



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 April 15</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Issabella Crum
<u>Sunday April 22</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Issabella Crum	<u>Bulletins:</u> Sydney Leturgey & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday April 29</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Hunter Whitcomb

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!



The Ointment-bearers

“Jesus often went to Galilee where He performed many miracles. A group of holy women followed Him, ministering to Him out of their own resources. They even accompanied Him to the foot of the cross. On the morning of the third day after his death, they came to the tomb, bearing ointments they had prepared to embalm his body. Hence they are called the Ointment-bearing Women. Seven of them are known by name: Mary-Magdalen; Mary, mother of James and wife of Cleophas; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, a steward to Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Suzanna, and Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus.” [Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, p.874]

Week of the Ointment-bearers *“We honor those women who served Jesus throughout his ministry and who were faithful to him even to the Cross. After his burial, they came with love to anoint his most pure body and instead became the first witnesses of his resurrection. As we honor them, we also proclaim our faith in the resurrection and rejoice in his gift of life.”*

[Father David Petras, from *Typicon*, p. 37]

Annual “Mother’s Day/Father’s Day” Breakfast—Sunday, April 29

The *Annual “Mother’s Day/Father’s Day” Breakfast* will be Sunday, April 29 following the Divine Liturgy. A sign-up list is in the back of the church. ***Please sign up with your RSVP and the number in your family by Sunday, April 22.***

At the breakfast we will recognize high school and college Graduates of the class of 2018.

Graduates 2018

At the *Mother’s & Father’s Day Breakfast* [Sunday, April 29] we will also acknowledge ***Graduates of the Class of 2018*** from our parish family. Please submit the names of parishioners who are graduating in 2018 from high school, college, professional schools, etc. and include degrees earned and any special awards, recognitions, etc. Please place information in an envelope in the offering basket, or call the rectory [736-9780]. ***Please submit by Sunday, April 22.***



The Paschal Season

- We share the greeting ***“Christ is risen!”***, ***“Indeed He is risen!”*** from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

Deacon Retreat

Deacon Daniel Perich and his wife, Mary Lou, are participating in the Retreat for Deacons at Antiochian Village from April 13-15. Please remember in your prayers Deacon Daniel, Mary Lou, and the deacons of our Archeparchy and their wives this weekend.

Called by Name

Every parish throughout the Byzantine Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh is participating in **Called by Name**, a program of vocation awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in the priesthood, diaconate, monastic and religious life.

Perhaps you know a man or woman (senior high school age or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualifications to become a priest, a deacon a religious sister or monk. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination form [**Called By Name brochure inserted in today's bulletin**] and send it directly to Fr. Kevin E. Marks, the Director of Vocations for the Archeparchy.



Coffee Social for April

The **Coffee and Donut Social** for April is **TODAY--Sunday--April 15**, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. Plan to come to enjoy the refreshments and time with fellow parishioners next Sunday.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Marty** and **Marie Johnson** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic religious life. During **April, May and June**, parishioners of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo, are invited to sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to volunteer to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Meeting for Annual Festival

The next meetings to plan for the **Annual Festival** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 18** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. As was noted for previous years' Festival, we have need of people committed to assume responsibility for the various specific areas of the Festival. The date scheduled for this year's Festival is **Sunday, July 8, 2018**.

Liturgical Chant – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, April 22**, the ***Sunday of the Paralyzed Man*** may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from **pages 181-183**.
- The Magnification [The Angel Exclaimed] and the *Our Father* in the **Paschal Tone** are on **page 167**.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Donald Timura** [Memorial Hospital]; **Andrew Merva** [Maple Winds]; **Shawn Crum; Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters; Elizabeth Maskal; Alina Rusnak; George and Nancy Yatsky; Barbara Raptosh; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Father Paul Tigyer**; and all the ill & homebound.

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

A Covered Dish Social will be held **Saturday, May 5**, 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.*



Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **Sister Marie Petruska, OSBM** of Mount Saint Macrina who fell asleep in the Lord Wednesday, April 11 in the 76th year of her monastic life.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Byzantine Catholic Seminary—18th Annual Cyril & Methodius Lecture

Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin) will be the speaker at the 18th annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. He will speak on "**The Place of the Presence of God: Aphrahat of Persia's Portrait of the Christian Holy Man.**" The lecture will be held at St. John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120.

For information, please call the Seminary office at 412-321-8383 or visit the website www.bcs.edu.

Women's Day of Reflection

The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education 15th annual **Day of Reflection for Women** is **Saturday, May 5**, 9 am-2:30 pm, at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Munhall. The theme is "**Angels Build Bridges**". Speakers include *Samantha Scholl; Sr. Elise Mora OSG; and Penn State University Students*. *Auction of Baskets* will benefit local women's shelters. Use brochures in the narthex to register [by April 26] or call 412-322-8773. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

"Rejoice and Be Glad!" Presented by Archeparchial Choir

The **Archeparchial Choir** offers an inspirational presentation "**Rejoice and Be Glad**" at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall **Sunday, May 6** at 3:00 p.m. The program celebrates the glorious Resurrection in readings, hymns and songs.

A hospitality reception with light snacks and beverages will follow the program in the Cathedral's lower level. The Archeparchial Choir observes the 20th anniversary of its founding this year.

Spring Basket Auction

GCU Lodge 93 is sponsoring our annual **Spring Basket Auction** at Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, on Sunday, April 15, 11:30 am-3:00 pm.

The drawing begins at 3:00 pm 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

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally—July 5-8 2018 at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe

The **ByzanTEEN Youth Rally** will be July 5-8 2018—at **Saint Vincent College, Latrobe Pennsylvania**, on the theme, "**Who Is My Neighbor?**" Registration deadline: June 15 2018. The registration fee is \$310 [before May 1; or \$335 for May 1-June 16. Registration forms are available from Father Jim.

Please note: The website for the **ByzanTEEN Rally** listed on the posters has been compromised. Please DO NOT use this old rally website. A new rally website is being constructed. It will be launched as soon as possible. We regret this unfortunate situation.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Master of Arts in Theology Online Courses

This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its *Master of Arts in Theology* degree program with fully online courses. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty. In keeping with our mission statement, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" [Matthew. 28:20], Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma.

A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. Through Byzantine Online, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. More information can be found at online.bcs.edu.

Upcoming Programs at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer

Women's Discernment Retreat Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick April 20-22, 7:00 pm Fri - 11 am Sun. Offering: \$155. Commuters: \$145. Registration Due: April 16. The program will teach discernment skills and acquaint participants with the many aspects of religious life. Open to single, widowed and divorced women ages 30-50.

Candlelight Dinner for Married Couples, Thursday, April 26, 6:30-9:00 pm. Offering: \$70/couple Registration Due: April 20. Experience a lovely evening of music, dining, a silent auction and a heartwarming presentation in the atmosphere of a former 1903 Coal Baron's home.

Rural Conference for Cancer Survivors

The *Rural Conference for Cancer Survivors*, will be held Sat. May 5, at the *Living-Learning Center*, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. FREE admission and lunch. This day is designed especially for cancer survivors and their families, caregivers, advocates, and friends. The event includes speakers, panel discussions, interactive sessions, and exhibits from an array of organizations committed to helping improve the lives of cancer survivors. We hope you find the day informative and relaxing.

For more information or registration, there are brochures in the narthex.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura; Helen Zaher; **St. Michael (South Fork)**: Michelle Maskal; **St. Mary (Beaverdale)**: Nancy Andrako; Elaine Kachmar; 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 Ebsburg**: Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson**: Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael**: Anna Garanich
- **Maple Winds, Portage**: Andrew Merva

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week in memory of **+Georgianna Walters**, requested by Patty Haschak.

Liturgical Schedule Third Paschal Week—April 15, 2018

Third Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

Saturday April 14

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[+Elizabeth Andrykovitch, by Charles and Joan Plishka]]

Sunday April 15

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday April 16

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday April 17

Portage 7:50 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy

[+Andrew Lysic—40th Day Commemoration, by Jane Pyo]--rescheduled

Wednesday April 18

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday April 19

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday April 20

Portage 8:40 AM
9:00 AM

The Third Hour

Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Matt & Lori Murphy] --rescheduled

Saturday April 21

Portage 12:00 pm

Mystery of Crowning in Marriage

Michael Joseph Koban and ***Monika Elzbieta Goss***

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Fourth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Saturday April 21

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 22

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Joseph & +Anna Homa, by Jackie & Amber Gordon]