



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

Sunday November 5

Jr. high & high school student volunteers

Troitsja: *Christian Goral* Liturgy Booklets & Bulletins:

Sunday November 12

Leturgy

Troitsja: *Isabella Crum* Bulletins: Evan Lenz & Sydney



Parish 100th Anniversary -- Sunday, November 5

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

Followed by Anniversary Banquet.

Today, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul parish, a momentous and historic occasion. The presence of Metropolitan William in celebrating the **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** highlights the significance of this occasion. He blesses with a *three-branch* [Trikirion] and *two-branch* [Dikirion] candle in either hand. As he does so he invokes God's favor upon the Church and on our parish community.

A note of thanks to **Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Windber** for donating twelve nut and twelve poppy-seed rolls for today's celebration; The flowers in front of the icons in church were donated by **Kathy Sekerak** in memory of the Sekerak and Miterko families; and by **Larry and Mary Kay Summerville** in memory of +John and +Delores Hollop. The loaf of bread presented to Metropolitan William at the formal welcome was baked by **Carol Goral**.

There will be additional acknowledgements for today's Anniversary Celebration in next Sunday's bulletin.

Photo Display for 100th Anniversary

An arrangement of photos from the life and history of the parish is displayed in the social room for the Anniversary celebration. Please take an opportunity today to visit the display. The photo display will remain in place through next Sunday, November 12. It will be available for you to visit after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 12.

A note of thanks to **Jacqueline & Amber Gordon** for their time and work in arranging the photos for this display. Thanks also to all who have provided photos and made them available for this presentation.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Carol Goral** will have 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.

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

The: **Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers** is observed this week on Wednesday, November 8. The angels assist us and accompany us in countless ways—many unknown to us—in the path and journey of salvation. They are guides, guardians, intercessors. We join with them in worship in the *Thrice Holy Hymn*: "Holy, Holy, Holy" at the Divine Liturgy.

***Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great
Glory to Jesus Christ!***


Very Reverend and dear Father Jim and Saints Peter and Paul Parish Family,
Together with all the Sisters of our Province, I offer to each of you warm congratulations and heartfelt best wishes on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of your parish. What a glorious occasion of thanksgiving and joy it is for all of you to celebrate this significant milestone!

Steeped in the cherished traditions of our Byzantine Catholic faith, in their faith life and spiritual heritage, your founders made many sacrifices so that their dream of a place of worship would be realized. Each time you gather in this magnificent temple, all of you share in this beautiful reality.

With you, we honor the faith and fidelity to God which has been handed down to you as a sacred treasure. Today, you now reap the harvest of those seeds of faith planted so thinly those many years ago. We rejoice with you and we celebrate the gifts which God has graciously given to you as a parish family.

May your patrons, St. Peter and St. Paul protect each of you as you continue to live in the faith and traditions of our beautiful Byzantine heritage. Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may you continue to glorify God by joyfully sharing the Good News for many blessed years!

Cordially in the love of Jesus,



Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM Provincial

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Edward Nezeski** who has fallen asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, November 1. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Emilie; his daughters Lisa; Celeste; and Patrice; his sisters June Nezeski and Audrey Benton; his brother John and to all of his family. The Funeral Liturgy is on Monday at 10:00 am.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers*** Wednesday, November 8 may be found on p. 265-266.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost [November 12]***, Resurrection Troparion Tone 6, may be found on p. 152-153].
- The “*Our Father*”, Tone 6 may be found on p.71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Feast of St. Michael and All the Angelic Powers: "O Archangel Michael, you are like a flaming fire, and your godliness is awesome. By your bodiless nature you cross the ends of the earth, fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all. You also make your Church a fountain of healings. You are venerated because of your holy calling." [Stichera of Vespers for the Feast]

This Week

On Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 am the tables and chairs that were set up for the banquet in the church hall will be taken down. The hall will also be prepared for ECF classes next Sunday. If you can come to help, you are most welcome.

Eastern Christian Formation Program...

Our ***Eastern Christian Formation*** classes will resume next Sunday, November 12. Students will have an opportunity to visit and examine the display of photos from the history of the parish prepared for today's 100th Anniversary.

This Week...

Tuesday, November 7 is ***Election Day***. Remember to vote and to exercise your responsibility as a citizen. We seek to do so in a conscientious and prayerful way.

We honor Veterans on ***Veteran's Day--Saturday, November 11***--remembering their sacrifices and expressing our gratitude for their service. We pray for strength and peace of mind and that the Lord support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age.

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 ***Thomas Civic*** of Wescosville, Pennsylvania.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage In memory of ***+Edward [Moose] Pyo***, from ***Jane Pyo*** and ***Family***; and from ***Richard*** and ***Katherine Yancosek*** of Pittsburgh.

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).

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](tel:814-539-8841); or [814-539-8613](tel:814-539-8613) for information or to place orders

Christ The Saviour Seminary Bookstore Open House

Christ The Saviour Seminary Bookstore Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 2, 2017 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 Christmas ornaments,

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.

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 Nezeski
- **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

Liturgical Schedule 23rd Week after Pentecost — November 5, 2017

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 4

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

Sunday November 5

Portage 3:00 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
100th Anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul
Byzantine Catholic Church--Portage

Monday, November 6

Portage **10:00 AM** Funeral Liturgy +Edward Nezeski

Tuesday, November 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

Wednesday, November 8

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Joseph Raptosh]
Beaverdale **6:00 PM** Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 9

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, November 10

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, November 11

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

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