



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
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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.

Epistle Readers Schedule

<u>Sunday, May 28</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<u>Sunday, June 4</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>
<u>Sunday, June 11</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

<u>Sunday, June 4</u>	Troitsja: <i>Christina Goral</i>	Bulletins: <i>Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral</i>
<u>Sunday, June 11</u>	Troitsja: <i>Cierra Goral</i>	Bulletins: <i>Evan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey</i>
<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	Troitsja: <i>Issabella Crum</i>	Bulletins: <i>Ryan Lenz & Christina Goral</i>



Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

In the year 325 a general council of the Church was convened in Nicea to consider and deal with an urgent problem facing the Church. Since Bishops from all the churches of the Roman Empire came to this meeting, it was called an “*ecumenical*” or “*universal*” council. They met to answer and refute the teaching of Arius. Arius taught that Jesus Christ the Son of God was not equal but subordinate to the Fathers. The Council Fathers determined that if Christ is not fully God, then our union with Christ is not union with God. And as a result we would not be “*partakers of the divine nature*” as expressed in II Peter 1:4, something seen as essential to our salvation in Christ, as adopted children of God.

To express the correct teaching of the Church, the Bishops at the Council adopted a Creed or profession of faith. This creed defined that Christ was equal to the Father: “*Light of Light*” and “*true God of true God*”, for he is “*of one essence with the Father*”. This creed became the measure and the standard for the faith of all the historical Christian Churches. You will notice that these are the same words we use at the Divine Liturgy when we chant the creed and identify and profess our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

This observance was originally on May 29, the day of the Council’s closing in 325. Since this is usually about the time of the Feast of the Ascension it thus came to be observed on this Sunday following the Ascension of our Lord.

[From Father David Petras, *Light for Life*, Part I, pp. 79-80]

Annual Clergy Days Meeting This Week

The annual **Clergy Days** are Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31, at Saint John’s Cathedral, Munhall. Please remember in your prayers these meetings of Metropolitan William and the priests and deacons of the Archeparchy. In the event of a need for the Anointing of the Sick, you may call any of the local Catholic priests. As best as possible, funerals are to be scheduled around these days.

Fifth All Souls Saturday

The **Fifth All Souls Saturday** is **Saturday, June 3**. **Vespers for the Deceased** will be on **Friday, June 2** at 6:00 pm at Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo.

On **Saturday, June 3**, the Divine Liturgy with the Panachida and reading of the names of the deceased will be at 9:00 am at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Memorial Day

On the **Memorial Day** holiday, Monday, May 29, we remember and honor those who have given their lives in service to their country. We also recognize and gratefully acknowledge all veterans and those presently serving our nation in the armed forces. The Divine Liturgy on Monday will be offered for the repose of the soul of all who have died in service to our country.

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 100th Anniversary

During 2017 Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, observes the 100th Anniversary of its founding. An observance of the 100th Anniversary is being planned for Sunday, November 5. An initial meeting to plan for this observance is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm in the social room the church hall. Anyone who is willing to take part in the planning and to assist with the various details of this celebration is welcome to attend this meeting. Additional details will be provided in the weeks ahead.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

New Troitsja Candle

The new **Troitsja**—*three branch candle*—is being donated in memory of **+Jerry Kinback** by his wife Diane, and sons Nicholas, Ryan, and Cody. We thank Diane Kinback and her family for this generous donation in memory of **+Jerry Kinback**. *Eternal Memory.*

The schedule for holding the Troitsja at the Divine Liturgy will resume next Sunday—June 4.

New Chalice

A new gold plated chalice has been donated to Saint Mary's, Beaverdale in memory of **+Elizabeth Harrigal**. We thank her grandchildren Mark and Sherri for this generous donation. The new chalice will be blessed and used for the first time at the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Saint Mary's on Saturday, June 3, the Fast of Pentecost. *Eternal Memory!*

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **Walter Prozialeck** of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo, who fell asleep in the Lord Monday, May 22. We extend our prayerful support and deepest sympathy to his wife Thelma and their children Walter, Janet, Dorothy, and Cyndi; and to all of their family.

Annual Festival Preparations

A schedule for cooking and kitchen tasks will be listed in the bulletin in early June. Volunteers will be needed and welcome during these times. Please begin to plan for donations for the **Basket Raffle**, and for the **Bake Sale** to provide adequate display for these areas. Help is needed for responsibility for some of the **children's games**. If you are available to help, please inform Fr. Jim.

Thank you for your cooperation for our annual Festival, which is on Sunday, July 9. The next meeting for the Festival is on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM in the social room of the church hall.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June

- The Work Party for June is scheduled for **Saturday, June 3**, at 10:30 am, following the Divine Liturgy and Panachida for the *Fifth All Souls Saturday*.
- The Church Cleaning for June is scheduled for **Monday, June 12**, at 9:00 am. *Please note* this change in schedule from the usual first Monday, due to the *Feast of Pentecost Monday* on June 4

Liturgical Chant – The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **All Souls Saturday [June 3]** are on p. 202 and 428; and the Panachida on p. 432. Please note that the Troparion “*In the depth of your wisdom...*” is sung in place of “*We have seen the true light...*”
- For Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of Pentecost**, the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera will be in a separate handout.
- The Antiphons, Troparia, and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, June 4**, the **Feast of Pentecost** are found on pages 203-208 in the Divine Liturgy book.
- The *Our Father* in Tone 4 Podoben may be found on page 74.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Kathryn Mackovyak; Pauline Barelich; George Yatsky; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Charles Martin Plishka Tom Goncher; Joan Ditko; Cliff Inman; Shawn Crum;** infant **Basil; Ellen Colwell**, Fr. Jim’s sister; and all the ill & homebound.

Sanctuary Candle

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

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.

21st Annual Great Portage Yard Sale

This year's sale is Saturday, June 10, 8am--3pm, rain or shine. Participants have a numbered sign and balloons to mark sale site and are listed on the event map. Maps available at Portage Station Museum, 400 Lee Street, Tuesdays through Saturdays Noon to 4 pm, or on the day of the event.

Used Magazines Needed...

A family with a family member with special needs requests *used magazines* or *merchandise catalogues* with photos. If you have used magazines, catalogues, please bring them to the ushers' room and place in the box designated for this purpose. A note of thanks to those who responded.

Resurrection Parish Annual Parish Summerfest and Picnic Grove

Resurrection Parish 8th Annual Parish Summerfest on Sunday, June 11 at their Picnic Grove in Tanneryville, 926 Cooper Ave. The festival begins at 10:30 AM with an outdoor Mass. Music: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Whiskey River Pan Handlers; 5:00 to 9:00 PM: Flood City Brass. Ethnic Food, Baked Goods, Games of Chance, Bar and much more. *Free admission.*

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; then to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/archpitt>. Printed copies are in the narthex for your convenience.

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, Fr. Deacon Daniel Dozier.

History of the Eastern Churches in America, Joel Brady, PhD.

For registration, tuition information: www.bcs.edu, and under “Programs” go to Byzantine Online

Summer Church Music Program for Cantors at Seminary

A summer church music program for cantors and choir directors will be held on July 12-14, 2017 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

- **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**

Registration fee [\$200] by July 1. Contact Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski, 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.

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 Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Paschal Week—May 28, 2017

Seventh Paschal Sunday

Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council

Saturday May 27

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Marietta Kollar, by Husband & Family]

Sunday May 28

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday May 29

Memorial Day

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+For All Who Have died in Service to our Country]

Tuesday May 30

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday May 31

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, June 1

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday June 2

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Ann Krisko, by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yetsko]

Fifth All Souls Saturday

Friday, June 2

Dunlo **6:00 PM**

Vespers for the Deceased

Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Saturday, June 3

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy followed by **Panachida**

Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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Pentecost Sunday

Saturday June 3

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vespers with Divine Liturgy

[+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marty & Marie Johnson & Jim Afton]

Sunday June 4

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy