



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
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

<u>Sunday October 8</u>	Troitsja: <i>Christina Goral</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Issabella Crum & Evan Lenz</i>
<u>Sunday October 15</u>	Troitsja: <i>Ryan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Ryan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey</i>
<u>Sunday October 22</u>	Troitsja: <i>Hunter Whitcomb</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral</i>



The Son of the Widow of Nain

Only the Gospel of St Luke records this scene highlighting the widow's hopeless situation and Jesus' compassionate response. She has neither husband nor other sons and therefore no means of support. She would possibly be a dependent in another relative's household, and therefore little more than a servant. If she lacked even that, she would be a beggar.

Besides losing her independence, the woman also lost whatever joy there was in her life. St. Gregory of Nyssa drew attention to this aspect of her sorrow when he wrote, "Anyone who is not a complete stranger to natural feeling can easily see how great is the grief expressed here. To him alone had she struggled to give birth. Him alone had she nursed at her breast. He alone made her table cheerful. He alone made her home happy. In play, in work, in learning, in gaiety, at processions, at sports, at gatherings of youth--he alone was all that was sweet and precious in a mother's eyes. Now at the age of marriage, he was the stock of her race, the shoot of its succession, and the staff of her old age. Imagine, then, his mother's sorrow! Would not her heart be consumed as if by fire." [[On the Making of Man](#)]

In compassion Jesus brings the young man back to life, as he did Jairus' daughter and his beloved friend Lazarus. This was an act of resuscitation: of restoration to physical life. On one level it would point to Christ's prophetic role, looking back to the raising by Elijah of a widow's only son at Zarephat [[1 Kings 7:8-24](#)]. On both occasions the people's response is, "A great prophet has risen among us!"

The Church points to these resurrections as indications of Christ's victory over death, which would be sealed with His own resurrection. His resurrection would go beyond any of these revivals, bringing Him and us to a share in the eternal life of the Trinity.

[From [Revelation in Color Icon Pamphlet](#), pp. #35 God With Us Publications

Many, Happy Years!

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to **Branden Richard Williams** and **Arielle Raylin Crum** who were united in the Mystery of Crowning in Marriage at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Portage on Saturday, October 8.

"O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless your servants who through your providence are united in the common life of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into your kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach."

[Blessing, *Holy Mystery of Crowning in Marriage*]

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

Today we will bless the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon* Program. The *Pilgrim Vocation Icon* Program is a special effort of Prayer for Vocations for all of the Byzantine Catholic Churches in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics and sisters. We need people like you to pray for and encourage them.

Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the narthex. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Fr. Jim.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + **Edward J. "Moose" Pyo** who has fallen asleep in the Lord on October 5, 2017. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Jane; his children Father Edward J. Pyo Jr.; Tony; Brenda; and Cynthia; to his brother George; and to all of his family. The Parastas Service is at 7:30 pm on Sunday at Serenko-Claar Funeral Home. The Funeral Liturgy is on Monday at 11:00 am.

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + **Alex Prudhoe** of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale who fell asleep in the Lord on October 1. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his mother, Margaret; his sisters Cathy and Sharon; and to all of his family.

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Offering

We gratefully acknowledge your response to the appeal for those affected by *Hurricanes Harvey and Irma*: Saints Peter and Paul, Portage: \$1,510.00; Saints Mary, Beaverdale: \$150.00; and Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo: \$20.00. Offerings were sent to the Archeparchy and will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA, the domestic relief agency of the United States Catholic Church Catholic.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost [October 15]***, Resurrection Troparion Tone 2, may be found on p. 130-132; and for the ***Sunday of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council*** on p. 263-264.
- The "Our Father", Tone 2 may be found on p.67.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Margaret Prudhoe** of St. Mary', Beaverdale [Arbutus Park Manor]; **Anna Garanich** [Church of the Brethren Home, Windber]; **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.

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*** that on Sunday November 5, the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 3:00 pm will be the only Liturgy that day. There will not be the usual 9:00 am Divine Liturgy that day.
- ***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.***
- *If you did not receive an invitation, please call the rectory so that we may send one to you.*
- When you complete your **RSVP** card, you may include others— out of town family members, relatives, friends— on your **RSVP** card.
- You may place the **RSVP** card in the return envelope and put in the offering basket at church, or you may return by mail. Please enclose the appropriate amount for the dinner[s]. We have tried to keep the cost as modest as possible so that families with children may attend.
- The next meeting to plan for this observance is **Thursday, October 23** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. We will prepare Table and seating arrangements at this meeting. If you would like to help with this celebration, please come.
- The **Work Party** for October will be adjusted for preparations for the Parish 100th Anniversary celebration. There will be dates later in October that will be listed in the coming weeks

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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 retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Contact Fr. Jim, or use the online registration at www.bcs.edu.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the ***Fatima Devotions*** on **Friday, October 13**, 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the Choir from Saint John the Evangelist of Altoona and the sermon will be delivered by **Bishop Mark Bartchak**. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

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.

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.

Byzantine Spirituality Conference

The annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, November 4, 2017 9:30AM-3:00PM, on the: "*The Diversity of Gods Blessings*". These presentations will be offered: **Challenging Issues for Eastern Catholics in America**; **The Charism of Hospitality**; and **Handing on the Faith** by Professor Michael P. Krom. The registration fee is: \$35 per person (includes lunch); parish table of 5 or more: \$25 per person. For information: call 412-322-8773. Registration form at www.archpitt.org, link ORE. There are brochures in the narthex

"Night at the Races" in Gallitzin

St. Demetrius Church in Gallitzin is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on October 21 at the church's Social Hall located at the rear of 616 Church St. in Gallitzin. Doors open at 5:00 pm and races will start at 6:00 pm. \$25 donation will get you a horse (while they last) for one race and admission for you and a guest. \$15 will get you a horse plus admission for one person. \$10.00 will get a single admission only. Individual betting on races and various small games of chance will be available throughout the evening. Eat-in meal and refreshments will be available to patrons. To reserve your horse, please call Brenda Smithmyer at 207-5894.

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 Nezeski
- **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

Liturgical Schedule 19th Week after Pentecost — October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 7

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[+Catherine Selepak, by Carol, Ron and Kathy Selepak]

Sunday October 8

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 9

Portage **11:00 AM**

Funeral Liturgy +Edward J. "Moose" Pyo

Tuesday, October 10

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, October 11

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Helen McCall, by Robert Thompson]

Thursday, October 12

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Ann Mazur, by Fred & Betty Tutsock]

Friday, October 13

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, October 14

Portage 1:00 pm

Mystery of Crowning in Marriage

Douglas Wayne Eckenrode and Katie Lynn Czapp

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Saturday October 14

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Edward Kollar, by Family]

Sunday October 15

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy