



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 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.

<b>Epistle Readers Schedule</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>	<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	<i>Maddy Single</i>
<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>	<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<i>Maddy Single</i>
<b>Troitsja &amp; Bulletin Schedule</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	Troitsja: <i>Cierra Goral</i>	Bulletins: <i>Evan Lenz &amp; Sydney Leturgey</i>	
<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	Troitsja: <i>Issabella Crum</i>	Bulletins: <i>Ryan Lenz &amp; Christina Goral</i>	
<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	Troitsja: <i>Sydney Leturgey</i>	Bulletins: <i>Issabella Crum &amp; Hunter Whitcomb</i>	



## **The Presence of Christ at Work within the Church**

Throughout Pascha until Pentecost, the lessons from Acts recount the origins and development of the life of the Church. On one level it is the preaching and activity of the Apostles which promotes this growth of the Church. And yet on another level, Acts also wants to show that it is the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ that continues to be the ultimate source of all that is taking place. Today's lesson [Acts 9:32-41] involves two separate miracles, both performed by the Apostle Peter. Each of these events has a parallel in the Gospels.

The restoration of the paralyzed Aeneas to health [Acts 9:32-35] calls to mind the Gospel we hear today [John 5:1-15]. There, too, a man suffering from paralysis for an extended period of time is "raised up". Peter's words, "Jesus Christ heals you" affirm this presence and activity of Christ. The restoration to life of Tabitha [Acts 9:36-42] echoes Jesus raising the daughter of Jairus in the Gospel [Mt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:1-43; Luke 8:4-56]. In both incidents in Acts, the word "raise up" is deliberately used by Saint Luke to reflect that it is the power of the Resurrection of Christ which is present and at work in these instances. It is to be our conviction and experience that Christ continues his presence by virtue of his Resurrection among us within the Church today.

### **Eastern Christian Formation Program**

As we conclude our *Eastern Christian Formation* program for 2016-2017 we sincerely thank and commend our Catechists for their dedication service in teaching the ECF classes and witnessing to their faith.

**Primary:**

**Grade Three:**

**Grade Six:**

**Grade Seven & Eight:**

**High School:**

**Substitute Catechist:**

**ECF Coordinator:**

**Tammy Whitcomb**

**Launi Crum**

**Alisha Slanoc**

**Father Jim Spontak & Deacon Daniel Perich**

**Brittany Shall**

**Arielle Crum**

**Deacon Daniel Perich,**

Also, we gratefully acknowledge the parents and families of our students for your support and encouragement on behalf of our *Eastern Christian Formation* program.

At today's Mother's Day & Father's Day Breakfast, **Attendance Awards** are being presented to:

**Perfect Attendance:**

**Hunter Whitcomb**

**Outstanding Attendance:**

**Issabella Crum; Christina Goral; Cierra Goral; Sydney Leturgey;**

**Lexie Slanoc;**

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### *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.

## Mother's Day/Father's Day Breakfast—**TODAY**

The **Annual "Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast** is TODAY, following the Divine Liturgy. Our thanks to **Kim Rocker** and the members of her family for preparing and cooking today's breakfast as we gather to honor both all the *Mother* and *Fathers* of or parish communities.

Also at the breakfast will be the presentation of the **2016-2017 Attendance Awards** for our **Eastern Christian Formation** students.

### 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

- At the meeting for the Annual Festival on Thursday, April 27 a schedule for cooking and kitchen responsibilities was determined. This will involve making some of the foods items during the third and fourth weeks in June and freezing them. 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.
- There is still a need for those with specific areas of responsibility from last year's Festival to inform Fr. Jim whether or not you are able to continue this responsibility for this year's event.
- Also, 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, May 10 at 7:00 PM in the social room of the church hall.

The date scheduled for this year's Festival is **Sunday, July 9, 2017**. Thank you for your cooperation and support for the annual festival.

### *Deacon Retreat*

Deacon Daniel Perich and his wife, Mary Lou, are participating in the Retreat for Deacons at Antiochian Village from May 5-7. Please remember in your prayers Deacon Daniel, Mary Lou, and the deacons of our Archeparchy and their wives this weekend.

### Parish Advisory Council Meetings

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*; and of November 10, 2016 of the **Parish Advisory Council** for *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

## **ECF Students—Troitsja and Bulletins**

A *note of thanks* to our junior high and high school students for their participation at the Divine Liturgy in holding the Troitsja at the Divine Liturgy and distributing bulletins. We would like to continue to schedule the students over the summer months. Please let Father Jim know the Sundays or weeks 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).

## **Liturgical Chant – Sunday of the Paschal Season**

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for *Mid-Pentecost* [Wednesday, May 10] may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from [pages 183-185](#).
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for *next Sunday, May 14*, the *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman* may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from [pages 186-188](#).
- 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.

## **Remember In Prayer**

Please pray for the health of *Kathryn Mackovyak* [Health South, Altoona]; *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.

## **OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Fatima Devotions in Loretto**

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the *Fatima Devotions* on [Saturday, May 13, 6:30 P.M.](#) at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the choir from the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Jonathan St. Andre, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

### **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).

### **Byzantine Catholic Seminary—17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cyril & Methodius Lecture**

Very Rev. Peter Galadza will be the speaker at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, [Thursday, May 11](#), 7:00 pm at St. John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Fr. Peter will speak on "*Vatican Guidelines for Church Music: Eastern Christian Prospects and Problems.*"

For information, please call the Seminary office at 412-321-8383 or visit [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).

## **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.

## **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 Nezneski; 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*

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

**Liturgical Schedule Fourth Paschal Week—May 7, 2017**

**Third Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

**Saturday May 6**

Beaverdale     **5:00 PM**     Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Helen Sasek, by Agnes Zibura]

**Sunday May 7**

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

**Monday May 8**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Tuesday May 9**

Portage     7:45 AM     The Third Hour  
                 8:00 AM     **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Olshavsky, by Julie Brenna]

**Wednesday May 10**

Portage     7:45 AM     *Mid-Pentecost*  
                 8:00 AM     The Third Hour  
                                 **Divine Liturgy** [+Helen McCall, by Jan & Dennis Kotzan]

**Thursday May 11**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Friday May 12**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Saturday May 13**

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

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

**Saturday May 13**

Dunlo     **5:00 PM**     Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Helen Sasek, by Agnes Zibura]  
                                 *We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased*

**Sunday May 14**

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