



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**

<b><u>Sunday February 24</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Bella Koban & Hunter Whitcomb
<b><u>Sunday March 3</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday March 10</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Lexie Slanoc & Cierra Goral

### **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.



### **Meatfare Sunday—the Gospel of the Last Judgment**

In the book Great Lent [Saint Vladimir Seminary Press, 1969], *Father Alexander Schmemmann* offers the following reflection for Meatfare Sunday which we observe today. We hear the parable of the Last Judgment [Matthew 25:31-46]. Father Schmemmann offers these insights:

*“When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable answers love--not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous ‘poor,’ but concrete and personal love for the human person, any person that God makes me encounter in my life. Christian love is the ‘possible impossibility’ to see Christ in another human person, whoever he is, and whom God, in his eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments. The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for ‘humanity,’ yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love. We know that human person ultimately has need of this personal love--the recognition in them of their unique soul.”* [Father Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent, pages 24-26]

The Liturgy presents a vivid description of the Last Judgment, to create an awareness of our responsibility before God’s throne for the gifts and opportunities which we have received:

*“The books will be opened and the secrets laid bare before your awesome judgment seat; and the whole valley of tears shall resound with a dreadful sight.*

*“Alas! O my darkened soul, how long will you persist in sin? How long will you lie in laziness? Why do you not think of the dreadful hour of death? But I know your love and your mercy, O Good Shepherd, in your goodness, do not deprive me of a place at your right hand.”*

[Stichera of Vespers, Meatfare Sunday]

### **Prayer Partners for the Great Fast**

Following the Divine Liturgy for Cheesefare Sunday [Forgiveness Sunday] there will be an opportunity to select **Prayer Partners** for Great Lent. You may use the form below to enter your name in the box that will be in the back of church. There will also be blank forms available on the table which you may use to enter your name.

Names will be drawn at the conclusion of the Vigil Liturgy in Beaverdale next Saturday, March 2 and at the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Sunday March 3.

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

***Thank you for praying for me!***

***“I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for you. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”*** [Philippians 1:3-4, 9-

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS



### Coffee Social for March – Next Sunday

There will be a *Coffee and Donut Social* next Sunday, March 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 March

- The *Work Party* for March will be on Saturday, March 2, at 9:00 am.
- The *Church Cleaning* for March is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 9:00 am. Please note this *change in schedule* due to the first day of the Great Fast on Monday, March 4.
- Thanks once again to those who volunteer for these monthly projects.

### 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 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. The bulletin insert with the donation form and return envelope are in the narthex.

As of Friday, February 22, \$3,180 has been received from 23 donors. We thank those who have generously responded to this appeal.

Periodically, a report on the responses received and amount will be published in the bulletin.

### Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of February 24, **Rita Thornton** 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. 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 into mid-March. 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](mailto:horizons@parma.org) or call (216) 470-3287. The cost is \$3,725.

## Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for and **+John** and **+Regina Havrilla**, requested by John and Barbara Havrilla.

## Liturgical Chant—Pre-Lenten Sundays

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, March 3**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 8 on p. 161-163; and for **Cheesefare Sunday** on p. 218-219.
- 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 **Douglas Roxby; John Slivenik; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zalitznock; Dorothy Resconich; Joseph Raptosh; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Haschak; Emily Neznieski; 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

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Benefiting Easton Lawery

A **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** benefiting **Easton Lawery** is being hosted by the Buckhorn Grange, 2069 Fieldstone Avenue, Summerhill, on Saturday, March 2, 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Price is \$8.00: Adults, \$4.00 Children 5-12 years; Children under 5 eat free. Take-Outs Available. Baked Goods for Sale.

Easton is a 2-year old from Sidman who suffered a stroke at birth. He now lives with complications including a GJ feeding tube, epilepsy, the need for oxygen and hypotonia (he can't walk). The family makes many trips to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for Easton's ongoing care. Brain surgery is pending to alleviate his seizures.

## Community Safety Awareness Class

**Portage Area Ambulance Association** is sponsoring an **Active Shooter Awareness Class**, Thursday March 28, 7:00 PM at Bethany United Methodist Church, 700 Farren St. Portage. Officer Tom Owens of the Stoneycreek Township Police Department and Commander of the Cambria County C.E.R.T team will present this hour long class. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no charge.

## 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 March 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. Registration by March 11. Stories of healing and love.

**Lenten Prayer Morning:** Rev. Don Bolls "*The Passion As Told By St. John The Beloved*" Saturday, March 23, 9:15 am—1:00 pm. Offering: \$35. Registration: March 19. The Sacrament of Reconciliation; conference and prayer service. To register: 724-438-7149; or [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net)

## Sacred Heart Sisters Retreats Offered in 2019

Retreat program offered by the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 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](mailto: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

**Prayer from Sunday Matins:**

*“Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of life. As we worship in your temple this morning, teach us how to purify the temples of our bodies, and in your compassion, purify me by the goodness of your mercies.”*

*“When I think upon the multitude of my evil deeds, I tremble for the terrible Day of Judgment. But trusting in the compassion of your mercy, O Lord, I cry to you like David: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your great mercy.”*

**Liturgical Schedule Cheesefare Week—February 24, 2019**

<b>Meatfare Sunday-- Sunday of the Last Judgment</b>		
<b><u>Saturday February 23</u></b>		
Dunlo	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
<b><u>Sunday February 24</u></b>		
Portage	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b>
[+Regina Havrilla, by John and Barbara Havrilla]		

**Monday, February 25**  
Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Kathryn Cave, by John & Sara Jane Latoche]

**Tuesday, February 26**  
No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Wednesday, February 27**  
No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Thursday, February 28**  
Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Mary Lesko, by James & Barbara Koban]

**Friday, March 1**  
No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Saturday March 2**  
Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

<b>Cheesefare Sunday</b>		
<b><u>Saturday March 2</u></b>		
Beaverdale	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
<b><u>Sunday March 3</u></b>		
Portage	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b>
[+Frank Yetsko, by Jerry, Chris & Jenna Yetsko]		