



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
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Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
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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 October 29

Troitsja: *Cierra Goral*

Bulletins: *Issabella Crum & Christina Goral*

Sunday November 5

100th Anniversary Liturgy—Special Schedule will be announced



Encountering and Conquering Evil...

Today's Gospel is among the numerous occasions on which Christ encounters the forces of evil. "Demons" may suggest to us curious images often associated with Halloween. We might imagine something comic in their presentation. Yet the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church have always maintained that there are personal forces of evil, identified as demons. They are malicious of their own will, not by their creation.

And so what is portrayed in today's Gospel lesson has to do with a reality present in our world and in our lives as well. We see in the Gospel the effects of such evil when it is allowed to enter a human life. Here a human being has been distorted and maligned, bearing the consequences of such evil influences. This can happen, however, only when a person willfully allows it and cooperates with the evil one.

And always, as this Gospel affirms, Christ has the power to overcome and conquer evil, in all of its forms. After Jesus expels the demon, the man is shown "*sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind*" [Luke 8:35]. He is restored to his dignity as one created in the image and likeness of God. Even more, Jesus "commissions" him as a witness: "*Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you*". [Luke 8:39]

These words are directed to each of us who experience Christ's presence and power in our life of faith, and particularly in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday. We, too, are to be witnesses to Christ's power over evil and of God's presence and goodness in the world.

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

A Covered Dish Social this weekend-- **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 invites everyone in the parish to pray for vocations and encourage others that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the narthex to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home.

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

The *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy* which is celebrated by the Metropolitan Archbishop includes a more solemn rite of entrance into the Church and the altar for the Metropolitan and clergy. It begins with the Metropolitan and clergy assembled in the center of the nave where the Archbishop's throne is placed. The Archbishop blesses with a *three-branch* and *two-branch* candle in either hand. These represent the principal mysteries of our faith—the *Trinity* and the *Incarnation* [the two natures of Christ--Divine and human]. At the small entrance with the Gospel book, the Metropolitan Archbishop enters the altar, followed by all the clergy.

Parish 100th Anniversary -- Sunday, November 5

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

Followed by Anniversary Banquet.

Next Sunday, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul parish, a momentous and historic occasion. Please remember that the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 3:00 pm is the only Liturgy that day. Also, please take note of the following reminders for next Sunday:

- If you have not yet returned your **RSVP** card or did not receive an invitation, please call the rectory *as soon as possible*. We will be happy to include.
- **Desserts**--Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert [of your choice] for the dessert table, to add to the menu for this festive occasion. If you can bring the desserts earlier in the day on Sunday [morning or early afternoon] this would help in arranging the dessert table.
- On Tuesday, October 31 at 9:00 am the tables will be set up for the banquet in the church hall. If you can come to help, please do so.
- **Altar Servers** will practice for the Hierarchical Liturgy Saturday, November 4, at 10:00 am.
- On Sunday, November 5 at 10:00 am, **Altar Servers** and **Cantors/Choir** will practice for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy later that day.
- An arrangement of photos from the life and history of the parish is being prepared. These will be displayed in the social room for the Anniversary celebration. If you can help to identify and arrange the photos for display, please let Father Jim know.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

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**.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Andrew Majer** who has fallen asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, October 25. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Dorothy; his sons Andrew and Mark, and to all of his family. The Parastas Service is at 5:30 pm on Sunday and the Service of Christian Burial on Monday at 10:00 am at Matthew Decort Funeral Home.

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+ Reverend Monsignor Victor G. Romza**, a retired priest of the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, October 23.

Parish Advisory Council Minutes

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

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- For the *Hierarchical Liturgy* on Sunday, November 5 there will be a booklet which includes the order and responses for the parts particular to the Hierarchical Liturgy. It will also include the Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost [November 5]*, Resurrection Troparion Tone 5, [p. 146-148].
- The “*Our Father*”, Tone 5 may be found on p.70.
- 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 *Frank Yetsko* [Memorial Hospital]; *Elaine Kachmar* of St. Mary', Beavertdale; *Margaret Prudhoe* of St. Mary', Beavertdale [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 a donation to Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage In memory of **+Alick Prudhoe**, from **1st Summit Bank**, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Portage Public Library Fall Feast

Portage Public Library is hosting a *Fall Feast* Sunday, November 5, from 12pm-3pm at Bethany United Methodist Church 700 Farren Street, Portage

Included for the event are a Basket raffle, spaghetti dinner, 50/50 raffle. Spaghetti dinner tickets are: adult: \$6.00 kids: \$3.00 (12 and under) basket tickets \$5.00 (sheet of 25/ door prize).

Moleben Service for Causes of Canonization of Four Holy Hierarchs

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 is *today, Sunday, October 29*, 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

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. Contact Fr. Jim, or online registration at www.bcs.edu.

Fall Basket Auction

GCU Lodge 93 **Fall Basket Auction** 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
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- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Church of the Brethren Home, Windber:** Anna Garanich

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5

A reminder that Daylight savings time will come to an end on Sunday, Nov. 5. Remember to set your clocks **back** by one hour. This "fall back" will take place at 2:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Liturgical Schedule 22nd Week after Pentecost — October 29, 2017

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]

Monday, October 30

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, October 31

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, November 1

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Jerry Kinback, by Steve & Janie Fleck]

Thursday, November 2

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Olshavsky, by Kathy Sekerak]

Friday, November 3

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, November 4

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

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Saturday November 4

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [Anna Andrykovitch, by John Slivenik]

Sunday November 5

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