



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

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



The Paschal Season: Man Born Blind & Feast of Ascension

Sunday of the Man Born Blind: *“Jesus anointed the eyes of the Man Born Blind, and he was enlightened, professing Jesus to be his Lord. He is an image of our baptisms, when we are enlightened out of darkness by the anointing of the chrism of the Holy Spirit. We remember the salvation of the Man Born Blind and our own enlightenment as we close the Feast of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord: This week we observe the **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**. You may attend any of the services scheduled in observance of this great feast of our church, a “*feast of obligation*”. *“In his human body, the Lord returned to the glory he has at the right hand of his Father on high. In this way, he lifts our human nature to deification and is enthroned as the High Priest who has suffered human death, yet is risen for the sake of human life. We glorify the Lord and await his coming again in glory.”* [Father David Petras, *Typicon*, p. 41, 43]

*“When you had fulfilled the plan of salvation for us,
and united the earthly with the heavenly, you were taken up in glory, O Christ our God.
Never parting from us but remaining constantly, you proclaim to those who love you:
I am with you and no one can be against you.”* [Troparion, *Feast of the Ascension*]

First Confession Celebration

One of our Eastern Christian Formation Students—**Jakob Czapp**--had his first Confession on Friday, May 4. This morning he celebrates this important event together with our parish family at the Divine Liturgy. After the homily, he receives a lighted candle, recalling the candle received at Baptism with the words: **“Receive this lighted candle, and during your entire life strive to shine with the light of faith and good deeds.”** Preparing for and making his first Confession is an important step in fulfilling this commitment of Baptism.

A word of thanks to his Catechist, **Julie Brenna**, for her dedicated service, and to all of our Catechists. Please remember in your prayers Jakob and his family on this happy occasion.

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.**



Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Donna Block** 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.

Eastern Christian Formation Program

We express our sincere thanks and gratefully acknowledge our *Catechists* and their dedication and service in our **2017-2018 Eastern Christian Formation** program:

<u>Grade One:</u>	Tammy Whitcomb
<u>Grade Three:</u>	Julie Brenna
<u>Grade Four & Five:</u>	Launi Crum and Arielle Williams
<u>Grade Six & Seven:</u>	Alisha Slanoc
<u>Grade Eight & Nine:</u>	Deacon Daniel Perich
<u>High School:</u>	Father Jim Spontak
<u>Substitute Catechist:</u>	Rachel Cain

Also, we gratefully acknowledge our *ECF Coordinator* **Deacon Daniel Perich**; and the parents and families of our students for your support, prayers and encouragement.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for May

- The **Church Cleaning** for May is scheduled for **Monday, May 7**, at **9:00 am**.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly **Church Cleaning** and **Work Party**.

“Gob” Baking Project for Annual Festival

A **“Gob” Baking** project for the Annual Festival is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16** in the church kitchen, at 9:00 am. Gobs will be frozen and sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

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**.

Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Andrew Merva** who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, May 3. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to all of his family. The Office of Christian Burial is on Monday, May 7 at 10:00 am.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sister Paula Dzurisin, OSBM** of Mount Saint Macrina who fell asleep in the Lord on April 28 in the n the 71st year of her monastic life.

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 8, 2018** for the **Parish Advisory Council** of **Saints Peter & Paul, Portage** are enclosed in today’s bulletin.

The Paschal Season

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

Offering for the Seminary & “Joyful Light” Newsletter

Enclosed in your packet of envelopes is the annual *Offering for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary* [Sunday, May 6]. Thank you for your generosity and support.

There are copies of the *Joyful Light*, the semi-annual newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius inserted in some of today’s bulletin. You may also access the newsletter at www.bcs.edu.

Cemetery Volunteers & Donations...

A *note of thanks* to volunteers in the cemeteries of our respective parish communities. Your time and talent is sincerely appreciated. We also acknowledge gratefully offerings for the parish cemeteries particularly during the spring and summer months. Your generosity and support help to provide the necessary care in grass cutting and other maintenance needs.

ECF Students—Troitsja and Bulletins

A *note of thanks* to our junior high and high school students for their participation at the Divine Liturgy in holding the Troitsja at the Divine Liturgy and distributing bulletins. Please let Father Jim know the Sundays over the summer months when you ARE not available [vacations, etc.]. *Thank you*

Liturgical Chant: Ascension & Sunday of the Fathers of 1st Council

- *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy* for the *Feast of the Ascension* begins in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera are in a separate handout.
- The Divine Liturgy for the *Feast of the Ascension* may be found from pages 191-195.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for next Sunday, May 13, the *Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council* are on pages 196-202.
- The *Our Father* in the Tone 6 Samohlasen may be found on page 71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Emily Nezneski* [Memorial Hospital] *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.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Archeparchial Choir Concert Cancelled

The concert by the *Archieparchial Choir*, which was scheduled for Sunday May 6 at the Cathedral, is cancelled because of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Balog, the mother of choir director Mrs. Darlene Fejka. *Blessed rest and eternal memory! Christ is risen!*

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 forms are available from Father Jim.

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.

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.

Rummage Sale at Saint Michael's Church, Canonsburg

St. Michael's Church, 166 E. College Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317 is having a *Rummage & Bake Sale*, Saturday, May 5, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Clothing, tools, toys, household items, books. Baked goods will be for sale. If you have items to donate, contact Linda at 412-638-9941.

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 Neznieski
- **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

Liturgical Schedule Fifth Paschal Week—May 6, 2018

Sixth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 5

Dunlo **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy**
[+Elizabeth Harrigal, requested by Doug & Marcy Roxby]

Sunday May 6

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy**

Monday, May 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday May 8

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday, May 9

Dunlo **6:00 PM** **Vespers with Divine Liturgy**

Thursday, May 10

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage **9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy**

Portage **7:00 PM** **Divine Liturgy** [+Jerry Kinback, by Debbie & Gary Krisko--*rescheduled*]

Friday May 11

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday May 12

Portage 11:00 AM **Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Jocelyn Rose Zellam**

3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

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