



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 January 14 Troitsja Hunter Whitcomb

Bulletins: Issabella Crum & Evan Lenz

Sunday January 21 Troitsja Christina Goral

Bulletins: Sydney Leturgey & Ryan Lenz

Sunday January 28 Troitsja Issabella Crum

Bulletins: Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral



The Sunday of Zacchaeus

The encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus, an apparently wealthy tax collector of the city of Jericho, provides the Gospel lesson for today. Zacchaeus is likely a lonely and isolated member of his community. Most people held tax-collectors with a low opinion, since they were presumed to be dishonest and greedy.

That Zacchaeus is short of stature is sometimes seen symbolic of his spiritual defects. And yet he makes the effort to see Jesus. When he climbs up the sycamore tree, he demonstrates a desire to rise above his spiritual malaise. He sees in Jesus a source of hope for him.

Perhaps Zacchaeus was not the cold and calculating man he was presumed to be. Instead he is someone in search of that "something missing" in his life. He may not have been able to identify what that "something missing" was. But he perceived that this Jesus was someone who could offer the answer, help him find the elusive aim of his search.

Zacchaeus came to be enlightened and was willing to have the change of heart which is the key to repentance. This Gospel lesson hopefully encourages each of us on the same path.

All Souls Commemoration for 2018

The first *All Souls Commemoration* is **Saturday, February 3 [Meatfare Saturday]**. There is an envelope provided for the All Souls Commemoration in your packet of offering envelopes. Please use this envelope to enter names of deceased family members or relatives who are to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays. You may also confirm or renew your list of previous years.

Returning this envelope at your earliest convenience will be helpful in updating and maintaining the All Souls listing.

The Byzantine Catholic World

Since 1955 the *Byzantine Catholic World [BCW]* has been the definitive source of news pertinent to the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and an invaluable historical chronicle of events in the life of our Church. The **BCW** is published once-a-month and provides news of our Archeparchy, its parishes, and of the church throughout the world. Also included are articles on the faith and spirituality of the Byzantine Catholic Church and other topics of importance.

The annual subscription rate is \$14. There is an envelope in your packet of offering envelopes dated January 28 which you may use to begin or renew your annual subscription. *Thank you!*

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, *Patty Haschak* 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 for the week to pray for and encourage vocations. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon.



Coffee Social for January-- *TODAY*

The January *Coffee and Donut Social* is *TODAY--Sunday--January 14*, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the coffee and refreshments.

Eastern Christian Formation Classes Resume Today

Our *Eastern Christian Formation* classes resume today, Sunday, January 14 following our vacation of the Christmas and Theophany feasts.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings

Statements of 2017 parishioner offerings for each parish will be prepared in the next few weeks and are to be made available by the end of January.

If you have need of your 2016 offerings sooner, please call the rectory office [814-736-9780] or send e-mail request to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net

Church Kitchen Project-

A project to organize, identify and arrange kitchen equipment and supplies began last Wednesday, January 10. The project will continue this week, on Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 AM. Items that are no longer useful or needed will be advertised and offered for sale.

A note of thanks to those who came to volunteer. You are welcome to come and lend a hand if you are available. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

"Lost and Found"

A variety of clothing items—*gloves, hats, etc.*—have accumulated in our "*Lost and Found*" collection. Among these is a man's coat [fall/winter] found in the hall during the preparations for the 100th Anniversary. These items are in the usher's room.

You are welcome to inspect them to determine if any belong to you or your family. Please do so by Sunday, January 28. *Items not claimed* by Sunday, January 28 will be donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Thank you for your cooperation.

Blessing of Homes

To request the blessing of your home by Father Jim, please fill out this form, and place it in the offering basket or return by mailing it. In arranging an appointment, try to make it a convenient time for family members to be at home. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table. Copies of the service for the blessing of the home will be provided for you to participate in this prayer.

I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

A Note of Grateful Acknowledgment...

I would like to acknowledge gratefully all who shared in the many details of our celebration of the feasts of the Nativity of our Lord and Theophany over recent weeks. A note of thanks to those in each parish who helped decorate, those who care for the altar and sacristy, cantors and choir, ushers, servers. Thanks you also for your cards and other remembrances during the Christmas and Theophany feasts and holidays.

Many, Happy Years

Please remember in your prayers **Deacon Vitalii Stashkevych** who is being ordained a priest for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh by Metropolitan William today, Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall.

Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Mildred Fedore**, of Saint Mary in Beavertdale, who fell asleep in the Lord this week. The funeral is on Wednesday. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her son Robert and to all of her family.

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Father Edward Lucas**, a retired priest of the Archeparchy who had been pastor of Saint Mary's in Weirton, West Virginia, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 7, 2018.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Stephen Loya**, the son of the late Father Stephen Loya and brother of Father Daniel and the late Father John who fell asleep in the Lord January 5.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost & Tridion

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts for **Sunday, January 21 Resurrection Troparion Tone 8**, may be found on p. 161-163; and for the **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee** on p. 215.
- The "Our Father", in **Tone 8** may be found on p. 73. Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns, and other alternate melodies etc.

Memorial Donations...

We gratefully acknowledge donations to Saint Peter & Paul, Portage:

- In memory of **+Frank Yetsko**: from Family of Frank Yetsko; also, from Diane Kinback; Ed & Carol Goral; Steve & Marge Fleck; Steve & Jane Fleck; Darlene Beck.

Also, we gratefully acknowledge donations to Saint Peter & Paul, Dunlo:

- In memory of **+Catherin Perich** from Katherine Sabol of Concord Ohio.
- In memory of **+George & +Ann Valko**; and deceased members of the **+John & +Catherine Valko Family** and **+Michael & +Sue Single Family** from Katherine Sabol of Concord Ohio.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Elaine Kachmar; Alina Rusnak; George Yatsky; Barbara Raptosh; Kathryn Mackovyak; Pauline Barelich; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Shawn Crum; infant Carson James; infant Basil; Ellen Colwell; Archpriest Dennis Bogda;; Father Paul Tigyer; Trevor & Tiffany** who have asked for prayers for their pre-born baby; and all the ill & homebound.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of **+Fred Tutsock**, requested by Margaret & John Puch.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Daily Email Prayers from Eastern Christian Publications

Eastern Christian Publications, supplier of our Sunday Bulletin covers, is offering daily email prayer service for Morning and Evening Prayer, including the 1st, 3rd 6th and 9th Hours; and Daily Vespers (not Sundays or Feast days) for FREE. Go to their website <http://ecpubs.com/byzantine-daily-office-bdo/> and sign up. This subscription service includes all the changeable parts you need according to the Byzantine Liturgical Calendar in various PDF files viewable on any portable device

Computer- And Internet-Based Education Program for Cantors

The Metropolitan Cantor Institute now offers a computer- and Internet-based education program for cantors, with classes offered on a regular schedule throughout the year. It is not too late to sign up for the 8-week **Introduction to Church Singing class**, which covers:

the role of the cantor; fundamentals of music theory and sight-singing
basic vocal technique psalms, basic responses, and litanies in our chant tradition
the spirit of our chant

Later courses cover the Divine Liturgy, the Eight Tones, Vespers, and special services. Except for the free **Introduction to Liturgy** and **Introduction to the Typikon** courses, each course uses regular recorded singing by students, with feedback from cantors and professional voice teachers, to help students learn or improve their knowledge and performance of church singing.

For more information, contact **Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski** (412 735-1676); mci@archpitt.org; or go to <http://mci.archpitt.org/MCI>.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura; Catherine Czapp **St. Michael (South Fork):** Michelle Maskal; **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
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich

A Prayer for Vocations...

“O Lord, O Lord, God of the harvest, Your word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community and invites us to generous service to the human family. Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one body of Christ. May many choose to respond in service to your call, in the vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and the monastic and religious life. With gratitude for your call to us, we give glory to you, the eternal Father, your son our Lord Jesus Christ, and your all holy and life-creating Spirit.”

Liturgical Schedule 33rd Week after Pentecost — January 14, 2018

Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost--Sunday of Zacchaeus *Leave-taking of the Feast of Theophany*

Saturday January 13

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

Sunday January 14

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+John Havrilla, by Barbara & John Havrilla]

Monday, January 15

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, January 16

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, January 17

Portage **10:00 AM** Funeral Liturgy +*Mildred Fedore*

Thursday, January 18

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour [+Fred Tutsock, by Alice Ference]
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 19

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Saturday January 20

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

Sunday January 21

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
[For the Protection of Human Life on the occasion of the Annual March for Life—January 22, by Julie Brenna]