



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

<u>Sunday October 22</u>	Troitsja: Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral
<u>Sunday October 29</u>	Troitsja: Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Issabella Crum & Christina Goral
<u>Sunday November 5</u>	100 th Anniversary Liturgy—Special Schedule will be announced	



A Parable To Test Our Vision...

The **Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus** appears only in the Gospel of Saint Luke [[Luke 16:19-31](#)]. It includes several features which are typical and recur in Saint Luke's Gospel. There are often warnings about the dangers of riches [[Luke 16:13](#)]. But Saint Luke also portrays riches as a resource which is used wisely and with generosity, can yield spiritual benefits [[Luke 16:1-12](#)].

His reasons for alerting us to the potential danger of riches may be perceived in this parable. The rich man allows his wealth to insulate him from being aware of the poor beggar Lazarus, who is just outside his door. He ignores him while remaining absorbed in the excesses of his own household and luxurious table. And so the teaching of Jesus as recorded here in the Gospel of Saint Luke, is that riches can be illusory, deceptive. Only after death does this become clear for the rich man.

The "*bosom of Abraham*" into which Lazarus is welcomed after death is a way of referring to the heavenly reward of the Kingdom of God. In the Old Testament, we find Abraham to be both charitable and hospitable. In [Genesis 18](#), Abraham welcomes three strangers, who are shown to be angels. And he also intercedes for Sodom, "negotiating" with God by asking the Lord to be merciful and to spare this wicked city if only a few [50? 5?] righteous persons could be found.

Today's parable is a reminder to us to examine our spiritual "*vision*". What false sources of security in our own lives might be a source of illusion for us. This is what the comfort and wealth of the rich man were for him, blinding him to the truth about himself and allowing him to remain indifferent to the circumstance of his neighbor.

This Weekend...

On [Saturday, October 21](#), Father Jim will attend the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1967 of North Catholic High School in Pittsburgh. Father Robert Karl, our former pastor and presently a retired priest of the Archeparchy, will be here for both the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Beaverdale on Saturday, October 21 and the Sunday Divine Liturgy in Portage on Sunday, October 22.

We thank Father Bob Karl for being available to assist so that Father Jim may attend his 50th Class Reunion. Please extend a warm welcome to Father Bob Karl.

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

A Covered Dish Social will be held [Saturday, October 28](#), following the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul, Dunlo. Parishioners are asked to bring an *entrée, side dish, salad, bread or rolls, dessert, etc.*



Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

The **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** Program is a time of Prayer for Vocations invites everyone in the parish to pray for vocations and encourage others that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. Sign up today. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the narthex to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home.

Parish 100th Anniversary -- Sunday, November 5

3:00 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy--Metropolitan Archbishop William

Followed by Anniversary Banquet.

- The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 3:00 pm will be the only Liturgy that day.
- The banquet which follows is scheduled for the church hall. In the event that the number of guests would not be accommodated comfortably and safely in our hall, the Royal Ballroom on Main Street in Portage is available for us.
 - If you have not yet returned your **RSVP** card, please do so as soon as possible.
 - **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 **Monday, October 23** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall, to prepare Table and seating arrangements.
 - **Altar Servers** will practice for the Hierarchical Liturgy on Saturday, October 28 and Saturday, November 4, both days at 10:00 am.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Preparations for Parish Centennial: *This Week...*

A note of thanks to those who volunteered this past Thursday for the cleaning in the church hall, which included cleaning all the chairs, the kitchen area, and other tasks. This week on Tuesday, October 24, Perfection Cleaning will clean the hall floors—stripping, waxing, etc.

On Monday, October 30 we have need of volunteers to help with setting up and arranging the tables and chairs in the church hall. The time for this project will be announced in next Sunday's bulletin. [We will not arrange tables on October 26, as was mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin.

If you are able to help on Monday, October 30, please come to lend a hand.

Church Cleaning & Work Party

- The **Church Cleaning** is scheduled for Monday, October 30, at 9:00 am. *Please note this change in schedule.* The **Church Cleaning** is one week early, because of the 100th Anniversary celebration.
- *Thank You* to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, August 3, of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage are included in today's bulletin.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost [October 29]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 4, may be found on p. 141-142.
- The "**Our Father**", Tone 4 may be found on p.69.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

2017 Food Festival and Craft Show

At *Saint John's Hall*, 35 Main St. Conemaugh on Saturday, November 4, 11 am to 2 pm; and on Sunday, November 5, from 11 am-1 pm.

St. John's Homemade Foods include: *Pirohi* in four varieties: potato & cheese; sauerkraut; sweet cabbage; prune]; *Halushki*; *Holupki*; *soups*; & *More!* Call 814-539-8841; or 814-539-8613 for information or to place orders.

Saint John's Church in Conemaugh provided the Pirohi served this year at our annual festival. Their Pirohi will be among the items for sale at this event.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Elaine Kachmar* of St. Mary', Beaverdale [Memorial Hospital]; Margaret *Prudhoe* of St. Mary', Beaverdale [Arbutus Park Manor]; *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*; and all the ill & homebound.

Memorial Donations...

We gratefully acknowledge these donations to Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage:

- In memory of **+Edward "Moose" Pyo**, from Thomas & Deborah Gregg of Johnstown.
- In memory of **+Alick Prudhoe**, from Margaret Prudhoe of Beaverdale; from David and Sharon Daniels of Johnstown; from Catherine Prudhoe of West Chester, Pennsylvania; and from Mary Tygh of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Moleben Service for Causes of Canonization of Four Holy Hierarchs

You are cordially invited to the Annual Marian Moleben for the Causes of Beatification and Canonization .of our Sainly Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops: Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Theodore G. Romzha; Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Paul P. Gojdich, OSBM; Blessed Bishop-Martyr, Basil Hopko; and the Servant of God, Alexander Chira on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 185 East Main Street, Uniontown. Pa. 15401. Information on their lives along with refreshments following the service. Please help to advance their causes by your prayers and presence. This event will be held in conjunction with St. John Church's Annual Rusyn Heritage day.

Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration

An Ethnic Festival--**36th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration**--at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown, Sunday, October 29, 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. There will be ethnic foods (holubki, halushki, pirohi, pagach, potato pancakes, kolbasi & kraut), baked goods, and entertainment. *Slavjane Folk Ensemble* from McKees Rocks at 2 PM and a Rusyn Folk musical group at 12:30 and 4 PM. Also featured are speakers, demonstrations, displays, videos about the Carpatho-Rusyn people and children's activities. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Byzantine Spirituality Conference

The Byzantine Spirituality Conference will be held November 4, 2017 9:30AM-3:00PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall. The theme is: *"The Diversity of Gods Blessings"*. The registration fee is: \$35 per person (includes lunch); parish table of 5 or more: \$25 per person. Registration form at www.archpitt.org, link ORE; or call 412-322-8773. Brochures are in the narthex

Lodge 351 Ham & Halupki Dinner

Join us on October 22, 2017 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the annual fundraiser for St. Jude Byzantine Catholic Church at 320 Main Street, Ernest, PA 15739 to help raise funds for renovations, heating fuel and repairs. Contact: Patty Yamrick, 724-349-7489 or pyam@comcast.net.

Retreat at Seminary for Men 18-35—November 3-5, 2017

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius *"Come and See"* weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church, Friday, 3 November-Sunday, 5 November at the Seminary, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh. The retreat is free of charge and includes sharing liturgical services, meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Contact Fr. Jim, or use the online registration at www.bcs.edu.

Fall Basket Auction

GCU Lodge 93 is sponsoring our annual *Fall Basket Auction* again this year. This event will take place at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Pennsylvania on Sunday, November 5, 11:30am to 3:00pm. The drawing will begin at 3:00pm in the Church Hall. Along with the baskets, there will be special raffles, free desserts, and beverages. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall.

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
- **Church of the Brethren Home, Windber:** Anna Garanich

Prayer for Vocations...

“Holy Father, You call each of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. For You are holy our God and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Liturgical Schedule 21st Week after Pentecost — October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 21

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

Sunday October 22

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

[+John & Dolores Hollop, by Larry and Mary Kay Summerville]]

Monday, October 23

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, October 24

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, October 25

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Barbara Carter, by Mike, Alice & Ann Mazur]

Thursday, October 26

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Albert & +Mary Lesko, by Mary Ann & Walt]

Friday, October 27

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Delores Swires, by George Pyo]

Saturday, October 28

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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 28

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

Sunday October 29

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

[+Mario Pieraccini, by Barbara & John Havrilla]