



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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### **Epistle Readers Schedule**

<b><u>Sunday, July 23</u></b>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<b><u>Sunday, July 30</u></b>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>
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### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

<b><u>Sunday, July 16</u></b>	Troitsja: <i>Hunter Whitcomb</i>	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> <i>Hunter Whitcomb &amp; Cierra Goral</i>
<b><u>Sunday, July 23</u></b>	Troitsja: <i>Cierra Goral</i>	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> <i>Christina Goral &amp; Issabella Crum</i>
<b><u>Sunday, July 30</u></b>	Troitsja: <i>Christina Goral</i>	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> <i>Evan Lenz &amp; Sydney Leturgey</i>



### **The Holy Prophet Elijah...**

A popular feast during the summer months is the *Holy Prophet Elijah*, observed on July 20. His significance as a prophet highlights the identity and role of the prophets. They were called by God to speak on his behalf. They were sent to a particular circumstance at a particular time. Their message was vital and urgent, God's intervention on behalf of his people at an hour of crisis or need. Elijah was one of these inspired leaders to call His people back to the worship of the One True God. There are several Old Testament readings from the First and Second Book of Kings which we hear at Vespers for this Feast. These engaging stories illustrate how Elijah carried out this role in a dramatic and yet very effective way.

### **Blessing of Automobiles & Other Vehicles**

There will be a *Blessing Automobiles and Other Vehicles* on the *Feast of the Prophet Elijah*, following Vespers on Wednesday evening, and the Divine Liturgy on Thursday morning. This blessing is inspired by the event in II Kings, that Elijah was carried away in a fiery chariot while yet alive. To participate in this, go to your vehicle after the *Festive Anointing* and wait there for the priest to approach and bless each vehicle.

### *A Celebration of Marriage*

The annual celebration to honor married couples who are observing their *Wedding Anniversaries* of **10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, or additional years that are multiples of five** in 2017 is on **Sunday, September 10**. A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm, followed by a dinner. Please inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2017 so that you may receive an invitation to this event, and also a Certificate from Metropolitan William in commemoration of your jubilee.

### *Annual Festival—Thanks to All!*

I would like to thank everyone who helped in the Annual Festival hosted last Sunday, July 9. There were many who took part in organizing this event, who helped with the food preparation, and who volunteered both in the days before and on the day of the event. We are grateful for the wonderful variety of items for baked sale; donations of baskets for the basket auction and of items for the *Basket of Cheer*; and for your support of the festival by your presence and donations.

Thanks also to those from the Beaverdale, Dunlo and South Fork parishes who volunteered or donated baskets. We also gratefully acknowledge the many patrons from the Portage community and neighboring or more distant areas who came to enjoy and support the Festival.

A summary of the income and expenses will be published after all the expenses have been paid.

## *Thank You to Our Donors & Friends*

**Additional Festival Tent Sponsors:** We sincerely thank these additional donors who helped to sponsor the large tent for the bands and dancing. We received these donations after last week's bulletin was printed:

- ***B&R Construction, LLC—Larry Raptosh***
- ***1<sup>st</sup> Summit Bank***
- ***Evergreen Landscaping Services Snow Removal***

We also thank ***John Maruska*** from ***Algas*** in Gallitzin for the gas grill used for the funnel cakes;

## **PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS**

### **Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

During 2017 Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, observes the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is scheduled for Sunday, November 5. The *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy* with Metropolitan Archbishop William will be at 3:00 pm. There will be a festive Anniversary Banquet following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

The next meeting to plan for this observance will be scheduled for late July or early August. If you would like to help plan and assist with the various details of this celebration, please come.

### **Eternal Memory**

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of ***+ Delores Hollop***, who fell asleep in the Lord on July 13. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her children Brenda Egnot, Loretta Bradley, Christopher, and Mary Kay Summerville and to all of her family.

### **Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost**

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah [July 20]*** are on p. 343-344
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, July 23**, the ***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrection Troparion Tone 6***, may be found on p. 152-153.
- The *"Our Father"*, in Tone 6 may be found on p.71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

### **Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of ***+Francis*** and ***+Betty Christina***, requested by their daughter, Valerie Pcola.

### **Remember In Prayer**

Please pray for the health of ***George Yatsky*** [Windber Hospital]; ***Marian Simala; Barbara Raptosh; Roseann Chappell***, Tammy Whitcomb's mother; ***Kathryn Mackovyak; Pauline Barelich; Ruby Moore; Charles*** and ***Joan Plishka; Charles Martin Plishka Tom Goncher; Joan Ditko; Cliff Inman; Shawn Crum; Carson James***, an infant from Portage with an aggressive form of brain cancer; infant ***Basil; Ellen Colwell***, Fr. Jim's sister; ***Father Joseph Borodach***; and all the ill & homebound.

## Festival Prize Winners

*Congratulations to all the prize winners and thanks to all for a successful, enjoyable day.*

### Basket Raffle Winners

<u>Tool Basket:</u>	Eva Bienvenue	<u>Papercutting:</u>	Madison Mulato
<u>Chambord Basket:</u>	Mark Robine	<u>Lottery Wreath:</u>	Whitney Myers
<u>Plant Stand:</u>	Denise Harshberger	<u>Lottery Scratch-off</u>	Tom Yeckley
<u>Orange Vodka Basket:</u>	Joyce Knopp	<u>Car Care Basket:</u>	Fr. Robert Oravetz
<u>Sweet Lottery basket:</u>	Elaine Vrabel	<u>Christmas Basket:</u>	Mary Donnelly
<u>"Big Ben"--\$100 bill</u>	Dan Brenna	<u>George Foreman Kitchen:</u>	Fr. Robert Oravetz
<u>Amazing Grace Basket:</u>	Susan Blazosky	<u>Bar Items Basket:</u>	Sue Sheehan
<u>\$100 Sheetz Gift Card &amp; Gas Can:</u>	Elaine Vrabel	<u>Magic Bullet Basket:</u>	Fr. Robert Oravetz
<u>Sweet Spa Basket:</u>	Janet Harshberger	<u>Back to School Basket:</u>	Ruby Moore
<u>Laundry Basket:</u>	Grace Farren	<u>Italian Dinner Basket:</u>	Fr. Robert Oravetz

### Baskets of Cheer

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Stephanie Markel      **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Joe Carpentieri      **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Molly Zerbee

### Raffle Tickets

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize--\$300:** John Puch  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize--\$200:** Sandra Lenz  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize--\$100:** Celeste Strauss

## **OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Benefit Pancake Breakfast**

The *Portage Fellowship of Christian Athletes* hosts a *Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser TODAY-- Sunday, July 16* 7am to 12pm at Portage High School Cafeteria. *Carson James* is 10 months old and was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer and is undergoing treatments at Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh. Proceeds will benefit the James family for the expenses of Carson's treatment.

For donations towards the breakfast or to the family, make checks payable to *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* and send to Jaime Irvin, 506 McClelland St. Portage, PA 15946; [Arvin22Pmsn.com](http://Arvin22Pmsn.com)

### **Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park**

The *97<sup>th</sup> GCU & Byzantine Catholic Family Day* at Kennywood Park will be Thursday, July 27, 2017. Discounted admission and ride tickets for Kennywood Park: \$24 for ages 3-54; \$14 for ages 55+. \$9.99: 70+--Super Senior. Tickets for the Lunch Buffet are \$15. For tickets contact the parish office.

### **"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. *Boomer*; July 22: *Ground Zero*; August 19: *Flood City Brass*.

## **Byzantine Catholic Seminary Offers On-Line Master of Arts in Theology**

In Fall 2017, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is launching a fully online Master of Art in Theology degree program. These classes will consist of the same in-house courses and utilize many of our in-house faculty to deliver a fully online Master of Arts in Theology degree program.

Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. Through Byzantine Online, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the future leaders for the Church. For more details visit [www.online.bcs.edu](http://www.online.bcs.edu) or call 412-321-8383

## **Invitation to a Pilgrimage:**

The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic parish in Revloc invites you to a pilgrimage to the ***Mother of God of Zarvanytsia***. Our Lady appeared in Zarvanytsia in 1240 [Ukraine]. Many miracles have been attributed to the icon. Our parish has a replica of this icon. On Sunday, August 20 we ask you to come to a day of prayer and reconciliation, and to see the icon for yourself.

The day will begin at 11:00 A.M. with confessions. There will also be rosary at 12:00 P.M., Divine Liturgy at 1:00 P.M., and a Moleben Service at 4:00 P.M. There will also be time for private prayer and meditation. Food will be available for sale

## **Iconography Workshop—Icon of Saint Nicholas**

An ***Iconography Workshop--Saint Nicholas*** for all levels of experience will be offered September 29--October 1, 2017 at Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church 217 Fourth Street Conemaugh, PA.

The Instructor, Marylyn Barone, has written icons since 1997. She gives workshops in parishes across Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey and is able to teach people of all ages and abilities, Marylyn has written icons for many parishes and individuals. The workshop is sponsored by GCU Lodge 625; for more information, call Georgia Lehman 814 242-2083.

The cost of \$ 125.00; Includes all supplies [10 x 12 Gesso covered birch board, paint, brushes and 23 karat gold leaf; lunch. Times: Friday 6:00 pm-9:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-6:30pm; Sunday 12:00 until finished.

## **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

## 2017 Faith and Fun Day for Altar Servers

The **2017 Faith and Fun Day** for Archieparchial Altar Servers will be on Thursday, August 24. The day will consist of The Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, lunch at Holy Ghost Hall, visit to Carnegie Science Center, and followed by a 4:05 p.m. Pirates baseball game at PNC Park. Details for Altar Servers planning to attend will be provided in the coming weeks.

### Liturgical Schedule 7<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost —July 16, 2017

#### Sunday of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

##### Saturday July 15

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [Alex Afton, by John Slivenik]

##### Sunday July 16

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

##### Monday July 17

Portage 10:00 AM Funeral Liturgy of *+Delores Hollop*

##### Tuesday July 18

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Prophet Elijah

##### Wednesday, July 19

Beaverdale **6:00 PM** Great Vespers with Litija-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

##### Thursday, July 20

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour  
**9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

##### Friday July 21

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Saturday, July 22

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

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

##### Saturday July 22

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

##### Sunday July 23

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

[George and +Mae Haschak, by Patty Haschak]