May 20**

Beaverdale    **5:00 PM**            Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Andrykovitch, by John Slivenik]

**Sunday May 21**

Portage        **9:00 AM**            Sunday Divine Liturgy