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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 March 4 Troitsja Cierra Goral
Sunday March 11 Troitsja Christina Goral
Sunday March 18 Troitsja Issabella Crum

Bulletins: Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz
Bulletins: Hunter Whitcomb & Ryan Lenz
Bulletins: Cierra Goral & Christina Goral



The Lenten Journey

On this **Third Sunday** of the Great Fast the message of the Cross of our Lord is highlighted. In the Gospel for this **Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross** the meaning of the Cross is applied in a very personal way. The Gospel reading opens with Jesus proclaiming, "If any man would come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" [Mark 8:24]. This is essential to being a follower of Jesus. And the task of taking up one's Cross takes on a new level of meaning during Lent.

Also, this week on Friday, March 9 we celebrate the memory of the **Forty Martyrs of Sebaste**. The account of their martyrdom is particularly inspiring. They were sentenced to spend a winter night exposed on a frozen lake. In the morning it was discovered that they were still alive. Their legs were then broken and they were thrown into a fire, with the ashes thrown into the river. Their endurance of the extremes of ice and fire encourages us in our Lenten efforts.

Lenten Study and Reflection Series Continues TODAY...

Classes of study and reflection during the Great Fast on the **Gospel of Saint Matthew** continues **TODAY--Sunday, March 4** from 4:00-5:30 pm. Sessions are planned for every other Sunday and continue after Pascha: Sundays March 4, 18; and April 8. Participants are asked to bring a Bible. *Please consider coming to this opportunity to instruct and build up the faith of our parish communities...and bring a friend!*

Daylight Saving Time...

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday 11 March at 2 AM.

Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead next Saturday evening.

Fourth All Souls Commemoration

Saturday, March 10, is the **Fourth All Souls Commemoration**. We pray for the deceased and remember by name parishioners and family members, at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on Saturday morning and at the Vigil Liturgy and Panachida in Beaverdale on Saturday evening.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Bob & Holly Koban** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic religious life. The **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** program is an opportunity to have this icon for the week to pray for and encourage vocations.

The list for the coming months is in the narthex.



Coffee Social for March – TODAY

There is a **Coffee and Donut Social** today--Sunday, March 4, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the coffee and refreshments.

Holy Mystery of Repentance—Confession.

There is opportunity weekly during the Great Fast for Confession, prior to the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday and Friday and at the scheduled times on Saturday.

On Thursday, March 22 Confessions will be available at 7:00 pm. **Fr. Brian Warchola** from Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Saint Michael will be here to assist with Father Jim.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Shawn Crum; Steve Fleck; Eric Miller; Elizabeth Maskal; Anna Bridge; Elaine Kachmar; Alina Rusnak; George Yatsky; Barbara Raptosh; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Carson James; Basil; Father Paul Tigyer; Father John Mina** [Mount Macrina Manor]; and all the ill & homebound.

Also, belated prayerful best wishes to **Pauline Valko** of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo, who celebrated her **101st Birthday** on Monday, February 13. Birthday greetings may be sent to her at: **Forest Hills Personal Care, 313 Humbert Road, Sidman, PA 15955**. Many, happy years!

Welcome...

We extend a warm welcome to **Lillian Kozloski**, from Homewood Estates Village who is visiting today for the Divine Liturgy, and also to **Pam Walter** who accompanied her.

Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Andrew Lysic**, the brother of Jane Pyo, who fell asleep in the Lord on February 26. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Jane and to all of her family. Also, please pray for the soul of **+Father Frank G. Eles** a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic who fell asleep in the Lord on February 26.

Liturgical Chant –The Great Fast

- **2009 Edition of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** includes propers for the first day; Wednesdays, and Fridays for all weeks of the Fast. Pages are given before the service.
- On the **Sundays of the Great Fast**, the *Typical Psalms* [p. 16-17] replace the First and Second Antiphons; the *Beatitudes* [p. 23-24] are sung in place of the Third Antiphon. The responses for the Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great are on p. 96-100.
- For the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Friday, March 9, a handout will be provided with Stichera for the commemoration of the **Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste**.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Fourth All Souls Saturday** [March 10] are on p. 428; and for the Panachida on p. 432.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, March 11, Resurrection Troparion Tone 7**, are on p. 156-158; and for the **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast** on page 226-227.
- The "Our Father", in Tone 7 may be found on p. 72.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns, alternate melodies etc.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March

- The **Church Cleaning** for March is scheduled for **Monday, March 5**, at **9:00 am**.
- Thanks once again to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Supporting Seminarians, Remembering Loved Ones

The following is a news release provided by the **Community Foundation for the Alleghenies**. We are happy to acknowledge the educational foundations established by parishioner **Michael Mazur**, including his generous fund in support of seminary education at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh.

When Michael Mazur's wife Alice died in February of 2016, his life changed – and so did his outlook. "After my wife passed, money didn't mean too much anymore," the Lilly resident said. "I wanted to give away everything and put it to good use. That's the way I want to live my life now.

Mazur, turned to the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in Johnstown for help in making his philanthropic wish a reality. CFA manages a wide variety of charitable funds that distribute grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to students.

Mazur has created three endowment funds through the Community Foundation. The Alice McGivney Mazur Memorial Scholarship Fund awards students who plan to study education, as Alice did. The second is named after his Mazur's sister – the Ann Mazur Memorial Scholarship Fund also provides scholarships to students, especially those in financial need. Mazur's latest fund is the Anna and Michael Mazur, Sr. and Margaret and Chester McGivney, Sr. Memorial Fund, which was created to help support seminary education at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh.

Distributions from the fund will be made annually to the seminary, beginning in January of 2019, which will then use the funding to help support students most in financial need. "I wanted to get some young men interested in the priesthood to build the church up," said Mazur. "I'd like to see the church prosper and continue into the future."

The seminary is happy to help support Mazur's philanthropy. "The Byzantine Catholic Seminary is blessed by the support of many thoughtful benefactors," said seminary rector, Very Rev. Robert M. Pipta. "Mr. Mazur's goal of assisting needy seminarians with their educational expenses should bring much appreciated relief to eparchial seminarian burses and to those seminarians who are required to shoulder even a portion of their tuition costs. The Seminary is pleased to coordinate these most generous and magnanimous funds for the good of our sponsoring eparchies and their seminarians."

The fund is named in memory of Mazur's parents and his wife's parents. "I like to see their memory preserved – maybe I'm sentimental that way," he said. "Once you're gone, you're gone. You have to leave something behind to do some good in this world. I don't want them to be forgotten."

Since the fund is a permanent endowment, it will continue to provide for the seminary into perpetuity, doing good far into the future.

"The bible says it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven," said Mazur, who attends Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Portage. "Well, I'm not rich. I had a few dollars. And I gave them all away."

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Open House Sunday at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown

The Sisters of St. Basil invite you to an *Open House* Sunday, March 11, 2-4pm to celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week. The event will be held at the monastery at Mount St. Macrina, 500 W. Main Street, Uniontown. Enjoy displays, refreshments, door prizes and visits with the Sisters. Please **RSVP** by March 5 by calling the House of Prayer at 724-438-7149.

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Events

Lenten Morning of Prayer—Abraham, the Eucharist and Sacrifice: **Rev. Jason Charron**, on Saturday March 10, 9:15 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Includes lunch. Offering: \$35. *The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.* To register [by Mar. 5] or for information call 724-438-7149.

Annual Women's Retreat hosted at Christ the Saviour Seminary

The **14th Annual Women's Retreat hosted at Christ the Saviour Seminary** is on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 9:00 am-12:45 pm. The bookstore will be open after the conclusion of the day. To *rsvp* call Susan: 814-322-7677 or email: susanmm7@hotmail.com.

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]
- **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

Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast - 2018

Simple abstinence: Simple abstinence forbids the use of meat but permits the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Strict abstinence: Strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are to observe strict abstinence when prescribed. Strict abstinence (fast) is to be observed **on Great and Holy Friday March 30.**

Dispensations: Priests and parents are to ensure that minors are educated in the authentic sense of penance. Pastors with just cause and taking into account acceptable reasons due to personal circumstances, may grant to the individual faithful as well as to individual families, dispensations, transferals, or commutations of abstinence and strict fast into other pious practices.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week in memory of *+Joseph Simala*, requested by Marian Simala.

Liturgical Schedule 4th Week of the Great Fast— March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of the Great Fast--Veneration of the Holy Cross	
<u>Saturday March 3</u>	
Dunlo 5:00 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy Followed by Panachida and Reading of the Names of the Deceased
<u>Sunday March 4</u>	
Portage 9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Tyler Cimba, requested by Cimba Family]
Monday, March 5 No Lenten services scheduled	
Tuesday March 6 No Lenten services scheduled	
Wednesday, March 7	
Mid-Lent Simple abstinence and fasting required	
Portage 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions] Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts [+Edward Nezeski, requested by Emily Nezeski]
Thursday, March 8 No Lenten services scheduled	
Friday, March 9	
The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste Simple abstinence and fasting required	
Portage 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions] Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Fourth All Souls Saturday	
<u>Saturday March 10</u>	
Portage 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Portage 3:00 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast--Our Venerable Father John Climacus	
<u>Saturday March 10</u>	
Beaverdale 5:00 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy Followed by Panachida and Reading of the Names of the Deceased
<u>Sunday March 11</u>	
Portage 9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Joseph Krisko, requested by Carol Goral]