



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**

**Sunday October 14** Troitsja Hunter Whitcomb

**Sunday October 21** Troitsja Cierra Goral

**Sunday October 28** Troitsja: Christina Goral

**Bulletins:** Christina Goral & Cierra Goral

**Bulletins:** Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz

**Bulletins:** Hunter Whitcomb & Ryan Lenz



### **Scripture Reflection...**

Saint Paul is often absorbed in the question about being “justified.” This is treated in today’s Apostolic Reading, from Galatians 2:16-20. How does one come to be acceptable before God, how can one become holy and just in God’s sight? Saint Paul affirms that this happens by faith, and more specifically, faith in Jesus Christ. There is a special emphasis in his teaching for his fellow Jews who have come to know Christ. Saint Paul insists that this relationship with God of holiness and righteousness does not come from observing the Law of Moses. Keeping these laws, customs and practices will not add anything to their faith in Christ, and might even become an obstacle.

For ourselves, Saint Paul’s message in this respect is to help us realize that our faith is not about *something* we receive or possess. It is rather about *someone*—our relationship, our communion with Christ. This identification is so total for Saint Paul that he goes on to say, “*It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me*” [Galatians 2:20]. Of course, the way to enter into the relationship with Christ is by our faith in him. And this faith is the fruit of receiving the Word of God, the “seed” that is sown by hearing the Word of God and accepting it in the “good soil” of our minds and hearts. This process is developed in the parable of the “*Sower and the Seed*”, today’s Gospel from Luke 8:5-15.

### **“Question & Answer” Box**

Representatives from our parish communities along with Father James Spontak and Deacon Daniel Perich attended the **Assembly 2018**, September 16-18. This meeting provided the parish representatives and clergy the opportunity to formulate an “*action plan*”. The plan was to include suggestions of activities or other ways to promote growth and renewal in parishes.

One suggestion developed by our representatives was directed to ongoing education for all levels of the parish. Classes, films and similar programs are beneficial in this regard. However a “**Question and Answer Box**” was proposed to allow parishioners to submit questions. We will attempt to answer these in the parish bulletin as much as possible. Questions or topics submitted may also provide the basis for possible future class sessions, films, etc.

Please keep in mind these guidelines for submitting questions. Questions are to be about the belief and practices of the Byzantine Catholic Church, its faith Liturgy, feasts, and other observances, as well as church teachings on our life as Byzantine Catholics. Discretion would be used in determining if questions are pertinent or appropriate for the bulletin.

The “*Questions and Answer Box*” will be in the narthex for you to use in submitting questions.

### **Eastern Christian Formation Classes**

Classes for Pre-School/K through high school on Sunday following Divine Liturgy [10:15-11:15 am. Whenever a child is absent parents are asked to inform the catechist prior to class, and to review the lesson for that week with the students. If you would like to volunteer to bring something for the light refreshment provided before classes, please inform your child’s catechist. We ask for your continued prayers for our Catechists, and students.

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Festival Meeting—Review & Planning

A meeting to review and evaluate the 2018 Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

Everyone is welcome. If you have suggestions or comments for the festival and cannot attend the meeting you may forward these to Father Jim.

### Troitsja and Bulletin

The opportunity to hold the *Troitsja* for the Gospel and Creed during the Divine Liturgy, and also to distribute bulletins after Liturgy, will include *Eastern Christian Formation* students in grades seven and eight. These students will receive orientation and instruction for these tasks and will then be included in the regular schedule for the Troitsja and bulletins.

### Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Joe Mandichak* [Memorial Hospital]; *Olga Serenko* [Windber Hospital]; *Dorothy Resconich*; *Joseph Raptosh*; *Bernadette Kostan*, daughter of Frank Jubara; *Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater, TOR*; *John Havrilla*; *Patty Haschak*; *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 Robert Oravetz* [Arbutus Park]; ; *Father Paul Tigyer*; *Archpriest Dennis Bogda*; and all the ill & homebound.

### Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, November 11

Our annual *Appreciation Dinner* on Sunday, November 11 will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy. As in past years, the *Parish* will provide the main course for this catered dinner.

*Everyone is asked to complete the menu* by bringing either a side dish or dessert:

**Names from A to N:** Side dish [bread/rolls, salad, vegetable, pasta salad, etc.]

**Names from O thru Z:** Dessert

There is no charge for the dinner, but those who wish to do so may offer a donation.

*All of our Parish Family* is most welcome. A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners of Saint Mary's, Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo to attend and bring a side dish or dessert.

### RSVP for Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, November 11

Name of family/individual[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will help with preparations on Sat. Nov. 10: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please reply by Sunday, October 28***

## Many, Happy Years...

Today at 3:00 pm, **Dr. Anthony Dragani** and **Chris Belloc** are being ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Bohdan Danylo at Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Revloc. We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the newly ordained Deacons Anthony and Chris, to their families and parish community.

<b><u>Offerings for September</u></b>					
	<u>Sept 2</u>	<u>Sept 9</u>	<u>Sept 16</u>	<u>Sept 23</u>	<u>Sept 30</u>
<b><u>Portage:</u></b>	\$1,276.00	\$1,734.00	\$2,298.00	\$1,289.00	\$1,333.00
<b><u>Beaverdale:</u></b>	\$ 301.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 311.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 313.00
<b><u>Dunlo:</u></b>	\$ 129.00	\$ 324.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 263.00

## Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of October 7, **Jackie** and **Amber Gordon** had the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. During the week of October 14, **Kathy Sekerak** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**.

Please sign-up in the narthex to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and monastic religious life. Remember in your prayers the seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Deacon Tom Wells**; **Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski**; **Seminarian Robert Jones**; and **Seminarian John Welch**; and all the Seminarians and Seminary community.

## Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost [October 21]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 5, may be found on [p. 146-148](#).
- The “Our Father”, in [Tone 5](#) may be found on p.70.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

## Moleben Service for Beatification of Martyred European Bishops

You are cordially invited to come and join in praying the Moleben Service for the beatification of our Martyred European Bishops at 3:00 p.m., [Sunday, November 4](#) at St. John Cathedral in Munhall. Refreshments will follow the service.

## Retreat at Seminary for Men 18-35—November 2-4, 2018

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church, Friday, 2 November through Sunday, 5 November at the Seminary, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh. The weekend retreat is free of charge and includes sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion.

Contact Fr. Jim, or use the online registration at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).

## Fall Basket Auction in Northern Cambria

GCU Lodge 93 is sponsoring its annual **Fall Basket Auction** on Sunday, November 4, 11:30am to 3:00 pm, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, in the church hall, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria. *Handicapped entrance through garage.*

The drawing will begin at 3:00pm in the Church Hall. Along with the baskets, there will be special raffles, free desserts, and beverages. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall.

## 37th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration Ethnic Festival

The-37th **Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration**--an Ethnic Festival--will be held at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown, Sunday, October 28, 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. There will be ethnic foods (holubki, halushki, pirohi, pagach, potato pancakes, kolbasi & kraut), baked goods. Entertainment includes the *Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir* at 2 p.m.; *Slavjane Folk Ensemble* at 3 p.m. and a *Rusyn Folk* musical group at 12:30 and 4 p.m.

Speaker and/or video presentation on Rusyn culture/customs at 1 and 4 p.m. Carpatho-Rusyn Society display and sales, demonstrations, and videos about the Carpatho-Rusyn people and children's activities will be featured. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

## Byzantine Spirituality Conference

The annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, November 10, 2018 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, on the topic: ***“Parish Life : from Maintenance to Discipleship”***. The 2018 Spirituality Conference will take a look at life in our Byzantine Catholic Church from the time of Immigration up to the present era. Presentations offered will be: ***“The Immigrant Disciple”***, and ***“Being a Disciple Today”***, by Deacon John Evancho; and ***“The Challenge of Discipleship for the Future”*** by Christopher Russo. The registration fee [\$35] includes lunch; table of 5 or more: \$25 per person. For information: call 412-322-8773. There are brochures in the narthex

### **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):** George Yatsky.

#### **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

## Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle in memory of *+Thomas Spontak*, requested by Kathy Sekerak.

## Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission

In addition to printed copies of the bulletin copies, the Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, [www.ByzantineCatholic.net](http://www.ByzantineCatholic.net) and may be accessed there. To be added to the list to receive an email bulletin, send your email address to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net) with this request.

## Liturgical Schedule 22<sup>nd</sup> Week after Pentecost —October 14 2018

<b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
<b>Memory of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council</b>		
<b>Saturday October 13</b>		
Beaverdale	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b> [+Mildred Fedore, by Grandchildren of Mildred Fedore]]
<b>Sunday October 14</b>		
Portage	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b>

### **Monday, October 15**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

### **Tuesday, October 16**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

### **Wednesday, October 17**

Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
	8:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> [+Ed Raptosh, by George & Mitzi Letzo]

### **Thursday, October 18**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

### **Friday, October 19**

Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
	8:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> [+Nick Yetsko, by Tom, Betty & Eugene Michaels]

### **Saturday October 20**

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

<b>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
<b>Saturday October 20</b>		
Dunlo	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b> [+Edward Kollar, by Francis Grattan]]
<b>Sunday October 21</b>		
Portage	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b>