



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.

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### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

**Sunday January 27** Troitsja: Abby Koban

Bulletins: Hunter Whitcomb & Bella Koban

**Sunday February 3** Troitsja: Bella Koban

Bulletins: Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz

**Sunday February 10** Troitsja: Lexie Slanoc

Bulletins: Cierra Goral & Lexie Slanoc

### **Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission**

The Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, [www.ByzantineCatholic.net](http://www.ByzantineCatholic.net). To receive an email bulletin, send your email address to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net) with this request.



**Question & Answer Box: “Symbolism of Priest’s & Deacon’s Vestments”**

The question: “*What is the symbolism behind the priest’s vestments?*” was among those in the “Question & Answer Box”. In responding to this question last week, it was noted that there are prayers prescribed for the priest and deacon as they put on each vestments. Not only do sacred ministers wear garments distinctive for liturgical functions; they are also clothe themselves with those virtues or dispositions each vestment represents. There is to be, in other words, both internal and external splendor. And so in putting on each vestment, they say the prescribed prayers which usually consist in verses from the Psalms. We will consider these for insights on the meaning of each.

[From Casimir Kucharek, *The Byzantine-Slav Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*, pages 3324-326]

**Feasts of our Church This Week...**

Wednesday, January 30 is the **Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs**. This commemoration of the three great Doctors of the Church—Saint John Chrysostom; Saint Basil the Great; and Saint Gregory the Theologian—has its origin at a time when a quarrel as to which one of these three was the greatest. Because this controversy divided the people of Constantinople, Patriarch John appointed as arbitrator, a learned and holy man, who devoted himself to prayer to seek a solution. Basil, Gregory and Chrysostom appeared to him in a dream and told him they were equal before God. Each one had his own personality, genius and value. This feast honors all three of them to affirm this truth and restore peace and unity to the Church.

On Saturday, February 2 we celebrate the **Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna**. The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple is in fact the first meeting of the Lord with his people. The birth of Christ, the adoration of the shepherds and wise men had been confined to the small circle of the Holy Family's abode. Today, Christ appears in the midst of his people. Mary chose to obey the Mosaic Law, which prescribed that forty days after the birth of her Son, she went to Jerusalem in order to offer the prescribed sacrifice.

[From Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, pages 623; 626-627]

**All Souls Commemoration for 2019**

The first **All Souls Commemoration** is Saturday, February 23 [Meatfare Saturday]. Please use the envelope provided for the All Souls Commemoration in your packet of offering envelopes to enter names of deceased family members or relatives to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays. You may also confirm or renew your list of previous years. Returning this envelope at your earliest convenience helpful in updating the All Souls listing.

**Eastern Christian Formation Classes**

The blessing of the classrooms for the students and Catechists was rescheduled for today-- Sunday January 27. Students will receive a container of the blessed Jordan Water to take home.

## Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

There is an insert in today's bulletin regarding **Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal**. There is a need to have some means of identification both of the cemetery and also to acknowledge the location of the former Saint Michael Church. An appeal is being made to provide the necessary funds for the cost of the monument and its installation. Included in the insert is a response form and an envelope to use in donating to this appeal.

Thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Sponsored by Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh, a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** is being sponsored from September 15–24, 2019. This pilgrimage is planned to provide a prayerful environment with reflection and prayer at the sites visited. The itinerary includes: Nazareth; Capernaum; the Judean Desert; Qasr el Yahoud; Jerusalem; and Bethlehem. The cost is \$3,350 per person in double occupancy. Single supplement pricing upon request. Registration deadline has been extended to February 15. There are brochures in the narthex or contact Patrizia de Libero at 978-772-2467 for information or questions.

### PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS



#### Coffee Social for February – Next Sunday

There will be a **Coffee and Donut Social** next Sunday, February 3, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the coffee and refreshments.

#### Church Cleaning & Work Party for February

- The **Church Cleaning** for February is scheduled for **Monday, February 4**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** for February will be on **Saturday, February 9** at 9:00 am. Please note this change from the first Saturday because of the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord on Saturday, February 2.

#### Statements of Parishioners' Offerings

Statements of 2018 parishioner offerings for Beaverdale and Dunlo parishioners are being distributed this week. Statements of 2018 parishioner offerings for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are being prepared for distribution next Sunday, February 3. If you have need of your 2018 offerings sooner, call the rectory [814-736-9780] or send request to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

#### Blessing of Homes

To request the blessing of your home by Father Jim, please fill out this form, and place it in the offering basket or return by mailing it. In arranging an appointment, try to make it a convenient time for family members to be at home. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table.

I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Benefit Basket Auction and Bake Sale

A **Benefit Basket Auction and Bake Sale** is being held TODAY--Sunday, January 27, at Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church 907 6th Avenue Patton, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Drawing at 3:00PM.

Proceeds from the sale and auction will benefit Sarah Kelt, wife of Fr. Andriy Kelt, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Northern Cambria and Protection of the BVM in Revloc. Sarah was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and the proceeds will help defray costs of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

## The Byzantine Catholic World

The *Byzantine Catholic World* [BCW] is published once-a-month and provides news of our Archeparchy, parishes, and the church throughout the world, and articles on faith and spirituality.

The annual subscription rate is \$14. There is an envelope in your packet of offering envelopes dated January 27 which you may use to begin or renew your annual subscription. *Thank you!*

## Liturgical Chant—Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Three Holy Bishops [Wednesday, January 30]**, may be found on pages 318-319.
- *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy* for the **Feast of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon & Anna in the Temple** begins in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera are in a separate handout.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon & Anna in the Temple [Saturday, February 2]**, on pages 321-324.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, February 3**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 4 on p. 141-142, for the **Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord** on pages 321-322.
- 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.

## Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Carol Halovich** the sister-in-law, of Louise Halovich who fell asleep in the Lord on January 3.

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **John Slivenik; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zalznock; Marge Fleck; Dorothy Resconich; Joseph Raptosh; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Haschak; Emily Nezniski; Shawn Crum; Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters;; 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; Kelly Colwell; Christopher Juba**, the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Juba, CEO of the GCU, and all the ill & homebound.

## Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week at Saint Mary's, Beaverdale in memory of **+Elizabeth Harrigal** by Marcy and Doug Roxby.

## Pilgrim Vocation Icon

Please sign-up in the narthex to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**.

Remember in your prayers the seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Deacon Tom Wells; Seminarians Kyprian Wojciechowski; Robert Jones; John Welch;** and all the Seminary community.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Schedule of Events

**Winter Respite** presented by Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM on Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am—1:00 pm; includes Lunch. Offering: \$35, registration by January 30.

**Bread Baking Retreat** presented by Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM on Saturday, February 16 or Saturday, March 16 10:00 am-1:30 pm; lunch included. Offering: \$20, Registration by February 11.

To register for above programs, call 724-438-7149; or email [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net)

### Sacred Heart Sisters Retreats Offered in 2019

The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus extend an invitation to these retreat programs offered at St. Joseph Convent, 1872 Munster Road, Portage:

**A Married Couples Weekend Get-Away: Each Day is a New Start:** Friday, February 8 to Sunday, February 10; **Boys' Retreat: Bravery:** February 15-17; **Women's Retreat: "Learn from Me for I am Meek and Humble of Heart.** Women [18 and older]; March 8-10.

For more information or to register for any of the above contact Sister Jacinta: [sisterjacinta@gmail.com](mailto:sisterjacinta@gmail.com) or 814-886-4459.

### **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
- **Maple Winds:** John Slivenik [Beaverdale]
- **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

## Liturgical Schedule 37<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost —January 27 2019

### Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday January 26

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

*Vigil Divine Liturgy*

[+Mary Louise Cimba, by Michael & Pauline Barelick]

#### Sunday January 27

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

#### Monday, January 28

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Tuesday, January 29

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy**

[+Health of Kelly Colwell, by Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich]

### Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

#### Wednesday, January 30

Portage 8:40 AM

The Third Hour

**9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

#### Wednesday, January 30

Dunlo **6:00 PM**

**Divine Liturgy** [+Joseph Kovalich, by Peter & Diane Skoner]

#### Thursday, January 31

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

### Feast of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

#### Friday, February 1

Beaverdale **6:00 PM**

**Vespers with Divine Liturgy** [+Alex Afton by Joseph Raptosh]

#### Saturday, February 2

Portage 8:40 AM

The Third Hour

**9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

#### Saturday, February 2

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Sunday of Zacchaeus

#### Saturday February 2

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

*Vigil Divine Liturgy* [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

#### Sunday February 3

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**