



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.

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

Sunday September 17 Troitsja: *Christina Goral*

Bulletins: *Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz*

Sunday September 24 Troitsja: *Issabella Crum*

Bulletins: *Ryan Lenz & Hunter Whitcomb*

Sunday October 1 Troitsja: *Evan Lenz*

Bulletins: *Cierra Goral & Christina Goral*



Catechetical Sunday—Sunday, September 24 Called and Sent: Living as Missionary Disciples of Christ

On Sunday, September 24 we observe *Catechetical Sunday*, as we begin our *Eastern Christian Formation* classes for the 2017-2018 program. Classes for K through high school meet on Sunday following Divine Liturgy [10:15-11:15 am.]. Next Sunday, there will be a blessing of students and also commissioning of Catechists at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy.

Catechists will meet today--Sunday, September 17, following the Divine Liturgy. As we prepare for *Catechetical Sunday* please remember in your prayers this important parish ministry, for the grace of the Holy Spirit to guide the students and Catechists during the 2017-2018 Eastern Christian Formation classes.

The Eastern Catholic Churches of America [www.EasternCatholic.org] have provided the theme for *Catechetical Sunday 2017: "Called & Sent: Living as Missionary Disciples of Christ"*. The text which follows offers some instruction and reflection on what this means:

"As Eastern Catholics, we are called and sent as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ who know and live our faith, and share the Good News in every nation. Every parish is meant to be not just a spiritual home for the faithful we have, but as an apostolic outpost – a missionary center – for the New Evangelization to all peoples wherever the vineyard of the Lord is planted.

"To be disciples of Christ means that we are first and foremost baptized and committed followers of Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life within the communion of disciples known as the Church. It is to live the life in the Spirit as communicated by the apostles to the earliest Christians after Pentecost by observing apostolic teaching, worship, fellowship and leadership (Acts 2:42).

"To be missionaries of Christ means that we are active participants in the apostolic call of the Church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them all that Christ has commanded.

"Just as the call to faithful discipleship is not limited to the lay faithful, monastics and religious, so the call to faithful mission is not limited to the ordained clergy who serve in Christ's name. Every Baptized and Chrismated Eastern Catholic is called to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, living and spreading the Gospel for the sake of our own salvation and for that of the people and nations around us.

*"To learn and grow as missionary disciples means that all of the People God should see themselves as part of the Church's effort towards a **New Evangelization**. This phrase, "new evangelization" is in reference to a renewed missionary impetus of the Holy Spirit that seeks to draw each of us who are baptized to a deeper, personal and joyful encounter with Jesus Christ that inspires a simpler, informed and attractive witness of faith to others, inviting them to explore more deeply the meaning and message of Jesus within the common life of the Church."*

In next Sunday's bulletin we explore what each of these points mean in some detail.

**The Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Office of the Archbishop--66 Riverview Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15214**

September 12, 2017

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Archeparchy:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

We are all aware of the terrible devastation, heartbreak, and destruction left behind by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We pray in thanksgiving with those affected by the storms who survived with little or no loss or harm. And we also hold in prayer those who are suffering injury, damage to property, or any other distress caused by this disastrous weather.

Our country has responded with great compassion in offering support and help in many forms to the victims of the hurricanes. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken to support the extensive aid that is very much needed for so many.

For this, I ask that special collections be taken in all of our churches on the weekends of **September 16-17** and **September 23-24**. All funds collected will be used for the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the United States Catholic Church.

They and their member agencies will respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care as well as to the long term needs to rebuild and recover after such widespread destruction.

I thank you in advance for continuing unity in prayer and generosity in aid for those who desperately need our help.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William C. Skurla

Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Offering

We invite you to respond to the above appeal from Metropolitan William for the need of those affected by the recent Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. A limited number of envelopes for this need are in the narthex. You may use a plain envelope or one of the *Special Offering* envelopes in the back of your box of offering envelopes and mark **"Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Offering"**. Please make checks payable to the parish, with "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line.

Please continue to remember in your prayers the victims and all who have suffered loss because of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost [September 24]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 7, may be found on [p. 156-158](#).
- The "Our Father", [Tone 7](#) may be found on p.72.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Parish 100th Anniversary -- Sunday, November 5

The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage is **Sunday, November 5**. The *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy* with Metropolitan Archbishop William will be at 3:00 pm. The Anniversary Banquet will follow the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Please note the following important information about this historic and festive occasion:

- On Wednesday, September 20 at 10:00 am, invitations will be prepared for mailing, in the social room of the church hall. If you are available to help, please come to lend a hand.
- When you complete your **RSVP** card, you may include others— out of town family members, relatives, friends—on your **RSVP** card. If there is someone whom you would like to receive their own invitation, you may contact Father Jim to request this.
- When you return the **RSVP** card, please enclose the appropriate amount for the dinner[s]. The cost of the catered banquet with two entrees is \$15/adult and \$7.50 ages 3-10. We have tried to keep the cost as modest as possible so that families with children could attend.
- You may place the **RSVP** card in the return envelope and put in the offering basket at church, or you may return by mail. [Parishioners **RSVP** envelopes will not have postage affixed.]
- Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert [of your choice] for the dessert table, to add to the menu for this festive and memorable occasion.

The next meeting to plan for this observance is Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. If you would like to help with this celebration, please come.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Moose Pyo** [UPMC, Altoona]; **Carol Slifko**; **George Yatsky**; **Barbara Raptosh**; **Roseann Chappell**, Tammy Whitcomb's mother; **Kathryn Mackovyak**; **Pauline Barelich**; **Ruby Moore**; **Charles** and **Joan Plishka**; **Charles Martin Plishka Tom Goncher**; **Patrick & Joan Ditko**; **Cliff Inman**; **Shawn Crum**; infant **Carson James**; infant **Basil**; **Ellen Colwell**; **Archpriest Dennis Bogda**; **Father Edward Lucas** [Forbes Hospital]; and all the ill & homebound.

Cemetery Care

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Saint Mary, Beavertdale Cemetery from **Carol, Ron and Kathy Selepak**.

We thank parishioners for their generosity in donating to our parish cemeteries, and gratefully acknowledge those who volunteer their services in cutting grass, weed trimming, etc. in the respective parish cemeteries. Envelopes for **Cemetery Care** are in your box of offering envelopes.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Vendor Party/Basket Raffle

OGT Competition Dance Team is hosting a **Vendor Party/Basket Raffle** on Saturday, September 23 at the Portage Elementary Gym, 10 am - 3pm. Come take a chance on some baskets, shop through some great vendors, and eat some good food.

Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar

St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin will hold its annual *Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar* Sunday September 24, in the parish Activity Center (rear 616 Church St.), Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$6.00; Children aged 5 and under: free. Takeouts: \$10.00.

A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until - ?

Community Lab Blood Screen

At *Resurrection Roman Catholic Church Hall* 324 Chestnut Street, Johnstown in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber, Saturday, September 23, 7-9 a.m.. The cost is \$30; additional tests offered: PSA - \$20 • Hemoglobin A1 C - \$20 • Vitamin D Level - \$35 Please call 814-467-3961 to schedule an appointment. A 12-to-14-hour fast is recommended.

Johnstown Slavic Festival Nutroll Throwdown

Johnstown Area Heritage Association invites you to compete in *Johnstown Slavic Festival Nutroll Throwdown!* The *Third Annual Johnstown Slavic Festival* is Saturday, September 23. To register, simply go to www.jaha.org and enter to win **Baba's Famous Nutroll Contest!** Select "Special Events" and scroll down to JOHNSTOWN SLAVIC FESTIVAL on the left, print the entry form, mail or email it in to the addresses listed on the form.

Used Magazines

Used *magazines, merchandise catalogues, etc.* [especially with pictures] may be brought to the ushers' room and placed in the box there. They are needed by a family with a family member with special needs and are very much appreciated. *Thank you.*

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:** Mary Yetsko
- **Autumn View:** June Nezneski
- **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

*We bow to your Cross, O Lord,
And we glorify your Holy Resurrection!*

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle this week offered at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, in memory of *+Peter* and *+Emily Pikus*; requested by the Pikus Family.

Liturgical Schedule 16th Week after Pentecost — September 17, 2017

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday September 16

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Walter Prozialeck, by Betty Sekela]

Sunday September 17

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

Monday, September 18

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, September 19

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Peter Bulinsky, by Marty & Marie Johnson]

Wednesday, September 20

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, September 21

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Janet Spaid, by Maxine Olshavsky]

Friday, September 22

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Helen Vrabel, by Donald Timura & Family]

Saturday, September 23

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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday September 23

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

Sunday September 24

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Sam Resconich]