



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 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 July 8</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins</u> Hunter Whitcomb Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday July 15</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Cierra Goral
<u>Sunday July 22</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Issabella Crum

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

Jackie Gordon & Amber Gordon will have the icon the week of July 8. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to volunteer to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations.



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 meetings--examining themes of diversity, education and social activities--intend to address the needs of the church through developing and implementing an action plan. Speakers include Father Jason Charron, pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania; and Very Rev. Lawrence Di Nardo, Vicar General and General Secretary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

A committee of representatives from various parishes has developed the following mission statement for the **Assembly 2018**: *"As the needs of our church continue to evolve, the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is calling upon the members of each parish to help develop a plan for our future. This call to action will take place in the format of an Assembly of Parish Representatives. The presenters will provide information on current statistics, results of the 2017 Parish Survey, and areas of focus for continued growth. Participants will be asked to assist in developing and implementing a strategic plan for rejuvenating our parishes. Please prayerfully consider joining the event and offering your input!"*

Registration packets will be distributed to parish priests in the near future.

Annual Festival Today

Today we warmly welcome our many friends and patrons of the Annual Festival and thank those who come to enjoy the food, entertainment, games, and socializing throughout this day.

- **Entertainment:** ***BRONCO and the RHINELANDERS***, from Noon to 3:30 pm.
"FULL KILT" Celtic Rock-- from 4:30 until 8:00 pm
- **Our menu:** includes homemade items: *haluski, pork sandwiches, bbq burgers; Sloppy Joes; halupki, pirohi, BBQ chicken, kielbasa, hot dogs, hot sausage, wing dings, and french fries*
- **Children's Activities:** A variety of Children's Games, plush animal booth, and other activities!
- **Basket Raffle & Basket of Cheer:** *Thanks for the donations for the Basket Raffle & Basket of Cheer and the Bake Sale and to all who sold or purchased the Festival Tickets for the raffle.*
- **Church Tours at the Festival:** During Festival today there will be **Church Tours** at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. An introduction to the Byzantine Catholic Church and an explanation of our worship, iconography, and other aspects of our church will be offered.
- **Affordable family fun.** Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the live bands throughout the day
- **Thank You!** We gratefully acknowledge the many generous donations, volunteers, and hours of preparation for the Festival over the past weeks. Thank you for your generosity preparing for the Annual Festival and your hospitality in welcoming our guests and patrons today.

Thank You to Our Donors & Friends

Festival Tent Sponsors: We sincerely thank these donors who helped to sponsor the large [30' x 60'] tent to provide a comfortable place for the bands and for dancing.

- **Leman Machine**
- **M. W. Petryshak Construction**
- **Pro Disposal, Inc.**
- **Ray's Lawnmower Sales & Servicer**
- **B&R Construction, LLC—Larry Raptosh**
- **1st Summit Bank**
- **Evergreen Landscaping Services and Snow Removal**
- **Pro Disposal, Inc.**
- **James Drugstore Portage**

We also thank **Serenko-Claar Funeral Home** for donating the tent for tables to accommodate our guests; and **Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church**, Conemaugh, and their Pastor Father George Johnson for supplying the homemade Pirohi for us to serve to our guests today.

Additional Festival Tent Sponsors and donors will be acknowledged in next Sunday's bulletin.

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.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Welcome...

On Friday, July 13. **Bishop John Kudrick**, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Parma, will be the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul in Dunlo at Noon. The Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of +Catherin Perich, who is Bishop John's aunt and also the aunt of Deacon Daniel Perich. We extend a warm welcome to his Grace, Bishop John.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost [July 15]***, Resurrection Troparion Tone 7, may be found on p. 156-157; and for the ***Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils*** on p. 341-342
- The "Our Father", in Tone 7 may be found on p.72.
- 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 Tigy; Archpriest Dennis Bogda** and all the ill & homebound.

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. Submit the registration form; candidates will be mailed an application packet. For information, contact Fr. Jim, e-mail vocations@archpitt.org, or phone the Office of Vocations at 412-231-4000 or 412-480-4508.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Elsie Timura**; we extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her son, Timothy Timura and to all of her family. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Steve Ditko**; we extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his brother, Patrick and Joan Ditko, and to all of their family

Altar Servers

Saints Peter and Paul Church in Portage is in need of Altar Servers. Boys who have completed their first Confession preparation are encouraged to consider serving at the Divine Liturgy. Please contact Father Jim or Deacon Dan. Once we hear from prospective candidates for servers we will contact you to arrange practice sessions. Seminarian Kyprian will help in presenting these sessions.

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.

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!

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions** on Friday July 13, at **6:30 P.M.** in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the "T.O.R. Novitiate Choir" and the sermon will be delivered by Bro. Daniel-Maria Klimek, T.O.R.

We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

“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. 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.

Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies Program

Are you looking for a career change? Interested in going back to school?

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 or visit: 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.**

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 Ebsenburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich

Sanctuary Candle

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

Liturgical Schedule 8th Week after Pentecost —July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 7

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Selepak, by Barry & Kathy Grant]

Sunday July 8

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

Monday July 9

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday July 10

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, July 11

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Peg Chulick, by Mary (Brindak) Secriskey]

Thursday, July 12

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, July 13

Dunlo 12 pm/Noon **Divine Liturgy** [+Catherine Perich, from Kudrick and Perich families]

Saturday July 14

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

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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]