



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**

<b><u>Sunday October 7</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Ryan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday October 14</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Cierra Goral
<b><u>Sunday October 21</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins</u> Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz

### **Sanctuary Candle**

This week the Sanctuary Candle in memory of **+Mary Louise Cimba**, requested by Julie Brenna.



## **The Raising of the Son of the Widow of Nain**

We hear in the Gospel reading today an episode which occurs only in Saint Luke's Gospel. The *Raising of the Son of the Widow of Nain* [Luke 7:11-16] echoes the closing verse in last Sunday's Gospel, "Be compassionate even as your Father is compassionate" [Luke 6:36]. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the expression of the compassion of the Father in the most visible and direct way. When Jesus beholds the mother of the young man who was being carried in a funeral procession, "He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do no weep'" [Luke 7:11-16].

The compassion of Jesus brings the boy back to physical life. In this victory for Christ over death we find a foreshadowing of Christ's own Resurrection. Only then would the victory over death be complete. He came and conquered death and rose not simply to restore our natural human life. Rather we are raised with Christ to a new life, a new level of existence. This is described by the Apostle Paul in his teaching on the Resurrection in I Corinthians:

***"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality" [I Corinthians 15:42, 44, 53].***

In today's Apostolic Reading, the Apostle Paul reflections on his conversion and his call and commissioning as an apostle [Galatians 1:11-19]. When he met the risen Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus, he was entrusted with the mission of preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Through this encounter, by virtue of the power of the Risen Lord, he was indeed "raised up" and given new life as an apostle and witness of the Resurrection. So also our encounter with the Risen Lord in the Divine Liturgy, the Eucharist, restores and renews us and equips us as witnesses and messengers of Christ.

## **Annual Clergy Retreat This Week**

Father Jim and Deacon Dan Perich are attending the Clergy Retreat this week, from October 7-11 at Antiochian Village in Ligonier. The Retreat Director is **Most Reverend Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas**, Bishop Emeritus of the Latin Diocese of Tucson, Arizona. Please remember in your prayers the priests and deacons taking part in the retreat. You will be remembered in our prayers during this time.

In the event of an emergency for the anointing of the sick this week you may contact any of the local Catholic priests. Thank you for your prayers during the annual clergy retreat.

## **Eastern Christian Formation Classes**

Classes for Pre-School/K through high school meet on Sunday following Divine Liturgy [10:15-11:15 am. If you anticipate your child's absence, please inform the catechist prior to class. Whenever a child is absent parents are to review the lesson for that week with the students. If you would like to volunteer to bring something for this 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

### 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.

### Work Party & Church Cleaning for October

- **Church Cleaning** will be on **Monday, October 8**, at 9:00 am. *Please note this change* from the usual first Monday because of the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos on Monday, October 1.
- The **Work Party** will be on **Saturday, October 13**, at 9:00 am. *Please note this change* from the usual first Saturday of the month.

### Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost [October 14]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 4, may be found on p. 141-142; and for the **Sunday of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council** on p. 263-264
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 4 may be found on p.69.
- 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*, 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*; *Deacon George Fatula*; *Father Robert Oravetz*; *Deacon Michael George*; *Father Paul Tigyer*; *Archpriest Dennis Bogda*; and all the ill & homebound.

### Maintenance Projects

Several areas of the concrete walkways entering the church, both in the front and the lower side entrance, are being replaced. This work is being done because of “trip hazards”, from raised concrete, due to freezing and contraction over the years. Moyer Concrete of Salix is performing this work. Removal of the old concrete and placement of forms was done this past week. The concrete is to be poured on Monday.

Also, seven additional windows in the rectory are to be replaced during the fall of 2018 by MW Petryshak Construction. This is part of the gradual replacement of windows throughout the rectory. These seven additional windows will substantially complete this project.

Thank you for your contributions and support to allow upkeep and maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.

## Annual Ethnic Festival Report—Income & Expenses

A report of the proceeds for the *Annual Ethnic Festival* on Sunday, July 9, 2017 follows, with a comparison to the proceeds from last year's event:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Income:	\$19,544.05	\$20,569.50
Expenses	<u>\$9,273.58</u>	<u>\$9,947.24</u>
Net Proceeds	\$10,270.47	\$10,622.26

A word of grateful acknowledgment for the donation of the chicken used for the chicken barbeque, in memory of +*Edward "Moose" Pyo*, by the members of his family. Thank you once again to all for your support, cooperation, and generosity in helping to make this year's Ethnic Festival successful and enjoyable

## 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.

### OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

## 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.

The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Contact Fr. Jim, or use the online registration at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).

## 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. The presenters will focus on our call to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ and on the challenges for disciples of Jesus Christ in the future.

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 is: \$35 per person (includes lunch); parish table of 5 or more: \$25 per person. For information: call 412-322-8773. There are brochures in the narthex

## Open House at Mount Aloysius College

**Open House at Mount Aloysius College:** Sunday, October 21; Monday, November 12. Register online at [mtaloy.edu/openhouse](http://mtaloy.edu/openhouse), or call 814-886-6383. "*The Horizon is just your starting line*".

## **Moleben Service for Beatification of our 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.

## **Fatima Devotions in Loretto**

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in the ***Fatima Devotions*** Saturday October 13, 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by St. John the Evangelist of Lakemont. The sermon will be given by Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFM Conv. of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Johnstown. A cordial welcome to all.

## **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.

## **Josh Gallagher with His Band in Concert**

The Cambria Alliance EMS benefit concert featuring, ***Josh Gallagher*** "live" along with his band is on Saturday, October 13, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Oriental Ballroom in Gallitzin (doors open at 6:00 pm). A *"meet and greet"* follows the show. General Admission: \$35.00. Tickets can be purchased at Cresson Shop 'n Save; Cresson NAPA; or call Cambria Alliance EMS [814-886-5641].

### **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 Nezeski
- **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

