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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, July 2</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>	<u>Sunday, July 9</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>
<u>Sunday, July 16</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>	<u>Sunday, July 23</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

<u>Sunday, July 2</u>	Troitsja: <i>Sydney Leturgey</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Evan Lenz & Bella Crum</i>
<u>Sunday, July 9</u>	Troitsja: <i>Ryan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Ryan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey</i>
<u>Sunday, July 16</u>	Troitsja: <i>Hunter Whitcomb</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral</i>



Hospitality: Sharing the Good News...

The centurion who approached Jesus in today's Gospel [Matthew 8:513] is aware of being an "outsider". He does not presume to invite Jesus to his home, since it would be considered "unclean" to the Jews. However, the centurion exhibits a total reliance on the word of Jesus to heal his servant [Matthew 8:8-9]. In response to this, Jesus marvels at such a display of faith. He goes on to describe how Gentiles will find a place in the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven. Yet those who considered themselves "entitled" to this status but who proved unfaithful will be bitterly disappointed and be excluded from sitting at table "with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" [Matthew 8:10-12].

An important consideration for our churches and faithful is the need for *hospitality*. Jesus warned against the complacency of those who considered themselves "rightful heirs" of the household of faith. This might also result in failing to appreciate the place of those earnestly seeking faith, and the light and truth of the Gospel. Such complacency can blind us to the need for hospitality in welcoming those who may come to visit, to worship and hear the Word of God at Sunday Divine Liturgy.

In a series of daily reflections titled Morning Offering, [Ancient Faith Publications], Abbot Tryphon offers these reflections:

"We are all called to be evangelists for the [...] faith. Not one of us is deserving of this pearl of great price, yet we wish to preserve it only for ourselves. How can we say we love Christ if we do not wish that all know Him? Can we be saved, in the end, if we wish salvation only for 'our people'?"

"We must invite our friends and neighbors to "taste and see" the great treasure that is [ours]. And it is our responsibility, as Christians, to reach out in kindness and with a welcoming smile when we see strangers enter our temples."

Happy Independence Day—July 4th Holiday

We celebrate the **241st Anniversary of the Independence** of the United States of America on Tuesday, July 4. May you enjoy this **July 4th Holiday** with gratitude for God's blessings and with a renewed spirit dedication to the ideals and principles upon which our nation is founded.

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.

This Week...

On Monday, July 3, sealcoating of our parking lot areas will be done by LTM Paving of Hollsopple. A double coat of treatment of the seal coat will be applied, and the repainting of parking lot stripes and handicapped spaces will follow.

The parking lot must remain closed through Monday July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 to allow proper drying of the sealcoat application. If there is a need to park at the church during this time, please do so on the grass along Church Road. Thank you.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July

- The *Church Cleaning* for July is scheduled for Monday, July 3, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly *Work Party and Church Cleaning*.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Annual Picnic--Festival *Sunday, July 9, 2017*

- Entertainment will feature great live music:
"BRONCO and the RHINELANDERS", playing from Noon to 3:30 pm.
"FULL KILT" Celtic Rock-- from 4:30 until 8:00 pm
- **This Saturday, July 8**, the day before the Festival, there will be many details to set up and prepare the picnic grounds. **Help is needed**—beginning at 9:00 am
- **Sign-up** lists to volunteer for the various areas listed for the picnic and for the **Basket Raffle** are posted in the narthex. Please sign-up to *volunteer* and for one of the Baskets.
- Please sell or buy **Festival Tickets** for the prize drawings and return them by next Sunday.
- **Fliers/posters** for the Festival are in the narthex. Please take some posters to distribute at locations throughout town, businesses you frequent, or at work.
- Deadline for donations for the **Basket of Cheer** [in the narthex] is **today—Sunday, July 2**.
- **Bake Sale**—*Bring Baked Goods to the picnic grounds after the Divine Liturgy the day of the festival.*
- **We are eliciting sponsors** to help with the expense of the tent for the live music and for dancing. Contact Fr. Jim to identify a business or individual as a potential tent sponsor.

Kitchen and Other Tasks for the Festival...

You are most welcome to volunteer for any of these times when you may be available to assist.

Thank You!

Wed. July 5: 10:00 am

Make "Sloppy Joes"; prep onions & peppers for hot sausage

Thurs. July 6: 10:00 am

Cook holubki; shred cabbage & steam for halushki

pm

Make halushki

Fri. July 7: 10:00 am

Pork---pull apart; 'boil off' hot sausage

Sat. July 8: 9:00 am

Prepare Picnic Grounds

Request for Baked Goods for Bake Sale at Festival...

The **Bake Sale** is a popular feature at the Festival. Please make an extra effort to donate baked goods, other homemade treats. Your generous donation of baked good items will help us have a nice display for the Bake Sale and will contribute to the success of the Festival. *Thank you.*

Parish 100th Anniversary

During 2017 Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, observes the 100th Anniversary of its founding. The celebration of the 100th 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.

Summer Maintenance Projects

As mentioned elsewhere in today's bulletin, sealcoating of the parking lots is being done by LTM Paving of Hollsopple. Earlier in the spring they had applied crack-seal on existing cracks. Also, four additional windows in the rectory were replaced by M. W. Petryshak Construction during June.

Thank you for your continuing support which allows proper maintenance and care for our parish buildings and facilities.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Roseann Chappell**, Tammy Whitcomb's mother [UPMC-Altoona]; **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; **Father Joseph Borodach** [UPMC Shadyside]; and all the ill & homebound.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost [July 9]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 4, may be found on p. 141-142.
- The "Our Father", in Tone 4 may be found on p.69.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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

Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park

The *97th 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.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions Thursday, July 13, 6:30 P.M. in the gardens at Mount Assisi. In case of inclement weather they will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by Holy Name, Ebensburg and the sermon will be delivered by Deacon Rick Golden. A cordial welcome to all.

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.

“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*.

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

On Humility...

"God humbled himself: human beings should blush to be proud." [Saint Augustine]

"Whoever acquires virtue without humility is throwing dust into the wind." [Saint Isidore]

"Humility in listening to the Word of God makes the path ready for the Lord to enter our heart." [Saint Gregory the Great]

Liturgical Schedule 5th Week After Pentecost —July 2, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 1

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

Sunday July 2

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Terlingo, by Kathy Sekerak]

Monday July 3

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday July 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, July 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, July 6

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Tim Hanna, by Aunt Michaelene & Family]

Friday July 7

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Agnes Colwell *[rescheduled]* — Bob & Ellen Colwell]

Saturday, July 8

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 8

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

Sunday July 9

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

[The miners killed in the *Sonman Mine Explosion* of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak]