



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 February 10 Troitsja: Lexie Slanoc

Bulletins: Cierra Goral & Lexie Slanoc

Sunday February 17 Troitsja: Evan Lenz

Bulletins: Evan Lenz & Christina Goral

Sunday February 24 Troitsja: Ryan Lenz

Bulletins: Bella Koban & Hunter Whitcomb



The Paschal Cycle of Feasts

The cycle of movable feasts is built around *Pascha*, the Resurrection of the Lord, the Feast of Feasts. These observances are called “movable” because they do not have a fixed date on the calendar. Rather, the date of their observance will vary, depending on the day of Pascha [Easter]. This cycle comprises the ten weeks before Pascha, or the “Triodion”. There then follow the fifty days after Pascha [Easter], called the Pentecostarion.

At the time of the transition from Jewish to Christian institutions, certain discrepancies existed among the churches as to the dates of celebration of the feasts and of the Christian Sabbath. These differences were reconciled at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea in the year 325. Pascha was to be celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox. This would follow March 20. The earliest possible date for Easter was then, as it is now, March 22, and the latest, April 25.

The ten weeks before Pascha are called the time of the “Triodion”. In the services of the church, there is a hymn with three odes [Triodion] or stanzas. So this time in the church year is identified by this term. It includes the time before Lent, which begins with this Sunday; the Forty Days of Lent; and the Holy and Great Week

The two weeks before Lent are called the “*Herald of Lent*”. They prepare us for the proper mood of penance and self-denial. They include the Week of the Pharisee and Publican and the Week of the Prodigal Son. The lesson of this week teaches us to avoid the pride of the Pharisee and imitate the humility of the Publican.

[Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, page 773]

Saint Basil the Great offers the following which may serve as an appropriate reflection for today:

“The Christian ought not to grudge another's reputation, nor rejoice over any man's faults; he ought in Christ's love to grieve and be afflicted at his brother's faults, and rejoice over his brother's good deeds. He ought not to be indifferent or silent before sinners. He who shows another to be wrong ought to do so with all tenderness, in the fear of God, and with the object of converting the sinner. He who is proved wrong or rebuked ought to take it willingly, recognizing his own gain in being set right. When any one is being accused, it is not right for another, before him or anyone else, to contradict the accuser; but if at any time the charge seems groundless to any one, he ought privately to enter into discussion with the accuser, and either produce, or acquire conviction.

“Every one ought, as far as he is able, to conciliate one who has ground of complaint against him. No one ought to cherish a grudge against the sinner who repents, but heartily to forgive him.”

Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

A bulletin insert several weeks ago announced **Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal**. There is a need to have some means of identification both of the cemetery and 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. The insert includes response form and envelope to use in donating to this appeal. Copies of the insert with the donation form and return envelope are in the narthex, for those who may not have received them.

We thank those who have thus far responded to this appeal. Periodically, a report on the responses received and amount will be published in the bulletin. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

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 is helpful in updating the All Souls listing.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beavertdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is **Monday, February 11**, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting for the **Parish Advisory Council** of Saints Peter & Paul, Portage; and of the November 12, 2018 meeting for the **Parish Advisory Council** of Saint Mary's, Beavertdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo are included in today's bulletin.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings

Statements of 2018 parishioner offerings for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are in the narthex. Statements of 2018 parishioner offerings for Beavertdale and Dunlo parishioners have also been distributed. If you have any questions or corrections regarding your 2018 offerings, you may call the rectory [814-736-9780] or send your question to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

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!*

Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh And Eparchy of Parma Anniversaries This Year

Fifty years ago on June 11, 1969, Pope Paul VI issued a decree which created the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh and the Eparchy of Parma. To fittingly commemorate this significant event in the life of our Church, celebrations are planned for Saturday, June 22, 2019 in Parma and Sunday, June 23, 2019 in Pittsburgh.

In Pittsburgh there will be a hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 3:00 p.m. at St. John Cathedral in Munhall with a banquet to follow. Gatherings of our Archieparchial Assembly are also scheduled for that evening and on Monday, the next day. Further details will be shared as they are finalized.

Pilgrimage Opportunities: Holy Land and Rome

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. Brochures are in the narthex or contact Patrizia de Libero at 978-772-2467 for information or questions.

Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, of Parma will lead a ***Pilgrimage to Rome*** in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Eparchy of Parma, from May 13-22. The pilgrimage will highlight the Byzantine Catholic aspects of Rome. Brochure at <http://www.parma.org/romepilgrimage>; for more information, email horizons@parma.org or call (216) 470-3287. The cost is \$3,725.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of February 3, ***Bob & Holly Koban & Family*** had the ***Pilgrim Vocation Icon***. During the week of February 10, ***Maxine Olshavsky*** will have the ***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.

Liturgical Chant—Pre-Lenten Sundays

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, February 17**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 6 on p. 152-153; and for the **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**, on p. 216,
- 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.

Offerings for January

	<u>Jan 6</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Jan 27</u>
Portage:	\$2,291.00	\$1,872.50	\$925.00	\$1,561.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 336.00	\$213.00	\$ 331.00	\$369.00
Dunlo:	\$ 145.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 229.00

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *John Slivenik; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zaliznock; Dorothy Resconich; Joseph Raptosh; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Haschak; Emily Nezneski; 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; David Bosnich Sr.*, Father of Reverend David Bosnich; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Schedule of Events

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

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:

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 or 814-886-4459.

"Good Neighbor Tea"

A "**Good Neighbor Tea**" is being hosted on Sunday, April 7 at Saint John's Church, 538 Main Street, Summerhill. RSVP by March 26 to Violet Kline [814-495-4084].

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 Nezneski
- **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

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

“O faithful, let us not pray as the Pharisee, for those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with the Publican let us say: ‘Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.’”
[Stichera of Vespers, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee]

Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission

The Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, www.ByzantineCatholic.net. To receive an email bulletin, send your email address to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net with this request.

Liturgical Schedule 39th Week after Pentecost —February 10, 2019

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Saturday February 9

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

Sunday February 10

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Alice Mazur, by Michael Mazur]

Monday, February 11

Portage **6:30 PM** *Compline*—Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 12

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, February 13

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, February 14

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ann Krisko, by Susan & Tim O’Toole]

Friday, February 15

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
[+Patrick Aungst, by Cousins, Jim Afton, Marty & Marie Johnson]

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday February 16

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** *Vigil Divine Liturgy* [+Ann Blazosky, by Ed Hudak]

Sunday February 17

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