



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

Sunday October 21 Troitsja Cierra Goral
Sunday October 28 Troitsja: Christina Goral
Sunday November 4 Troitsja Hunter Whitcomb

Bulletins Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz
Bulletins: Hunter Whitcomb & Ryan Lenz
Bulletins: Christina Goral & Cierra Goral



Scripture Reflection...

Today's Gospel parable of *Lazarus and the Rich Man* [Luke 16:19-31] begins with the stark contrast between the poor and ailing Lazarus and the rich man, absorbed in the comforts of his wealth and oblivious to anyone else. The two men die and there is once more a sharp contrast. Lazarus is comforted "in the bosom of Abraham", a favored Old Testament expression of the joy of being gathered in the banquet of the Kingdom of God. The rich man suffers the distress and anguish of separation from God, expressed by having to see from a distance Abraham and Lazarus.

The reversal of circumstances follows the patterns of the Beatitudes according to [Luke 6:20-25](#). Those who enjoy good things now will suffer later, while those who suffer now enjoy the bliss of heaven. Even though the rich man, as a Jew, is a "son of Abraham", yet merely belonging to God's chosen people will not save him. He failed to make good use of his material wealth when he had the opportunity to attend to the needs of Lazarus. [From Father John Custer, *The Holy Gospel*, pp. 89-190]

"Question & Answer" Box

The **Assembly 2018** held September 16-18 provided the parish representatives and clergy the opportunity to formulate an "action plan" with suggestions to promote growth and renewal in parishes. One suggestion developed by our representatives at the **Assembly 2018** concerned ongoing education for all levels of the parish. 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 submitted may also provide the basis for future class sessions.

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. A "Questions and Answer Box" in the narthex is for your use to submit questions.

Eastern Christian Formation Classes—*Safe Environment Lessons*

Each year, *Safe Environment Lessons* are presented during the beginning of the *ECF* year. These classes are required by **The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We will offer these sessions on [Sunday October 28](#) and [Sunday, November 4](#), for the respective grade levels provided. Parents have the option to choose whether or not their child participate in the *Safe Environment* class. An "opt-out" form is available for those parents who chose this option.

Our *Safe Environment* lesson will consist of an *Internet and Social Media Safety* presentation to satisfy the requirements of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. These programs concentrate on social media and internet safety, to help the students understand the scope of social media and its pitfalls, if they fail to follow safe protocols. We also hope the students understand that the measured use of social media and the internet is also consistent with the teachings of Christ.

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.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for November

- The **Work Party** for November is scheduled for **Saturday, November 3**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for November is scheduled for **Monday, November 5**, at 9:00 am.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

The meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is scheduled for **Thursday, November 1**, 7:00pm in the conference room of the rectory.

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is **Monday, November 12**, at 7:00 in the conference room of the rectory.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **23rd Sunday after Pentecost [October 28]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 6, may be found on p. 152-153.
- The "Our Father", in Tone 6 may be found on p.71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of October 21, **Julie Brenna** 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.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Olga Serenko; Dorothy Resconich; Joseph Raptosh; Bernadette Kostan, 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; Father Paul Tigyer; Archpriest Dennis Bogda;** and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

62nd Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration

The **62nd Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration** benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is Sunday, December 9 at Saint John Cathedral and Center in Munhall. Moleben to St. Nicholas will be celebrated Very Rev. Robert Pipta in the Cathedral. The musical entertainment for the banquet is **"Swing City"**, a six-member Swing Band directed by Deacon Daniel Perich.

There is an additional fundraiser to benefit the Seminary with a prize of twelve \$50 gift cards to different restaurants and a \$1,500 cash prize. Banquet tickets are \$40/adult; \$18/children 12 and under. For reservations or tickets for the raffle tickets, contact Father Jim.

Fall Basket Auction in Northern Cambria

GCU Lodge 93 annual **Fall Basket Auction** is 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 begins at 3:00pm. There will be special raffles, free desserts, and beverages. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall.

Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The Cresson Area Lions Club **Pancake Breakfast** is Sunday, October 28 at the Cresson American Legion from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Adults: \$5.50 in advance, \$6.00 at the Door; children: \$4.50 in advance, \$5.00 at the Door.

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

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 considering a vocation to the priesthood is Friday-Sunday, November 2-5 at the Seminary in Pittsburgh. The weekend retreat is free; includes liturgical services, meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians. Contact Fr. Jim, or online registration at www.bcs.edu.

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

Resurrection Parish Ladies Auxiliary Basket Party

Resurrection Parish Ladies Auxiliary **Basket Party** on Sunday, November 11, at Christ the Savior Reception Hall 307 Garfield Street Johnstown. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. COST: \$10.00 [includes lunch, 25 chances, and door prizes. Call Resurrection parish: 539-5788, ext. #3 and ask for Joann.

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]; *Father Robert Oravetz*
- **Autumn View:** June Nezeski
- **Maple Winds:** Olga Serenko
- **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

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.

Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission

In addition to printed copies of the bulletin, the Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, 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 with this request.

Liturgical Schedule 22nd Week after Pentecost —October 21 2018

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 20

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Edward Kollar, by Francis Grattan]]

Sunday October 21

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

Monday, October 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, October 23

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, October 24

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Thomas Spontak by cousin, Dorothy Earle]

Thursday, October 25

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Albert & +Mary Lesko, by Mary Ann & Walt]

Friday, October 26

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday October 27

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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 27

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

Sunday October 28

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Mario Pieraccini, by Barbara & John Havrilla]