



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

<u>Sunday February 17</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins</u> Evan Lenz & Christina Goral
<u>Sunday February 24</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Bella Koban & Hunter Whitcomb
<u>Sunday March 3</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz

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.



Question & Answer Box: "Sunday Divine Liturgy"

One of the questions submitted to the **Question & Answer Box** asks: *"For those who arrive late or leave the Liturgy early, what counts as attending the Liturgy? Is there a certain point that it doesn't count?"*

The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" [1994] reminds us, *"The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."* The "Catechism" proceeds to provide some further background on Sunday worship which is helpful with respect to the questions that were raised:

"This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some but to encourage one another" [Hebrews 10:25]."

The Catechism then quotes from an early homily from one of the Church Fathers:

"Tradition preserves the memory of an ever-timely exhortation: Come to Church early, approach the Lord, and confess your sins, repent in prayer. Be present at the sacred and divine liturgy, conclude its prayer and do not leave before the dismissal. We have often said: "This day is given to you for prayer and rest. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

To my knowledge, neither the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" nor the "Code of Canon Law for the Eastern Churches" prescribes specifically or precisely at what point one satisfies the obligation of worship on Sundays or Feasts. The Catechism states: *"The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason."* The Code of Canon Law also states this obligation.

A further observation is that to "participate" implies more than a casual or merely passive presence. Our attendance and active presence involves ideally some preparation for the Liturgy, in our prayer and dispositions. Arriving late may lessen or diminish our attentive and conscious participation. It might also be a source of distraction to another.

The ancient exhortation quoted in the "Catechism" and noted above emphasizes that the Lord's Day, Sunday is a gift, given to us by God for our benefit. It is set apart for worship and for the joy proper to the Lord's Day. Sunday is given to us for renewal in faith, refreshment of our spirit, and to strengthen bonds of parish community and family. All of this has its source in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy, by hearing the Word of God and receiving the Divine Eucharist.

This awareness can remind us of that importance and significance of our participation fully and actively in the entire Divine Liturgy.

First All Souls Saturday—February 23

The first *All Souls Commemoration* is **Saturday, February 23**. *Vespers for the Deceased* will be on **Friday, February 22** at **6:00 pm** at Saint Mary, Beaverdale. The *Divine Liturgy* and *Panachida* at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is on Saturday at **9:00 am**. To enter names of deceased family or relatives to be remembered at the All Souls Divine Liturgy and Panachida, please submit them to the rectory at your earliest convenience

On these days are remembered all the faithful who, since time immemorial, have fallen asleep in the Lord. Many have died at sea, on mountains, or in the wilderness; many have died without any liturgical prayer. Hence, the Fathers of the Church, in their love for mankind, instituted on these days a general funeral service for the souls of all the faithful.

[Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, page 778-779

Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal is for the purpose of providing a monument to identify both the cemetery and 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. Copies of the bulletin 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.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Elaine Kachmar** of Saint Mary's Beaverdale, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, February 12. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to all of her family.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Michael Zaher**, the husband of Helen Zaher, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, February 10. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Helen Zaher and to all of her family.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of February 17, **Cierra Goral** and **Christina Goral** 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.

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

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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for and **+Mary Harriton** and **+Frederick Hudak**, requested by Marion Simala.

Liturgical Chant—Pre-Lenten Sundays

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts for the ***All Souls Saturday—February 23*** may be found on pages 202 and 428; and for the Panachida on page 432.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, February 24**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 7 on p. 156-158; and for ***The Sunday of the Last Judgment--Meatfare Sunday*** on p. 217-218.
- 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 **Douglas Roxby; John Slivenik; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zaliznock; 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; David Bosnich Sr., Sarah Kelt**, wife of Father Andriy Kelt of Saint Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northern Cambria; 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, March 16 10:00 am-1:30 pm; lunch Included. Offering: \$20, Registration by February 11.

Spring Spiritual Reading Series: Presented by Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM: "*Sacred Threshold: Crossing the Inner Barrier to A Deeper Love,*" by Paula D'Arcy. March 18, 25, April 1, 8, Mondays, 10:00 —11:30 am. Free Will Offering Registration due by March 11. Stories of healing and love. Read, Delve, Share!

Lenten Prayer Morning: Presented by Rev. Don Bolls "*The Passion As Told By St. John The Beloved*" on Saturday, March 23, 9:15 am—1:00 pm Includes Lunch Offering: \$35. Registration Due: March 19. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered along with a conference and prayer service.

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: **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, 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; 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:** Father Ronald Borsuk
- **Cambria Care, Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]
- **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 Meatfare Week—February 17, 2019

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

Monday, February 18

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, February 19

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Helen Lubinski, by Stanley Lubinski]

Wednesday, February 20

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy
[+Patrick Aungst, by Cousins, Jim Afton, Marty & Marie Johnson--*Rescheduled*]

Thursday, February 21

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, February 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

First All Souls Saturday

Friday, February 22

Beaverdale **6:00 PM**

Vespers for the Deceased
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Saturday, February 23

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Meatfare Sunday-- Sunday of the Last Judgment

Saturday February 23

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday February 24

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Regina Havrilla, by John and Barbara Havrilla]