



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.

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### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

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| <b><u>Sunday November 12</u></b>             | <u>Troitsja:</u> <i>Isabella Crum</i> | <u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey    |
| <b><u>Sunday November 19</u></b><br>Whitcomb | <u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz            | <u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Hunter             |
| <b><u>Sunday November 26</u></b>             | <u>Troitsja:</u> Sydney Leturgey      | <u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Christian Goral |



### **Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Thank You**

Last Sunday's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary observance was a memorable event. We have received many very positive commendations on each aspect of the celebration—the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the participation in the singing; the festive gathering and delicious meal that followed; and the very fine spirit of hospitality and celebration throughout the afternoon and evening.

There was a wonderful display of desserts; thanks to all who brought desserts and helped create such an array of enjoyable items.

A beautiful cake designed and decorated as a replica of Saints Peter and Paul Church was a delightful surprise. Our thanks to **Jessica M. Pawvluk** and **JMP Cake Designs** for this creative and artistic contribution to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have frozen this cake and will show and serve it at the Parish Saint Nicholas Celebration in December.

In addition, there are numerous other acknowledgements of the many volunteers and donations for this evening. These will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Thanks again to all for your cooperation, your presence and participation at the Divine Liturgy and banquet and for your generosity shown on this historic occasion.

### **Photo Display for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The arrangement of photos from the life and history of the parish displayed in the social room for the Anniversary celebration remains in place this morning. Please take an opportunity to view the display after the Divine Liturgy today, if you have not already done so.

### **The Philip's Fast – Preparation for Christmas**

The **Philip's Fast** [November 15 - December 24] is our journey to the Feasts of Christmas and Theophany. This period of forty days is set aside for the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Observance of this penitential season is voluntary.

### **Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program**

We are in need of parishioners to sign up for the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** Program to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic and religious life. The **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** program is an opportunity to have this icon in your home for the week to pray for and encourage vocations. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home.

**Prayer for Vocations** .O Lord, O Lord, ours are the only hands that can do your work. Ours are the only feet with which You can go about the world. Ours are the only eyes through which your compassion can shine upon a troubled world, for you have no body on earth.  
"For you are holy and we give glory to you, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and forever.  
Amen"

### **Giving Tree Project & Food Pantry Donations**

Our *Giving Tree* provides gifts at Christmas for children in need. When you select one of the decorations on the *Giving Tree* please sign on the list next to the tree [in the back of church], to keep track of the Christmas wish requests. The gifts are to be brought to Church by Sunday, December 10.

Also, during the Philip's Fast donations of canned goods and non-perishable food will be collected for either the **Portage Food Pantry** or to the **Forest Hills Food Pantry** [from Beaverdale and Dunlo]. *Please do not bring food past the expiration dates.* There will be containers in the narthex of each church where you may place your donations. Donations of cash may also be made.

### **Remembrance of Homebound Parishioners for Christmas**

Once again this year, a Christmas remembrance is being prepared for our homebound parishioners. To help us prepare gift bags for homebound parishioners, please consider donating suggested gift items: Seasonal/non-seasonal door decorations; tissues [dollar store boxes]; light scent body spray; word search books; lotions; lap blankets; shampoo. You may also have ideas of your own. There will be a box in the narthex of each church to collect these items.

Please bring gift items by Sunday, November 26. Thank you.

## **PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS**

### **Eternal Memory**

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Frank Yetsko** who has fallen asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, November 8. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Pauline; his children Paulette Fedorko; Frank Jr.; Susan O'Toole; Jerry; and Lori Murphy; his sister Marge Fleck; and to all of his family.

You are also asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Catherine Perich**, who is the Aunt of Deacon Daniel Perich and also the Aunt of Bishop John Kudrick, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Parma.

### **Parish Advisory Council Meetings**

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is **Monday, November 13**, at 7:00 in the conference room of the rectory. Included in today's bulletin are minutes of the previous meetings of Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Also included with the meeting minutes are copies of *Guidelines for Saint Mary's Cemetery*. These have been developed and reviewed by the Parish advisory Council over several meetings this past year. Thank you for your attention to these and your cooperation with these Cemetery Guidelines.

### **Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost**

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost [November 19]**, **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.

## Eastern Christian Formation Program...

Our *Eastern Christian Formation* classes will resume *this morning*. Students will have an opportunity to visit and examine the display of photos from the history of the parish prepared for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Also, there is a *Catechists' Meeting* today, Sunday November 12, following the ECF classes. Plans are being made for our parish Saint Nicholas celebration in December.

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Dorothy Majer* [Memorial Hospital]; *Elaine Kachmar* of St. Mary', Beavertdale; *Margaret Prudhoe* of St. Mary', Beavertdale; *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*; *Helena Ann Ditko*; *Cliff Inman*; *Shawn Crum*; infant *Carson James*; infant *Basil*; *Ellen Colwell*; *Archpriest Dennis Bogda*; *Father Edward Lucas*; and all the ill & homebound.

|              | <b>Oct 1</b> | <b>Oct 8</b> | <b>Oct 15</b> | <b>Oct 22</b> | <b>Oct 29</b> |
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| Portage:     | \$1,555.00   | \$1,389.00   | \$2,072.00    | \$1,526.00    | \$1,326.00    |
| Beavertdale: | \$ 298.00    | \$ 401.00    | \$ 420.00     | \$ 266.00     | \$ 365.00     |
| Dunlo:       | \$ 354.00    | \$ 214.90    | \$ 191.00     | \$ 85.00      | \$182.00      |

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### New Books from *Eastern Christian Publications*

*Eastern Christian* Publications, the publisher of our weekly bulletin covers, announces the following instructional materials. To order: call 703-691-8862 or go online: [www.olfoundation.net](http://www.olfoundation.net).

**NEW BOOKS** *A Table Tent of Icons* -- a self-standing table tent (4"x6") of 16 color icons of the major feasts. 20 pages. \$15.00.

*Silver Anniversary of the Eparchy (Diocese) of Pittsburgh*-- reprint of the commemorative book. 150 pages. \$25.00.

*Liturgy of the Word: History of the Divine Liturgy - Volume I* - by Juan Mateos, SJ. \$40.00.

*Forty Steps to Bethlehem* -- Daily meditations for the preparation for Christmas. 100+ pages with color icons. \$15.00.

*When Snoopy Met Scrooge: A Christmas Revelation*-- "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and Scripture. 220 pages. \$25.00. To order: call 703-691-8862 or go online: [www.ecpubs.com](http://www.ecpubs.com)

**NEW RECORDINGS:** *My Spiritual Journey* by Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia: 5 disks - CD \$25.00; DVD \$50.00. *Through the Years with Taft*: 10 disks - CD \$50.00; DVD \$100.00. *Through the Years with Kallistos: 10* disks - CD \$50.00; DVD \$100.00. *Orientate Lumen XXI (2017) Recordings:* "Chieti and Crete: 7 disks - CD \$35.00; DVD \$70.00.

*Orientate Lumen Conference Proceedings:* XI to XIV (2007-2010); XV to XXI (2011-2017); EuroEast II- III (2007 and 2010).

## **Christ The Saviour Seminary Bookstore Open House**

*Christ The Saviour Seminary Bookstore Christmas Open House* on Saturday, December 2, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. At **Christ The Saviour Seminary** 225 Chandler Avenue Johnstown, Pa 15906. Call 814-539-0116. If this is not a good day, call for an appointment icons, necklaces, and Christmas ornaments,

## **61<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Celebration**

The **61<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Celebration** is Sunday, December 3 at St. John's Cathedral, Munhall. The dinner benefits the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius. For tickets [adults: \$40; \$18 for 12 and under] contact Fr. Jim.

Also there is an additional fundraiser to benefit the Seminary. Raffle tickets for *twelve \$50 gift cards* to popular national restaurants and in addition *\$1,500 in cash* are available for \$10; each parish has received thirteen tickets. These are available through the parish office.

## **Resurrection Parish/Basket Party**

*Resurrection Parish Ladies Auxiliary* will be sponsoring a **Basket Party** on Sunday, November 12 at Christ the Savior reception hall 307 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Time: doors open at 12:30 pm. Cost: \$10.00 which will include lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes.

For tickets call the resurrection parish office at 539-5788, ext. #3 and ask for Joann.

## **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
  - **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
  - **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
  - **Church of the Brethren Home, Windber:** Anna Garanich
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## Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle this week offered at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, in memory of **+Mae Haschak**; requested by Patty Haschak.

## Liturgical Schedule 24<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost — November 12, 2017

### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday November 11

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Jo Ann Tiller, by Rick & Pauline Barelick]

#### Sunday November 12

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

#### Monday, November 13

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [Health of Helen A. Ditko, by Patrick & Joan Ditko]  
6:30 PM **Compline**—Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, November 14

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**  
[+Edward "Moose" Pyo—40<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance, by Jane Pyo & family]

#### Wednesday, November 15

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Thursday, November 16

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Edward Nezeski, by Emilie Nezeski & Family]

#### Friday, November 17

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Saturday, November 18

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

### Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday November 18

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Frank Albert, by Marie & Marty Johnson]

#### Sunday November 19

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