



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 28 Troitsja: Christina Goral
Sunday November 4 Troitsja Hunter Whitcomb
Sunday November 11 Troitsja Evan Lenz

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



Scripture Reflection...

The devastating and violent attack upon the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood is a cause for great sadness. We join in prayer for the repose of the souls of those murdered; and the comfort and consolation of their families, friends and the Jewish community in Pittsburgh and throughout the world. May we also renew our commitment for mutual respect for all in the human family and the rejection of violence in all its forms.

In today's Gospel Jesus confronts and overcomes the demons which possess the man whom he encounters. We are reminded of the many forms of evil in our world and lurking in the human heart. At times like this we are made even more aware of its persistence and cruelty. Our commitment to Christ hopefully enables us to recognize our own struggle with evil within our hearts and in our world, and to entrust to him the needs of our communities, our nation and the world.

"Question & Answer" Box

At the **Assembly 2018** parish our representatives proposed a "**Question and Answer Box**" 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 in the **ECF** classes, as required by **The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. These sessions are being presented Sunday October 28 and Sunday, November 4, for the respective grade levels provided. Parents may choose whether or not their child participate in the *Safe Environment* class. An "opt-out" form is available for parents.

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.

Sunday 4 November 2018--FALL BACK
Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM

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 **Parish Advisory Council**, Saints Peter & Paul, Portage meeting is **Thursday, November 1**, 7:00pm in the conference room of the rectory. Minutes of the August 2 meeting will be in next Sunday's bulletin. 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.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of October 28, **John** and **Barbara Havrilla** 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.

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, November 4—or at your earliest convenience

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + *Olga Serenko* who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, October 23. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her children Andrea; Mark; and Tina and to all of her family.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **24th Sunday after Pentecost [November 4]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 7, may be found on p. 156-158.
- 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; *Dorothy Resconich; Joseph Raptosh; Bernadette Kostan, Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater, TOR; John Havrilla; Patty Haschak; 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.

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.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War host **National Wreaths Across America Day**--December 15. A ceremony at Noon in Prospect Cemetery. Volunteers will place wreaths on Veterans' graves in Prospect, St. Mary's, and Sacred Heart cemeteries. Please consider sponsoring a wreath for one of our local hero's graves for \$15, and can be donated in memory or in honor of any Veteran in your family or acquaintance. A sponsorship form is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Help is also needed to place the wreaths. To volunteer to place wreaths immediately after the ceremony on December 15, contact Debra Novotny, 623 Grant Street, Portage PA 15946.

Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast--**TODAY**

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.

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.

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

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

37th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration Ethnic Festival--TODAY

37th **Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration--** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown, is Sunday, October 28, Noon-6 p.m. Ethnic foods, baked goods, entertainment and speakers and/or video presentation on Rusyn culture/customs.

Byzantine Spirituality Conference

The annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, November 10 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, on the topic: **"Parish Life : from Maintenance to Discipleship"**. Presentations offered will be: **"The Immigrant Disciple"**, **"Being a Disciple Today"**, and **"The Challenge of Discipleship for the Future"**. 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 Neznieski
- **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 23rd Week after Pentecost —October 28 2018

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]

Monday, October 29

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, October 30

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Thomas Spontak by Claudia Abdelmalek]

Wednesday, October 31

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, November 1

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Edward Nezeski, by Emily Nezeski and family]

Friday, November 2

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday November 3

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 3

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

Sunday November 4

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Alex Prudhoe, by Sharon Daniels]