



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
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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 May 13</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz
<u>Sunday May 20</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Hunter Whitcomb
<u>Sunday May 27</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Cierra Goral



The Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicene Council

“On this day, the Church celebrates the memory of the three hundred and eighteen God-bearing Fathers who attended the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325), in the course of which the Catholic doctrine of the Holy Trinity was defined. Arius (280-336), an arch-priest of Alexandria, had taught the heresy that the Son was not equal to the Father, being neither of the same essence nor infinite nor eternal; that He was a creature, the most perfect creature of God, but yet not God, and that consequently his Mother was not the Mother of God. Athanasius, Archbishop of Alexandria, opposed these errors with all his might. He eloquently exposed the true teaching, that the Word of God was indeed God in reality, and that through the incarnation He became a real man. The controversy raged throughout the Roman Empire, throwing it into a state of turmoil. Emperor Constantine decided to submit the matter to the judgment of the Universal Church, and so he called a general council that convened in Nicea. From the discussion came the Nicene Creed in which the answer to Arianism is expressed in the following passage : " I believe in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father.” [From Archbishop Joseph Raya, Byzantine Daily Worship, p. 887]

Happy Mother's Day!

Today we offer our love, gratitude, and deep appreciation to our Mothers. We pray for them to be renewed in fulfilling their vocation and for the gifts of health, peace and joy on this day set aside to honor them.

Our prayers for our deceased mothers are for the fullness of life in God's presence for those whose generosity and love brought us the gift of life.

And in a particular way we ask Mary the Theotokos, who brought the Divine Life into this world for our salvation, to inspire and protect our Mothers and all the Mothers in our parishes.

A ***Happy Mother's Day*** to all whom we honor and remember fondly and gratefully today.

Mysteries of Christian Initiation

On Saturday, May 12 ***Jocelyn Rose Zellam*** received the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist. She is the daughter of Josiah and Brittany Zellam. ***Many happy years!***

Today, Sunday, May 13 ***Jolene Abigail Forshey*** receives the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist. She is the daughter of Joel and Julie Forshey. ***Many happy years!***

“O Lord, our Master and God, call your servants to Your holy enlightenment, and count them worthy of this great gift of Your holy baptism. Wash away the old self, and give them a new birth into everlasting life. Fill them with the power of Your Holy Spirit that they may be one with Your Christ...” [Service of Holy Baptism and Chrismation]

Fifth All Souls Saturday

The *Fifth All Souls Saturday* is **Saturday, May 19**. *Vespers for the Deceased* will be on **Thursday, May 17** at 6:00 pm at Saint Mary, Beaverdale.

On **Saturday, May 19**, the Divine Liturgy with the Panachida and reading of the names of the deceased will be at 9:00 am at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Happy 101st Birthday, Elsie Timura

On Saturday, May 19 our parishioner *Elsie Timura* celebrates her **101st birthday**. We encourage parishioner to remember her with a birthday card or greeting on this occasion. Cards may be sent to her at the following address:

Elsie Timura, Maple Winds; 4112 Springhill Road; Portage, PA 15946.

May God grant to Elsie Timura peace, health and happiness! Many, happy years!

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, *John Slivenik* 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

“Gob” Baking Project for Annual Festival

A project to bake Gobs for the Annual Festival has been proposed. A planning meeting for this project is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16** at 9:00 am in the social room of the hall.

Dates in early June to bake Gobs are to be selected at this planning meeting on Wednesday. Gobs will be frozen and sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival.

Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Annual Festival

- In the narthex are letters asking local businesses and merchants for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, merchandise, or other items that could be included in our basket raffle. Please take one or several to businesses or merchants you patronize, to request their support. Additional letters are available from the parish office.

- The next meeting for the *Annual Festival* is **Wednesday, May 23** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the hall. This year's Festival is on Sunday, **July 8, 2018**.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings & Minutes

The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* **Monday, May 14** at 7:00 pm in the conference of the rectory. The minutes of the meeting of **February 19, 2018** for the *Parish Advisory Council* of *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* are enclosed in today's bulletin.

Offering for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary

A note of thanks to those who responded to the annual appeal for the **Byzantine Catholic Seminary**. In your packet of envelopes is an envelope dated Sunday, May 6 for this offering.

Joyful Light, the semi-annual newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, may be accessed at www.bcs.edu.

Cemetery Volunteers & Donations...

A **note of thanks** to volunteers in the cemeteries of our parish communities. We also acknowledge gratefully offerings for the cemeteries particularly during the spring and summer months. Your generosity helps to provide the care in grass cutting and other maintenance.

Liturgical Chant – The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **All Souls Saturday [May 19]** are on p. 202 and 428; and the Panachida on p. 432. Please note that the Troparion “*In the depth of your wisdom...*” is sung in place of “*We have seen the true light...*”
- For Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of Pentecost**, the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera will be in a separate handout.
- The Antiphons, Troparia, and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, May 20**, the **Feast of Pentecost** are found on pages 203-208 in the Divine Liturgy book.
- The *Our Father* in Tone 4 Podoben may be found on page 74.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Emily Nezeski; 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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+Margaret** and **+Joseph Halovich**, requested by Louise Halovich.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Open House at Portage Public Library

An **Open House at Portage Public Library** will be hosted on Monday, May 21, 5-7 PM. Learn about our upcoming programs and meet our new Director Kaytlin Summer.

Music by *Dead Lazarus*, an indie-folk duo. Light refreshments.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions** on Sunday, May 13, **6:30 P.M.** at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the choir from the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Jim Morman, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

22nd Annual Great Portage Yard Sale

This year's sale is **Saturday, June 9**, 8am--3pm, rain or shine. Participants have a numbered sign and balloons to mark sale site and are listed on the event map. Maps available at Portage Station Museum, 400 Lee Street, Tuesdays through Saturdays Noon to 4 pm, or on the day of the event.

Used Magazines Needed...

A family with a family member with special needs requests *used magazines* or *merchandise catalogues* with photos. If you have used magazines, catalogues, please bring them to the ushers' room and place in the box designated for this purpose. A note of thanks to those who responded.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary—18th Annual Cyril & Methodius Lecture

Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin) will speak at the 18th annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 pm on "*The Place of the Presence of God: Aphrahat of Persia's Portrait of the Christian Holy Man.*" The lecture will be at St. John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Call 412-321-8383 or visit www.bcs.edu.

Helping Hands Day 2018

The *Greek Catholic Union [GCU]* and the Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite you to *Helping Hands Day*, Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown Saturday, June 2 at 9:30 am to help beautify the grounds. Monetary contributions toward the purchase of flowers at Mt. St. Macrina may be made to: *Helping Hands Day [Mt. St. Macrina]*; GCU Fraternal Department; 5400 Tuscarawas Rd.; Beaver, PA 15009.

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. Information at online.bcs.edu.

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 Nezniski
- **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

Liturgical Schedule Seventh Paschal Week—May 13, 2018

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Mother's Day

Saturday May 12

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday May 13

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Jolene Abigail Forshey

We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

Monday, May 14

Portage **6:30 PM**

Compline—Evening Prayer

Tuesday May 15

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Helen Ference, by Ann Mazur]

Wednesday, May 16

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, May 17

Beaverdale **6:00 PM**

Vespers for the Deceased—Fifth All Souls Saturday

Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Friday May 18

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [For the Grace of the Holy Spirit]

Fifth All Souls Saturday

Saturday May 19

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy followed by **Panachida**

Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Pentecost Sunday

Saturday May 19

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vespers with Divine Liturgy

[+Carolyn Garanich, by Greg & Cindy Valko]

Sunday May 20

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy