



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 to notify the pastor.

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 June 10</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Issabella Crum	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey
<u>Sunday June 17</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral
<u>Sunday June 24</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Sydney Leturgey	<u>Bulletins:</u> Issabella Crum & Christina Goral



Lessons from the Scriptures: Sundays after Pentecost

Presently, the lessons on Sundays are from the Gospel of Saint Matthew and the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans. On this third Sunday after Pentecost, the Gospel [Matthew 6:22-34] is from the *Sermon on the Mount* [Matthew 5-8]. In the ensuing weeks there are accounts of the catalogue of miracles performed by Jesus. Today's lesson offers an insight into the nature and the content of the teaching which Jesus would bring throughout the countryside. So perhaps in that respect it is deserving of an added measure of our attention.

The core of today's lesson, and even of the Sermon on the Mount, is Matthew 6:33, "*Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.*" To learn what is meant by "*the Kingdom of God*", and "*his righteousness*" is the more difficult and elusive part of this task. And yet "seeking" these is to be a first and continuous need for the sincere follower of Christ.

Welcome Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski

Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla has appointed **Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski** to serve a Pastoral Practicum Program at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, Friday, June 8 until Friday, July 27, 2018. Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski has completed his first year of theology in the formation program at Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh. We are grateful to Metropolitan William for this opportunity to share in Kyprian's formation for the holy priesthood during his Pastoral Practicum Program this summer.

A Note from Seminarian Kyprian

Glory to Jesus Christ! My name is Kyprian Wojciechowski and I am a seminarian for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. I am from Latrobe and my home parish is St. Mary in Bradenville. I recently completed my first year of studies and formation at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary Prior to entering seminary I earned degrees in History and Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. In my free time I enjoy playing golf and watching the Pittsburgh Pirates.

I am blessed to have the opportunity take part in the Summer Pastoral Practicum Program in this parish. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and being part of this parish family.

Deacon Formation Program Accepting New Applicants for 2019

The admissions process for the **2019 Deacon Formation Program** is now open. Men 30-60 who are discerning a call to service in the Church are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for registration form is July 8, 2018.** Classes for the first year of the four-year program will be held June 16-29, 2019 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two-week residency is required each year.

Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will then be mailed an application packet. For any further inquiries, you may see our pastor, e-mail vocations@archpitt.org, or phone the Office of Vocations at 412-231-4000 or 412-480-4508.

The Fast of the Holy Apostles

The Church prepare for the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29] with the Fast of the Holy Apostles, Monday, May 28 to Thursday, June 28. The Apostles' Fast may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. It holds particular significance for *Ss. Peter & Paul* in both Portage and Dunlo, for whom this Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

“Gob” Baking Project for Annual Festival—*This Week*

Gobs for the Bake Sale at the Annual Festival will be made on Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14, at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Annual Festival-- Sunday, July 8, 2018

- **Sign-up Lists** for the annual Ethnic Festival are posted in the narthex. Please sign-up for one of the baskets for the **Basket Raffle** and to volunteer for the various areas listed.
- **Festival Tickets** for the prize drawings are in the narthex. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors and relatives not present today.
- In the narthex are letters asking local businesses and merchants for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, merchandise, for our basket raffle. Please take one or several to businesses or merchants you patronize, to request their support.
- Last year, there was a fine response to the appeal for an extra effort for the **Bake Sale**. Please help us again to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex
- Please contact Fr. Jim if you know of a business or an individual who may be willing to be a *sponsor to help with the expense of the large tent* used to enjoy the bands and for dancing.
- The next meeting for the **Annual Festival** is Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the hall. This year's Festival is on Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost [June 17]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 3, may be found on p. 135-137.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 3 may be found on p.68.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Emily Nezniski; 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.

Cemetery Donations

A very generous donation of MetLife Shares has been made to Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, cemetery in memory of **+Joseph Timura**. We thank Mrs. Elsie Timura and Timothy Timura for this donation honoring the memory of +Joseph Timura and his concern for the cemetery care.

Also, we gratefully acknowledge donations to the Saint Mary's, Beaverdale Cemetery from **Mr./Mrs. Eugene Estok** of Mentor, Ohio; and to Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo Cemetery from **Robert and Sharon Kachmar** of Johnstown; and from **Katherine Sabol** of Concord, Ohio.

Congratulations...

Alyssa Murphy was recently recognized in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat as an *Academic All-Star*, and was honored as Class Valedictorian at Forest Hills High School.

Our congratulations to Alyssa and to her parents, Dr. Matthew and Lori Murphy.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week for the health of **Betty Russak**, requested by his Patrick and Joan Ditko.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Pilgrimage Tour to Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Ukraine

Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma, will lead pilgrims to Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Ukraine, September 16-28, 2018. The pilgrimage is in honor of Our Lady of Mariapoch and in the footsteps of our three Ruthenian martyred bishops, Paul Gojdich, Basil Hopko and Theodore Romzha. The itinerary and registration information for this pilgrimage are available and at www.parma.org. Brochures and registration forms are in the narthex.

9th Annual Parish Summerfest

Resurrection Parish is having their 9th **Annual Parish Summerfest** Sunday, June 10 at their Picnic Grove in Tanneryville, (926 Cooper Ave.), 10:30 AM--9:00 PM. Music: 1:00 to 4:30 PM 3 of Hearts — 5:30 to 8:30PM Flood City Brass. Ethnic Food: and Baked Goods. There will be Games of Chance, a Bar and much more. *Free Admission*. Hope to see you there.

Oriente Lumen XXII Conference in Washington, DC

The **Oriente Lumen XXII** will be held June 18-21, 2018 at the Washington Retreat House, Washington, DC. The theme for the conference is "Sister Churches: Fact or Fiction?" **Oriente Lumen** includes presentations by theologians, liturgical celebrations and a "*dialogue of love and understanding*". Information, and registration available at www.olfoundation.com; or 703-691-8862.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions** on Wednesday June 13, at **6:30 P.M.** in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the Saint Francis University Campus). The singing will be led by choir from St. Benedict's Church in Carrolltown and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Richard Davis, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park,

The **98th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day** is Thursday, July 26, at Kennywood Park, 10:30 am until Close. Prepaid, discounted ticket books and catered lunch tickets are available through the GCU. Deadline for tickets: Monday, July 9. *FunDay Ticket* (ages 3-54): \$24.00; *Senior FunDay Ticket* (55+): \$14.00; *Super Senior FunDay* (70+): \$10.00; *Catered Lunch* (11+): \$15.00 or \$8.00 for ages 3-10.

There is a Prayer Service at 11:30 am followed by a performance by the *Slavjane Folk Ensemble*. For tickets, contact Fr. Jim, or call the GCU [724-495-3400 ext. 3809; or email events@GCUusa.com.

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 \$335 [May 1-June 16]. Registration forms are available from Father Jim.

Young Adult Retreat

Young Adults are gathering Friday, June 22-Sunday, 24, for a weekend retreat, **"Joyfully Adulthood"** at the House of Prayer, Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, from Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Program which includes conferences, break-out groups, confessions, prayers services and Divine Liturgy. Offering: \$110.00 Registration June 15. Call 724-438-7149.

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.

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.

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:** Elsie Timura

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

Donna Block had the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon* to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and monastic religious life during the week of June 3. Also, **Elaine Kachmar** will have the icon the weeks of June 10, 17, and 24. You are invited to sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to volunteer to have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon* to pray for vocations.

Liturgical Schedule 4th Week After Pentecost —June 10, 2018

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 9

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Agnes Kuska by George T. Fedore]

Sunday June 10

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

Monday June 11

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Olshavsky, by George Pyo]

Tuesday June 12

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, June 13

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, June 14

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+John Batche, by M/M Lowell Seabolt]

Friday June 15

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Timothy Hanna, by brother Gregory and sister Vicki]

Saturday June 16

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Saturday June 16

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased

Sunday June 17

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased