



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.

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### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

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



### **Reflections on the Scriptures: Sundays after Pentecost**

The Gospel read on the *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost* is the healing of the Centurion's servant [Matthew 8:5-13]. An important feature in this episode is a trust in the word of Jesus. The centurion relies on the word of Jesus to heal the servant even without Jesus being present in the house.

Archbishop Joseph Raya writes of the importance for us of this Word of Jesus. He speaks of God's presence in his Word, the Scriptures:

*"God is present, finally, in his WORD, the Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testament being inspired by God. The Holy Scriptures are considered in the Byzantine Rite as the manifestation of what God is in Himself, and as the type of communication He intends to maintain with us. St. John Chrysostom calls them: 'A letter by our Heavenly Father transmitted by the sacred writers to the human race in its pilgrimage so far from its heavenly country.' The Scriptures are also a revelation of a rule of life, leading man to his eternal destiny. Doctrine and life, thought and action, these are the two living elements of Holy Scripture always stressed in Byzantine spirituality."*

Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, p. 13

### ***Happy Father's Day***

A **Happy Father's Day** to the fathers in our parish communities. This day is set aside so that children and families may express the gratitude, respect, love and affection so often left unsaid or neglected. We thank and honor them today for their dedication, patience, and love. And hopefully we will also show appreciation and gratitude throughout the year as well.

On this **Father's Day** we remember in the Divine Liturgy and in our prayers for deceased fathers, and all of the fathers of our parish communities and in your families.

### **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](mailto:vocations@archpitt.org), or phone the Office of Vocations at 412-231-4000 or 412-480-4508.

### **Altar Servers**

Saints Peter and Paul Church in Portage is currently in need of Altar Servers. Boys who have completed their first Confession preparation are encouraged to consider serving in this important role in the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in serving, please contact Father Jim or Deacon Dan.

Once we hear back from prospective candidates for servers we will contact you to arrange practice sessions. Seminarian Kyprian will help in presenting these sessions.

## **Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski**

Thank you for the warm welcome extended to Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski last Sunday. Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla has appointed Seminarian Kyprian to serve a Pastoral Practicum Program at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, through Friday, July 27.

## **Visits to the Homebound**

*Pastoral Visits* to the homebound will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Seminarian Kyprian will come with Father Jim for visits to the homebound and those in Nursing Homes.

You will be contacted by telephone to arrange a day and time on which to visits.

## **Outdoor Work Project at Picnic Grounds**

An **Outdoor Work Project** at the picnic grounds is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 pm. There is a need for cleaning leaves, trimming shrubs and weeds and other outdoor tasks in preparation for the Annual Festival. Junior high, high school, and other parishioners are asked to come if you are available. Please bring work gloves, garden tools [rakes], weed trimers, etc.

## **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**

### **Annual Festival-- Sunday, July 8, 2018**

The next meeting for the **Annual Festival** is this Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the hall. This year's Festival is on 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.

- 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** may be placed in the container in the ushers' room.

- 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.

### **"Gob" Baking Project for Annual Festival**

Over thirty dozen of **Gobs** were made this past week for the Bake Sale at the Annual Festival. A note of thanks to the very fine response of those who came to help with this project.

## Parish "Facebook" Page

Saints Peter and Paul Church now has a "**Facebook Page**" for the parish. Included is information about the annual Parish Festival on Sunday, July 8. Parishioners who are on **Facebook** are asked to find us at **Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church** and "*like*" the page. Also please share the post about the picnic with friends and family. *Thank you!*

## Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost [June 24]***, Resurrection Troparion Tone 4, may be found on p. 141-142; and for the ***Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist*** on page 334-337.
- The "*Our Father*", in Tone 4 may be found on p.69.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## Remember In Prayer

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

## Festival Posters Distribution to Neighborhoods

Families and high School and junior high Students in are invited to help deliver posters for the Annual Festival to merchants and stores. Families may select a neighborhood or community to deliver posters. Please let Father Jim know to avoid duplicating efforts.

A day will be selected during the week of June 25 for students to deliver posters in the Portage area and neighboring communities. Please call the rectory [736-9780] if you are available to help.

## Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of ***+Georgianna Walters***, requested by Patty Haschak.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Dare TICK Aware

***Preventing Tick Bites & Tick-Borne Diseases*** will be presented by PA Lyme Resource Network at the Portage Public Library on Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 pm. Tick-borne infections are preventable... awareness is the first step to action. Lyme can be serious if not diagnosed and treated early. Ticks are a statewide risk. A recent PA Environmental Protection study reported Lyme and other tick-borne diseases in all 67 counties. PA has led the nation in new cases

### Summerfest Nameboard Tickets

***\$10,000 Summerfest Nameboard Tickets*** are available at local business. The Nameboard is the main fundraiser for the Portage Endowment which benefits local organizations.

The seller of the winning \$10,000 ticket will win \$500. For more information call 736-9686".

## 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](http://www.parma.org). Brochures and registration forms are in the narthex.

## 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](mailto:events@GCUusa.com).

## 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

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary Master of Arts in Theology degree program is now available with fully online courses. Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. Through Byzantine Online, join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. Information at [online.bcs.edu](http://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

*Elaine Kachmar* will have the icon the weeks of June 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 5<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost —June 17, 2018

#### 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

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##### Monday June 18

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Peter Bulinsky, by Moose & Jane Pyo]

##### Tuesday June 19

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Frank Yetsko, by Ed & Paulette Fedorko]

##### Wednesday, June 20

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Thursday, June 21

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Fred Tutsock, by Shelly Rodgers]

##### Friday June 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Saturday June 23

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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#### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

##### Saturday June 23

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

##### Sunday June 24

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Elizabeth Terlingo, by Barbara & John Havrilla]