



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 March 10 Troitsja: Cierra Goral

Bulletins Lexie Slanoc & Cierra Goral

Sunday March 17 Troitsja: Christina Goral

Bulletins: Christina Goral & Bella Koban

Sunday March 24 Troitsja: Abby Koban

Bulletins: Evan Lenz & Lexie Slanoc

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

This questions submitted to the "Question and Answer" box in the narthex is regarding the posture at the time when Communion is distributed: ***"What is the posture for able-bodied people in the pews during Communion? The Liturgy book says nothing about sitting, but many people do. Is this ok?"***

In the "Faithful's Book" for the Divine Liturgy [the green book in the pews] as the *Anaphora* is beginning, it is noted, "The proper liturgical posture is to stand" [page 56]. Then as communion is beginning to be distributed to the faithful, there is the note, "The faithful may remain standing while others are receiving Holy Communion" [page 82]. It is understood that those who cannot physically stand, or for whom it would not be advisable or prudent for some particular reason of health, infirmity, etc. to stand for any length of time, it would be acceptable to sit.

In his commentary on the Divine Liturgy published as a companion to the current Divine Liturgy book, Father David Petras comments on the beginning of the Anaphora:

"Therefore, at this point the deacon, who has the role of guiding the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, announces solemnly, "Let us stand aright, let us stand in awe, let us be attentive to offer the holy offering in peace." At this point in the Liturgy, we are already standing so here the deacon is asking us to stand "straight," and "with attentiveness." This calls us to more than just physical standing, but a standing in the faith, for God has raised us up and we are no longer "bent over." In fact, the general posture for prayer in the early was to stand; sitting was never a posture of prayer. There were no pews in church, and the only ones who sat were the bishop and presbyters, because sitting was the sign of presiding."

"Kneeling is also ancient. St. Paul knelt to pray [Acts 20:36; 21:5]. Kneeling is a sign of our humility before God. We are fallen, we are sinful; we can be lifted up only by God. Kneeling, then, is a sign of penance, humility and supplication. Standing is an act of faith in the presence of God, in His resurrection: that in the anaphora and Communion He can raise us to stand upright. Canon 20 of the Council of Nicea prescribed that people should always pray standing on Sundays and daily from Pascha to Pentecost as a sign of our faith in the resurrection."

[Time for the Lord to Act: A Catechetical Commentary on the Divine Liturgy, p. 89-90]

Of course, customs have changed and other influences enter our experience. However, this historical perspective is helpful in forming our own outlook and point of reference in this regard.

The Great Fast

The Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast are days of *simple abstinence* on which we abstain from meat. The ***Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts*** is on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent.

Also, please continue to remember *Prayer Partner* daily: ***"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 1:9-11]

Lenten Adult Education and Enrichment Series

A series of **Adult Education and Enrichment** sessions begins TODAY--Sunday, March 10, from 4:00-5:30pm. The topic and content for these classes will be *The Mystery Believed*. At the center of our faith is the reality that God loves us and reveals himself to us. This is also the meaning and content of the Sacred Scriptures or the Bible. Through these classes we will especially examine what God has shown us of himself and what he has done to unite ourselves with him. Our study will follow Light for Life: Part One—The Mystery Believed, an overview of the faith for Byzantine Catholics. Volume I, titled *The Mystery Believed* offers a thorough review of Holy Scripture as interpreted and applied in the life and worship of the Eastern Church.

Copies of Light for Life: Part One—The Mystery Believed are available for \$12. We look forward to these **Adult Education and Enrichment** classes as an opportunity to deepen our faith and to promote the spiritual life of our parishioners and parish communities.

Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast - 2019

Simple abstinence

- The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits the use of eggs and dairy products.
- All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Strict abstinence

- The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe strict abstinence when prescribed; and **is to be observed in 2019 on Great and Holy Friday, April 19.**

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March

- The **Church Cleaning** for March is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 9:00 am.
- Out thanks to the volunteers for these monthly **Church Cleaning** and **Work Party**.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+David Mandichak**, formerly from Saints Peter and Paul, Portage and the son of +George and +Mary Frances Mandichak, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 11, 2018. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to all of his family.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Peter Pikus**, who fell asleep in the Lord on February 28 in Perry Ohio, and who was formerly from Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Douglas Roxby; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zalznock; Joseph Raptosh; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Haschak; Emily Neznieski; Shawn Crum; Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters; Alina Rusnak; George** [Memorial Hospital] and **Nancy Yatsky;; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Father Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; David Bosnich Sr., Sarah Kelt**, wife of Father Andriy Kelt of Saint Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northern Cambria; and all the ill & homebound.

Meeting for Annual Festival

A planning meeting for the **Annual Festival** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. Everyone is welcome. Those with specific areas of responsibility are encouraged to attend. The date of this year's **Annual Festival** is Sunday, July 14, 2019

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of March 10, **Carol 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.

Offerings for February

	<u>Feb 3</u>	<u>Feb 10</u>	<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>Feb 24</u>
Portage:	\$1,568.00	\$1,484.00	\$1,692.00	\$1,702.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 243.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 250.00
Dunlo:	\$ 179.00	\$ 625.00	\$106.00	\$ 99.00

Liturgical Chant—Pre-Lenten Sundays

- **2009 Edition of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** includes propers for the first day; Wednesdays, and Fridays for all weeks of the Fast. Pages are given before the service.
- On the **Sundays of the Great Fast**, the *Typical Psalms* [p. 16-17] replace the First and Second Antiphons; the *Beatitudes* [p. 23-24] are sung in place of the Third Antiphon. The responses for the Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great are on p. 96-100.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Second All Souls Saturday** [March 16] are on p. 428; and for the Panachida on p. 432.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, March 17**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 2 on p. 130-132; and for the **Second Sunday of the Great Fast** pages 222-223.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 2 may be found on p. 67.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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 former Saint Michael Church. \$3,205 has been received from 24 donors. We thank those who have generously responded to this appeal.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Spring Basket Auction in Northern Cambria

GCU Lodge 93 annual **Spring Basket Auction**, Sunday, April 7, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue in Northern Cambria. The drawing begins at 3:00 pm in the Church Hall. There will be a complimentary light lunch and refreshments. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. This year our basket auction will benefit: St. John's replacement of the retaining wall; The Good Samaritan Food Pantry; and Northern Cambria Library.

Portage Area Ministerial Association Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches sponsored by the *Portage Area Ministerial Association*, Wednesdays of Lent, Noon to 1:00 PM, at Hammer Street Church of God. Lunch, followed by a short talk by one of the local clergy. Speaker for March 13:--Pastor Cal Wiedemann

Pilgrimage Opportunities: Holy Land and Rome

A **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** [\$3,350] September 15–24, 2019. Brochures are in the narthex or contact Patrizia de Libero at 978-772-2467. A **Pilgrimage to Rome** [\$3,725]; May 13-22; (216) 470-3287; or horizons@parma.org. Brochure at <http://www.parma.org/romepilgrimage>.

“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].

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

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

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Barbara Raptosh; Stella Raptosh; 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

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week in memory of *+Thomas Hudak*, requested by Marian Simala.

Liturgical Schedule Second Week of the Great Fast—March 10, 2019

First Sunday of the Great Fast

Sunday of Orthodoxy—Memory of the Holy Prophets

Saturday March 9

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ronald Garanich, by M/M Joseph Thrower]

Sunday March 10

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

Monday, March 11

No Lenten services scheduled

Tuesday, March 12

No Lenten services scheduled

Wednesday, March 13

Portage 6:30 PM *Simple abstinence and fasting required*
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 14

No Lenten services scheduled

Friday, March 15

Portage 6:30 PM *Simple abstinence and fasting required*
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Second All Souls Saturday

Saturday March 16

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 16

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Mildred Fedore, by Mark and Larry Sasek]
Followed by **Panachida** and Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Sunday March 17

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