



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.

### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

<b><u>Sunday November 4</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Cierra Goral
<b><u>Sunday November 11</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins</u> Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday November 18</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Lexie Slanoc

### **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](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.



## **Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers**

On Thursday, November 8 we celebrate the **Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers**.

*"The Heavenly Powers, or angels, are spirits sent to serve "those who shall inherit salvation" (Heb. 1: 14). They are guardians and guides both to individual human beings and to societies. The lower ranks are believed to be in charge of the material world, of its development and evolution.. The choirs of angels are constantly participating in the heavenly liturgy, surrounding God's altar and singing the Thrice Holy Hymn. The Church places particular emphasis on two of these Heavenly Powers, Gabriel, meaning "Power of God," and Michael, meaning "Who Is Like God," for they are mentioned in the Bible by name.*

*"The angels in heaven are countless. On the basis of an interpretation of a passage from Isaiah by Dionysius the Pseudo-Areopagite and of its acceptance by Western theologians they are divided traditionally, if somewhat arbitrarily, into nine orders called "choirs," constituting three hierarchies. The first hierarchy comprises the Seraphim, the Cherubim and the Thrones; the second, the Dominations, the Virtues and the Powers, the third, the Principalities, the Archangels and the Angels.*

[From Archbishop Joseph Raya, Byzantine Daily Worship, pp. 5011-502]

## **Eastern Christian Formation Classes—*Safe Environment Lessons***

*Safe Environment Lessons* for the elementary students is today, Sunday, November 4. This lesson on *Internet and Social Media Safety* concentrates on social media and internet safety, and also helps the students understand that the measured use of social media and the internet is consistent with the teachings of Christ.

## **Remembrance of Homebound Parishioners for Christmas**

A Christmas remembrance is being prepared for our homebound parishioners. To help us prepare gift bags for homebound parishioners, please consider donating suggested gift items: *Seasonal/non-seasonal door decorations; tissues [dollar store boxes]; light scent body spray; word search books; lotions; lap blankets; shampoo*. You may also have ideas of your own. There will be a box in the narthex of each church to collect these items. Please bring gift items by **Sunday, November 25**.

## **Election Day**

Tuesday, November 6 is ***Election Day***. Remember to vote and to exercise your responsibility as a citizen. We seek to do so in a conscientious and prayerful way.

## **Special Offering for *Tree of Life Synagogue and Jewish Community Center***

A special collection will be taken Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11 for the Communities who worship at the ***Tree of Life Synagogue*** and for ***The Jewish Community Center***. You may use one of the "*Special Offering*" envelopes in the back of your box of envelopes, or use another envelope and mark, ***Tree of Life Synagogue*** offering. Thank you for your prayerful support for this concern and your continued prayers for the victims and families of the Synagogue attack.

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Church Cleaning & Work Party for November

- The **Church Cleaning** for November is scheduled for **Monday, November 5**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** for November is rescheduled for **Saturday, November 10**, at 9:00 am.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

### Parish Advisory Council Meetings

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beavertdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is **Monday, November 12**, at 7:00 in the conference room of the rectory. Minutes of the previous meetings for Portage and Beavertdale & Dunlo Councils will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

### New Address

Our Parishioner **Joseph Raptosh** now resides with his son, Very Reverend Joseph Raptosh at Saint Michael's Church, Canonsburg. To send a card or greetings to Joe Raptosh, here is his address:

**Joseph Raptosh; c/o Saint Michael's Church, 166 East College Street; Canonsburg PA 15317-1731**

### "Question & Answer" Box

Use the **"Question and Answer Box"** in the narthex to submit your 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. 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.

### 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 [10:00 am]:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Moleben Service for Beatification of Martyred European Bishops

You are cordially invited to the Moleben Service for the beatification of our Martyred European Bishops, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 4 at St. John Cathedral in Munhall. Refreshments will follow the service.

## Donation from Father Bayusik Estate

We gratefully acknowledge a donation in the amount of \$327.03 from the Estate of **+Father Robert Bayusik**. This represents the 2018 distribution from Father Robert Bayusik's Plant Patent. A word of acknowledgement also to Attorney George Raptosh, Administrator of the Bayusik Estate.

*Eternal Memory!*

## Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- For Vespers with Divine Liturgy for **Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers** the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera are in a handout.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers** Wednesday, November 8 may be found on p. 265-266.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost [November 11]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 8, may be found on p. 161-163.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 8 may be found on p.73.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Marge Fleck; Dorothy Resconich**, who is now a resident at “*Just Like Home*” Personal Care in Cresson; **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

### Lodge 401 Ham & Halupki Dinner

**GCU Lodge 401 Ham & Halupki Dinner** is today--Sunday, November 4, from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church Hall (located behind the Church), 1191 Second Street, Nanty Glo. Adults \$9; Children ages 6-12 \$5; Children 5 and under FREE. Take Out Available! Menu includes: Ham, Halupki, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread, Dessert and Beverage.

### 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.

## Wreaths Across America

**Wreaths Across America** of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is December 15. A ceremony is at Noon in Prospect Cemetery. Volunteers will place wreaths on Veterans' graves. Please consider sponsoring a wreath for \$15. Sponsorship form is in the narthex. Help is 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.

## 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. The drawing begins at 3:00pm. There will be special raffles, free desserts, and beverages.

## 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.

Banquet tickets are \$40/adult; \$18/children 12 and under. For reservations contact Father Jim.

## 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

### **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
- **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
- **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** Dorothy Resconich

## 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 Schedule 25<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost —November 4 2018

#### 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]

##### Monday, November 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Tuesday, November 6

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Wednesday, November 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

##### Wednesday, November 7

Beaverdale **6:00 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy  
[+Anna Andrykovitch, by Mike Blazosky]

##### Thursday, November 8

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour  
**9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

##### Friday, November 9

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Patrick Aungst, by Parents]

##### Saturday November 10

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

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

##### Saturday November 10

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

##### Sunday November 11

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Timothy Hanna, by Darryl & Sharron Hanna]