



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.

#### **Epistle Readers Schedule**

<b><u>Sunday, July 9</u></b>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<b><u>Sunday, July 16</u></b>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>
<b><u>Sunday, July 23</u></b>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<b><u>Sunday, July 30</u></b>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>

#### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

<b><u>Sunday, July 9</u></b>	<i>Troitsja: Ryan Lenz</i>	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	<i>Ryan Lenz &amp; Sydney Leturgey</i>
<b><u>Sunday, July 16</u></b>	<i>Troitsja: Hunter Whitcomb</i>	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	<i>Hunter Whitcomb &amp; Cierra Goral</i>
<b><u>Sunday, July 23</u></b>	<i>Troitsja: Cierra Goral</i>	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	<i>Christina Goral &amp; Issabella Crum</i>



### **Gospel Reflection...**

As Jesus encounters two men possessed by demons in today's Gospel reading [[Matthew 8:28-9:3](#)] there is a vivid impression of the reality of evil. The men who are possessed by demons are so violent that they keep others away. That they live among the tombs suggests isolation from human community. There follows the rather curious circumstances of the demons entering the swine, and the swine perishing in the sea. These events dramatize just how potent the reality and the power of evil can be in our lives and in society.

One might also wonder how the possessed man and the community had been able to live with such evil in their midst. Familiarity with evil, and a false or inappropriate sense of "tolerance," can dull our perceptions of its reality and of its destructive impact and influence.

[Adapted from Father John Custer, [The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective](#), pp. 91-92]

### *Annual Festival Today*

Today we warmly welcome our many friends and patrons of the Annual Festival and thank those who come to enjoy the food, entertainment, games, and socializing throughout this day.

• **Entertainment:**

*"BRONCO and the RHINELANDERS", playing from Noon to 3:30 pm.*

*"FULL KILT" Celtic Rock-- from 4:30 until 8:00 pm*

• **Our menu:**

Our menu includes many familiar homemade items: *haluski, pork sandwiches, halupki, pirohi, BBQ chicken, kielbasa, hot dogs, hot sausage, wing dings, and french fries.*

• **Children's Activities:**

A variety of Children's Games, plush animal booth, and other activities!

• **Basket Raffle & Basket of Cheer:**

*Thanks* for the many wonderful donations for the *Basket Raffle & Basket of Cheer* as well as donations for the *Bake Sale* and to all who sold or purchased the *Festival Tickets* for the raffle.

• **Church Tours at the Festival:**

During Festival today there will be opportunity for ***Church Tours*** at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. An introduction to the Byzantine Catholic Church and an explanation of our worship, iconography, and other aspects of our church will be offered.

• **Affordable family fun.**

Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the live bands throughout the day.

• **Thank You!**

We gratefully acknowledge the many volunteers and hours of preparation for the Festival over the past weeks. Thank you for your generosity in preparing for the Annual Festival and for your hospitality in welcoming our guests and patrons today.

## *Thank You to Our Donors & Friends*

**Festival Tent Sponsors:** We sincerely thank these donors who helped to sponsor the large [30' x 60'] tent to provide a comfortable place for the bands and for dancing.

- ***Allegheny Belting Inc.***
- ***Leman Machine***
- ***M. W. Petryshak Construction***
- ***Portage Service Center***
- ***Pro Disposal, Inc.***
- ***Ray's Lawnmower Sales & Servicer***

We also thank ***Serenko-Claar Funeral Home*** for donating the tent for tables to accommodate our guests; and ***Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church***, Conemaugh, and their Pastor Father George Johnson for supplying the homemade Pirohi for us to serve to our guests today.

***Also, a Note of Thanks*** to the many parishioners and friends for their generous donations. Any additional Festival Tent Sponsors will be acknowledged in next Sunday's bulletin.

## **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.

### **Summer Maintenance Projects**

Sealcoating of the parking lots was done last week by ***LTM Paving***. A double coat of treatment of the seal coat was applied. The repainting of parking lot stripes and handicapped spaces was done by ***M & M Asphalt Maintenance***. 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.

### ***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.

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Marian Simala; Barbara Raptosh; Roseann Chappell*, Tammy Whitcomb's mother; *Kathryn Mackovyak; Pauline Barelich; George Yatsky; 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.

## Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, July 16**, the **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 5, may be found on p. 146-148; and for the **Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils** on p. 341-342.
- The "Our Father", in **Tone 5** may be found on p.70.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Benefit Pancake Breakfast

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

Pre-sale tickets are available by calling or texting [814-322-7664](tel:814-322-7664) or [814-691-3202](tel:814-691-3202). Tickets will also be sold at the door. For donations towards the breakfast or to go directly to the family, make checks payable to *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* and send to Jaime Irvin, 506 McClelland St. Portage, PA 15946; 814-322-7664, [Arvin22Pmsn.com](http://Arvin22Pmsn.com)

## 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 in order to deliver a fully online Master of Arts in Theology degree program. In keeping with our mission statement, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20), 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.

## 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.

## **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.

## **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.

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

**Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of *+Mae Haschak*, requested by her daughter, Patty Haschak.

**Blessing of Automobiles & Other Vehicles**

**Liturgical Schedule 6<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost —July 9, 2017**

<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
<b>Saturday July 8</b>		
Dunlo	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Sunday July 9</b>		
Portage	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b>
<small>[The miners killed in the <i>Sonman Mine Explosion</i> of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak]</small>		

**Monday July 10**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Tuesday July 11**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Wednesday, July 12**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Thursday, July 13**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Friday July 14**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Saturday, July 15**

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

<b>Sunday of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils</b>		
<b>Saturday July 15</b>		
Beaverdale	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b> [Alex Afton, by John Slivenik]
<b>Sunday July 16</b>		
Portage	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b>