



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.

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

<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
<u>Sunday May 6</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Sydney Leturgey	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Issabella Crum

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



The Paralytic Man; Mid-Pentecost

The Week of the Paralytic: *"The pool of Bethesda did not have the power to heal the man paralyzed for thirty-eight years, but the pool of the waters of baptism, touched by Christ, risen from the dead, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the power to heal our souls of sin and bring us to eternal life. In the fourth week after Pascha we learn of the grace of baptism."*

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost: On Wednesday, April 25 we observe the mid-point of the Paschal season, halfway between Pascha and Pentecost. *"The giving of the Spirit unites the beginning and the end of the fifty day feast of our Lord. On Pascha, the Lord, the Giver of Life, breathed the Holy Spirit upon his apostles for the forgiveness of sin, and on Pentecost, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon his followers that the Gospel for the baptism of repentance might be preached to all nations. Through the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ in Holy Communion and are deified by his power. In the middle of the feast we celebrate all these wondrous works of God."* [Father David Petras, from Typicon, p. 38-39]

Also, on April 23 we celebrate the Feast of the **Holy Great Martyr George**. *Great Vespers with Litija* are on Sunday in Beaverdale at 5:00 pm. Divine Liturgy in Portage is on Monday at 9:00 am.

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.** You may also call the rectory [814-736-9780] or RSVP to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

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] or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.



Many, Happy Years!

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to **Michael Joseph Koban** and **Monika Elzbieta Goss** who were united in the Mystery of Crowning in Marriage at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Portage on Saturday, April 21.

"O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless your servants who through your providence are united in the common life of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into your kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach."

[Blessing, Holy Mystery of Crowning in Marriage]

Called by Name

The **Called by Name** program is an opportunity to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and 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 has the qualifications to become a priest, a deacon a religious sister or monk. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination form in the **Called By Name** brochure and send it directly to Fr. Kevin E. Marks, the Director of Vocations for the Archeparchy. The brochure was inserted in last Sunday's bulletin; copies of the brochure are in the narthex.

Welcome

This morning, **Very Reverend Robert Pipta** is with us for the Divine Liturgy. Father Robert is Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh and a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix. Please extend a kind welcome to Father Robert. We offer to him our prayerful support in his ministry in the formation of future priests and leaders in the church.

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.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Deacon Daniel** and **Mary Lou Perich** 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, Beavertdale 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

"Gob" Baking Project for Annual Festival

At the meeting the **Annual Festival** on Wednesday, April 18 a project to bake Gobs in preparation for the festival was planned. The Gobs will be frozen and sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival. The **Gob Baking Project** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16** in the church kitchen, beginning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help with this project.

The next meeting to plan for the **Annual Festival** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 23** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

The date scheduled for this year's Festival is **Sunday, July 8, 2018.**

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for the health of **Charles Martin Plishka**, requested by Charles and Joan Plishka.

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.*



Liturgical Chant –Paschal Season

- The Divine Liturgy for ***The Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George*** [Monday, April 23] may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from pages 181-183 and pages 332-334.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for ***Mid-Pentecost*** [Wednesday, April 25] may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from pages 183-185.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for ***next Sunday, April 29***, the ***Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*** may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from pages 186-188.
- 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; 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.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of ***+Carol Crum*** the mother of Chuck Crum, who fell asleep in the Lord on April 13. We express our prayerful support and deepest sympathy to Chuck, Launi, Arielle and Brandon, Siarra, and Issabella and to all of their family.

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.

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. Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. More information can be found at online.bcs.edu.

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. For cancer survivors, families, caregivers, 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. 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 Ebensburg:** 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

Liturgical Schedule Fourth Paschal Week—April 22, 2018

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]

Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George

Sunday, April 22

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Great Vespers with Litija

Monday, April 23

Portage 8:40 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday April 24

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday April 25

Mid Pentecost

Portage 7:40 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Helen Vrabel, by Sara & John Dalton]

Thursday April 26

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday April 27

Portage 7:40 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Mary Yetsko, by Karen & Bob Cehelnik]

Saturday April 28

Portage 3:00 PM
Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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Fifth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost

Saturday April 28

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

Sunday April 29

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+ Ed "Moose" Pyo by George Pyo, Brother]