



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
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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, 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>	<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

<u>Sunday, June 11</u>	Troitsja: <i>Cierra Goral</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Evan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey</i>
<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	Troitsja: <i>Issabella Crum</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Ryan Lenz & Christina Goral</i>
<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	Troitsja: <i>Evan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Hunter Whitcomb & Christina Goral</i>



"Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth..."

"On this the last and greatest day of the feast, the Lord pours forth the Holy Spirit in the form like tongues of fire upon his followers. On this day we are reminded of our baptism in fire and the Spirit, we are anointed with the manifold gifts of the Spirit, and we receive the courage and wisdom to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord." [Typicon, p. 47]

The opening words of today's Gospel reading [John 7:37-52, 8:12], "*On the last day of the feast, the great day,*" [v. 37] actually refer to the Jewish feast of Booths. However, this reference is applied to our celebration of Pentecost, the "*fiftieth day*" and the last day of our Paschal celebration. Jesus describes "*rivers of living water*" available to those who believe in him. This image is then explained as referring to the Holy Spirit:

"He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified." [John 7:39]

This comment about the Holy Spirit refers to the Church's experience of the Holy Spirit in time and space. The Spirit as one of the Trinity exists in an eternal communion of love with the Father and the Son. Yet for the sake of our salvation, the Spirit is given and bestowed at certain moments. The Spirit is understood as the presence of God in the Church after the death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.

The lesson from the Acts of the Apostles [2:1-11] read today describes the first in a series of outpourings of the Holy Spirit in the Church. There would follow in Acts successive occasions of the Holy Spirit poured out, to numerous persons in a variety of circumstances. So also the Holy Spirit is continually bestowed upon, given to the Church.

One of the most distinctive and significant instances is of course each of the Mysteries [Sacraments] of the church. For example at each Divine Liturgy there is a prayer called the "*Epiclesis*" [Greek for "calling down"]. It is the prayer of "*calling down*" the Holy Spirit. The Church prays for and the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the consecrated elements of the Eucharist, as they are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. At the same time, this prayer likewise beseeches the Holy Spirit that we, too, by our participation in the Eucharist also be transformed. As we are joined to Christ by sharing in communion in his Body and Blood, we are also filled with the Holy Spirit. [From Father Jack Custer, The Holy Gospel, pp. 307-308]

The Feast of Pentecost

- On ***Pentecost Monday***, after the Ambon Prayer, a procession takes place around the church, with the singing of the Pentecost Troparion and Kontakion. A Gospel is read at each side of the Church: 1) ***Matthew 12:30-36***; 2) ***Mark 13:9-13***; 3) ***Luke 11:9-13***; 4) ***John 16:2-14***. Each Gospel reading is a lesson on the Holy Spirit.
- *Please note* that the Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 5 will be at 7:00 pm.
- There is *no fasting* during this week

Congratulations—Graduates—Class of 2017!

Today we recognize those from our parish family who have graduated or earned degrees. We offer them prayerful support as they pursue future goals:



Ashleigh Hanna, *Indiana University of Pennsylvania*, B.S. degree in Exercise Science; honor from the National Society of Leadership and Success. Ashleigh will continue working toward a B.S.N. in Nursing.

Madelyn Single, *Portage Area High School*, June 1; she will attend Juniata College for pre-dentistry.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

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 of 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.

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.*

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 at the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Saint Mary's on Saturday, June 3, the Feast of Pentecost. *Eternal Memory!*

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June

- 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
- A note of thanks to our volunteers for yesterday's **Work Party** and for the **Church Cleaning**.

Liturgical Chant—Pentecost Monday & Sunday of All Saints

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Pentecost Monday [June 5]** can be found on pages 203-210.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Sunday of All Saints [June 11]** can be found on pages 211-213.
- 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.

Annual Festival – Sunday, July 9, 2017

- The next planning meeting for the *Annual Ethnic Festival* is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 14** at **7:00** pm in the social room of the church hall.
- **Festival Tickets** for the prize drawings will be distributed next Sunday, June 11. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors, relatives not present today.
- **Fliers/posters** for the Festival will be in the narthex next Sunday, June 11. Please pick up some posters, and distribute them at locations throughout town, businesses you frequent, or at work.
- **Bake Sale**—please plan to bring baked goods to provide adequate display for the Bake Sale.
- **Cooking and Kitchen Tasks**—A schedule for tasks in the kitchen will be listed in the bulletin. Volunteers will be needed and welcome during these times
- **Sign-ups** for the annual Ethnic Festival will be posted in the narthex. Please sign-up for one of the baskets for the **Basket Raffle** and to volunteer for the various areas listed.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex.
- **We are eliciting sponsors** to help with the expense of the large tent set up for our patrons to enjoy the live music and for dancing. Please contact Fr. Jim if you know of a business or an individual who may be willing to be a sponsor for the tent.

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.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of *Sister Leonora Kondrach, OSBM* of Mount Saint Macrina who fell asleep in the Lord on June 1 in the 71st year of her monastic life.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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.*

21st Annual Great Portage Yard Sale

This year's sale is **Saturday, June 10**, 8am--3pm, rain or shine. Maps available at Portage Station Museum, 400 Lee Street, Tuesdays through Saturdays Noon to 4 pm, or on the day of the event.

Questionnaire for the Upcoming Synod of Bishops

Metropolitan William asks for your participation in a questionnaire to gather information for the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome, October, 2018. For the Questionnaire for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on "*Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*" go to www.archpitt.org, then <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/archpitt>. Printed copies are in the narthex.

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 [\$200] by July 1. Call Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski, mci@archpitt.org; (412) 735-1676.

"Groovin at the Grove"

Resurrection parish is sponsoring "*Groovin at the Grove*" at their grove in Tanneryville Each Groovin will start with an Outdoor Mass at 5:30 PM, food will be available after Mass. Music from 7 PM to 10 PM. —June 17: *Boomer*; July 22: *Ground Zero*; August 19: *Flood City Brass*.

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 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*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson**: Kathryn Mackovyak

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week for the health of **Charles Martin Plishka**, requested by Charles and Joan Plishka.

Liturgical Schedule Pentecost Week—June 4, 2017

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

Monday June 5

Portage **7:00 PM**

Pentecost Monday

Divine Liturgy

Procession with Reading of Gospels of the Holy

Spirit

Tuesday June 6

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday June 7

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Timothy O'Toole, by Steve & Janie Fleck]

Thursday, June 8

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Helen Verbickey., by Debbie Bodenschatz]

Friday June 9

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, June 10

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Sunday of All Saints

Saturday June 10

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[+Agnes Gindlesperger, by John Garanich & Family]

Sunday June 11

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy