



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
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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 March 3</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday March 10</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Lexie Slanoc & Cierra Goral
<u>Sunday March 17</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Bella Koban

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.



Lenten Adult Education and Enrichment Series

A series of **Adult Education and Enrichment** sessions will begin next 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. Our aim in catechesis, or teaching the faith, is that we would make the Church's teaching our own.

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 be using Light for Life: Part One—The Mystery Believed. Light for Life was commissioned by the Eastern Catholic Bishops in the United States to present 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. If you will be planning to attend the classes, you may contact Father Jim this week [814-736-9780; or james_armand_spontak@verizon.net]. This would be helpful in ordering texts.

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.

The Great Fast

We begin the season of the **Great Fast** tomorrow, Monday, March 4. This first day of Lent is a day of *strict abstinence (fast)*; we abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products. The Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast are days of *simple abstinence* on which we abstain from meat.

Please refer to the regulations for the Great Fast on the next page of the bulletin.

Today we begin the Lenten season with **Cheesefare Sunday Vespers** at 5:00 pm. The **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** will be on Monday, March 4; and on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent.

"The Great Fast is our penitential preparation for the great feast of Pascha (Passover). Its forty days symbolizes the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is the fulfillment of the promise of the manna, as St. John wrote, "So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. (John 6:32)" In the Great Fast, we imitate Jesus our Lord, who fasted for forty days in the desert following his baptism. The Feast of Pascha was also the time for baptisms, and so the Great Fast was a time of preparation for baptism. Our observance of the Great Fast, therefore, is our renewal of our baptismal fervor."

[Father David Petras, [Typikon page 15]



Coffee Social for March – TODAY

Our **Coffee and Donut Social** is today--Sunday, March 3 following the Divine Liturgy. Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the refreshments.

The Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Office of the Archbishop
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Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast - 2019

The fasts of the liturgical year are to be kept in accordance with the Norms of Particular Law of the Byzantine Metropolitan Church *sui juris* of Pittsburgh.

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.
- Strict abstinence (fast) **is to be observed in 2019 on Pure Monday, March 4** (the first day of the Great Fast), **and on Great and Holy Friday, April 19**.

Dispensations

- Priests and parents are to ensure that minors are educated in the authentic sense of penance.
- Pastors and administrators, with just cause and taking into account acceptable reasons due to personal circumstances, may grant to the individual faithful as well as to individual families, dispensations, transferals, or commutations of abstinence and strict fast into other pious practices. Superiors of religious houses or clerical institutions enjoy these same faculties relative to their constituents.

Liturgical Services

- The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts takes precedence over all other Lenten Devotions.
- The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts only is to be celebrated on Wednesdays and/or Friday evenings of the Great Fast and also on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

Prayer Partners for the Great Fast

Following the Divine Liturgy *today* parishioners will draw the name of **Prayer Partners** for Great Lent. We remember our *Prayer Partner* daily as inspired by the words of Saint Paul:

“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]

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**. Please note this *change in schedule* due to the first day of the Great Fast on Monday, March 4.
- Out thanks to the volunteers for these monthly **Church Cleaning** and **Work Party**.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of March 3, **Kathy Sekerak** 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.

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.

Pilgrimage Opportunities: Holy Land and Rome

A **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** is being sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh September 15–24, 2019. The cost is \$3,350 per person in double occupancy. Brochures are in the narthex or contact Patrizia de Libero at 978-772-2467. A **Pilgrimage to Rome** May 13-22 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Parma Eparchy, for information email horizons@parma.org or call (216) 470-3287. Brochure at <http://www.parma.org/romepilgrimage>. The cost is \$3,725.

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 **Sunday, March 10**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 1 on p. 125-127; and for the **First Sunday of the Great Fast**-on pages 220-222.
- The *"Our Father"*, in Tone 1 may be found on p. 66.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Douglas Roxby; 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;; 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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for *+Joseph Simala*, requested by Marian Simala.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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

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 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; 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 Nezniski
- **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

Spring Ahead--Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday 10 March

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday 10 March 2019 at 2 AM.

Move clocks *ahead one hour* before going to bed on Saturday 9 March 2019.

Liturgical Schedule Cheesefare Week—March 3, 2019

Cheesefare Sunday

Saturday March 2

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday March 3

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Frank Yetsko, by Jerry, Chris & Jenna Yetsko]

Portage **5:00 PM**

Cheesefare Sunday Vespers

Monday, March 4

First Day of the Great Fast:

Strict abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Tuesday, March 5

No Lenten services scheduled

Wednesday, March 6

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 7

No Lenten services scheduled

Friday, March 8

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday March 9

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]]

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