



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**

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| <b><u>Sunday July 15</u></b> | <b><u>Troitsja</u></b> Cierra Goral    | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Christina Goral & Cierra Goral |
| <b><u>Sunday July 22</u></b> | <b><u>Troitsja</u></b> Christina Goral | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Evan Lenz & Issabella Crum     |
| <b><u>Sunday July 29</u></b> | <b><u>Troitsja</u></b> Issabella Crum  | <b><u>Bulletins</u></b> Sydney Leturgey & Ryan Lenz     |

### **Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program**

**Jackie Gordon & Amber Gordon** will have the icon the week of July 15. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to volunteer to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations.

### **Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer**

**At Home: *SS Peter & Paul (Portage)*:** Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; 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
- **Richland Health, Mary Louise Cimba [Dunlo]**



*From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Plans for Assembly 2018**

The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh's **Assembly 2018** is scheduled for September 16-18, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pennsylvania. The Assembly 2018 aims to develop a strategic plan of action to promote growth of the Church and to ensure its vitality into the 21st century. Assembly 2018 will be attended by priests, deacons and faithful of the Archeparchy. Each parish is expected to send two representatives, ideally a man and woman.

The theme of **Assembly 2018** is "**Concern for Our Future: Renew, Revitalize, Rejuvenate.**" The topics to be addressed include: *technology and social media; social activities; mixed marriages and diversity; education for children, adults and new parishioners; and formalized outreach to members who have left the church.* Jeremy Manno, committee member, said the word "diversity" has received special attention during the planning process. "We would like to emphasize that diversity is in reference to welcoming visitors, including people from other cultures, backgrounds, and non-Catholics who are interested in what Byzantine Catholicism has to offer."

The Archeparchy's Commission for Renewal and Revitalization was established by Metropolitan Judson Procyk in 2002. Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla directed it to organize the Assembly for the 75 parishes in the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. In June 2004, Archbishop Basil Schott reached out to parishioners of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh asking them to complete a five-page Revitalization Survey asking about various aspects of parish life and soliciting their concerns and suggestions. The survey disclosed a Church population of almost one-half above the age of 70. Over the years since this survey was conducted, the population has continued to decline.

The current Commission re-viewed the 2004 Revitalization Survey; the results of the Parish Census and Financial Reports Analysis of October 2011; the results of a Questionnaire for the Synod of October 2015; and comments from the Pittsburgh Archeparchy returned with the Questionnaire. Upon review of all of the data from 2004 to 2017, the Commission identified six topics that could be addressed at the Assembly. *Registration packets will be distributed in the near future.*

### **Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah & Blessing of Automobiles & Vehicles**

Friday, July 20, is the ***Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah***. There will be a ***Blessing Automobiles and Other Vehicles*** following Vespers on Thursday evening, and the Divine Liturgy on Friday morning. To participate in this, go to your vehicle after the *Festive Anointing* and wait there for the priest to approach and bless each vehicle.

### **A Celebration of Marriage**

The annual celebration to honor married couples observing their ***Wedding Anniversaries of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years that are multiples of five*** in 2018 is on **Sunday, September 9**. A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm, followed by a dinner. Please inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2018 so that you may receive an invitation and a Certificate from Metropolitan William in commemoration of your jubilee.

## Annual Festivals: Thanks to Parishioners, Donors & Friends

Thank you for the very fine effort on the part of our parishioners along with other friends who helped with last Sunday's Annual Festival. There were many compliments on the food and hospitality of our parishioners and volunteers.

We sincerely thank the following additional donor who helped to sponsor the large tent for the bands and dancing. We received this donation after last week's bulletin was printed:

- **Allegheny Belting**, Summerhill

A number of local merchant and businesses donated gift certificates and/or merchandise for the *Basket Raffle*. We gratefully acknowledge these donors:

- **Portage Service Center**
- **Florals on the Corner**, Lilly
- **Stager's Store**, Portage
- **Millers Greenhouse**, Wilmore
- **Hoss's Restaurant**, Ebensburg
- **Parkway Restaurant—Charles Rimini**, Portage
- **Gardens of Paradise**, Cresson
- **The Long Barn**, Ebensburg
- **Portage Floral**
- **Mid's Candy**, Ebensburg

We also thank **John Maruska** from **Algas** in Gallitzin for the gas grill used for the funnel cakes; and **Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater TOR** for his generous donation and support.

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah [July 20]*** are on p. 343-344
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost [July 22]***, Resurrection Troparion Tone 8, may be found on p. 161-1163.
- The "Our Father", in **Tone 8** may be found on p.73.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

### Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Mary Lou Cimba** [Richland Health]; **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**; **Archpriest Dennis Bogda** and all the ill & homebound.

### Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+Francis** and **+Betty Christina**, by daughter, Valerie Pcola.

## Festival Prize Winners

*Congratulations to all the prize winners and thanks to all for a successful, enjoyable day.*

### Basket Raffle Winners

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| <p><u>Tool Kit Basket:</u> Laura<br/>Fleck</p> <p><u>Picture Frame Gift Card Basket #2:</u> Paris<br/>Mintmier</p> <p><u>Singing in the Shower Basket:</u> Lynn<br/>Warner</p> <p><u>Summertime Delight Basket:</u> Theresa<br/>Dybach</p> <p><u>Grapevine Wreath Basket:</u> Don<br/>Seliacki</p> <p><u>Summer Refreshment Basket:</u> Erin<br/>Dumm</p> <p><u>Amazing Grace Basket:</u> Anna<br/>Kozuch</p> <p><u>\$100 Sheetz Gift Card &amp; Gas Can:</u> Diana<br/>Smith</p> <p><u>Inspiration Plaques Basket:</u> Tina<br/>Lutz</p> <p><u>Afghan and \$60 Sheetz Card Basket:</u> Karen<br/>Huff</p> <p><u>Papercutting:</u> Cara<br/>Donnelly</p> <p><u>Lottery Basket #2:</u> Mary Kay<br/>Summerville</p> <p><u>Bird Feed Basket:</u> John<br/>Krenisky</p> <p><u>Children's Basket:</u> Jessica<br/>Gouse</p> <p><u>Long Barn Basket:</u> Lori<br/>Murphy</p> | <p><u>Sweet Lottery Basket #1:</u> Michael<br/>Lewis</p> <p><u>Office Supplies:</u> Joe<br/>Beyer</p> <p><u>Picture Frame Gift Card Basket #1:</u> Karen<br/>Zakraysek</p> <p><u>Christmas Holiday Basket-Door Prize:</u> Bev<br/>Merva</p> <p><u>Car Care Basket:</u> John<br/>Harshberger</p> <p><u>Kitchen Wraps and Bags Basket:</u> Sara<br/>Erzal</p> <p><u>Spot of Tea Basket:</u> Rachel<br/>Cain</p> <p><u>Bath and Spa Basket:</u> Julia<br/>Shuniak</p> <p><u>Sheetz Goodies Basket:</u> Ava<br/>Bienvenue</p> <p><u>Gift Certificate Basket #1:</u> Kami<br/>Lidwell</p> <p><u>Steelers Bears Basket:</u> Becky<br/>Eger</p> <p><u>Gift Certificate Basket #2:</u> Mary<br/>Boland</p> <p><u>Snack Basket:</u> Sara<br/>Erzal</p> <p><u>Beach Chair Basket:</u> Theresa<br/>Dybach</p> |
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### Baskets of Cheer

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Lindsay Kleman  
Harshbarger

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Dawn Binaut

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Harry

### Raffle Tickets

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize--\$300:**

Eli Bailey

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize--\$200:**

George Pyo Jr.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize--\$100:**

Ann Bridge

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### "Faith & Fun Day" is Tuesday, July 31

**Altar Servers!** The annual "*Faith & Fun*" day is Tuesday, July 31. Open to all active altar servers (elementary through college), this day sponsored by the Office of Vocations is a way to say "thank you" to altar servers. From The Divine Liturgy, to a hearty lunch, to a visit to the Pittsburgh Zoo, and ending with a Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game, you'll have a truly memorable experience. Don't delay — space is limited, so see your pastor to sign up!

### Invitation to a Pilgrimage:

The Mother of God is believed to have appeared in a little village of Zarvanytsia in Ukraine. Every year millions of people go on pilgrimage to that holy place to renew their spiritual life through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. You are invited for the Pilgrimage to the Mother of God of Zarvanytsia at Protection of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, in Revloc, Sunday, August 19 at 11AM. There will be Confessions, a prayer service to the Mother of God [Moleben], Divine Liturgy, and plenty of time for private meditation.

### "Summer Food & Fun" at the Portage Library

**Free for all kids 18 and under** Summer Food Program offers: Free meals for anyone 18 and under. No registration required. Join us at Portage Public Library! June 12--July 26, Tuesday,-Wednesday,-Thursday/Lunch 12-1; Wednesdays/Snack 11:15-11:45 am.

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

### Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies Program

**Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies** offers programs in business, early childhood education, behavioral science, health studies, and more! We offer the lowest per credit tuition in the area. Classes are offered online, in the evenings, and on Saturdays; on campus, & also in Altoona, Johnstown and State College. If you're interested in learning more you can call us at 814-472-3012, email us at [ocePfrancis.edu](mailto:ocePfrancis.edu) or visit: [www.francis.edu/adcs](http://www.francis.edu/adcs). *Become that Someone today!*

### 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).**

### "Groovin at the Grove"

Resurrection parish is sponsoring "*Groovin at the Grove*" at their grove in Tanneryville. Each "Groovin" will start with an Outdoor Mass at 5:30 PM, food will be available after Mass. Music from 7 PM to 10 PM. July 21: Ground Zero; August 18: Flood City Brass Come and have a great time.

## Visits to the Homebound

*Pastoral Visits* to the homebound will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Seminarian Kyprian is serving a Pastoral Practicum Program through Friday, July 27 and will come with Father Jim for visits to the homebound. You will be contacted by telephone to arrange a day and time.

### Liturgical Schedule 9<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost —July 15, 2018

#### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

##### Saturday July 14

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

##### Sunday July 15

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

[The miners killed in the *Sonman Mine Explosion* of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak]

##### Monday July 16

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Tuesday July 17

Portage            7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                         8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Raptosh, by Tom, Betty & Eugene Michaels]

##### Wednesday, July 18

Portage            7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                         8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [+Ann Latherow, by Bulinsky Family]

#### Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Prophet Elijah

##### Thursday, July 19

Beaverdale       **6:00 PM**            **Great Vespers with Litija-- Followed by Blessing of Autos**

##### Friday, July 20

Portage            8:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                         **9:00 AM**            **Divine Liturgy-- Followed by Blessing of Autos**

##### Saturday July 21

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

#### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

##### Saturday July 21

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

##### Sunday July 22

Portage            **9:00 AM**            Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Cynthia & Michael Lewis]