



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
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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>PASCHA: Saturday April 20 pm</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina & Cierra Goral
<u>Sunday April 21 am</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday April 28</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday May 5</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & 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.



PASCHA—The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

To all of our parishioners and to your families,

Bright Week: "This is the week of joy, for Christ has destroyed the kingdom of death and the power of sin, and has established the Kingdom of God. Death no longer reigns over human life, and paradise is reopened to all, symbolized by the Royal and Beautiful Doors of the Iconostasis remaining open throughout the week. Through the power of the Spirit, all of humankind and the whole cosmos are renewed. In the ancient tradition, the newly-baptized, having entered into a new life in the hope of Resurrection, wore their white garments of joy and purity throughout the week. We do not chant for the departed during this week, for Christ has destroyed the power of death."

[Father David Petras,

from Typicon, p. 31.]"

The Week of Pascha—Bright Week

- We share the greeting "***Christ is risen!***", "***Indeed He is risen!***" from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- There is no fasting during Bright Week.
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.
- On ***Bright Monday***, there is a procession which stops at the four sides of the church, and at each side we read the accounts of the resurrection from each of the four Gospels.

Annual "Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast—Sunday, May 19

The ***Annual "Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast*** will be Sunday, May 19 following the Divine Liturgy. There will be a sign-up list in the back of the church next Sunday. ***Please sign up with your RSVP and the number in your family by Sunday, May 12.***

Graduates 2019

Please submit the names of parishioners who are graduating in 2019 from high school, college, professional schools, etc. and include degrees earned and any special awards, recognitions, etc. Please place information in an envelope in the offering basket, or call the rectory [736-9780] or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

Eastern Christian Formation Program

- There are no ***ECF Classes*** on Sunday, April 21, Pascha—the Resurrection of our Lord.
- Our final day of ***ECF Classes*** is Sunday, April 28, Thomas Sunday. For the Pre-school and Kindergarten class, Sunday, April 14 was their final session.
- Two students are preparing for their ***First Penance***, and our celebration of ***First Penance*** will be at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday May 5 followed by a cake and coffee social.

**The Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Office of the Archbishop
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2019 Paschal Message

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, we deepen our belief and understanding of its meaning on our lives. The events of Jesus's death and resurrection show our path through this life leading to eternal life in heaven. Our perspective changes and deepens with each celebration during our lifetime.

Jesus explained to the Apostles many times everything that was going to happen. They were going to Jerusalem where He would be arrested, suffer, and be crucified. After three days, He would rise from death to new life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ would make it possible to follow him to the heaven.

However, even though the Apostles were told the plan of salvation, when the arrest, trial, and death of Jesus happened, most of the Apostles were afraid and scattered. Judas gave up his faith and turned against Jesus. And only the Apostle John remained with Jesus to the end.

Just like the Apostles, we know the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. However, even though we know the story in our lives and the life of the Church, our faith is challenged. Scandals in the Church or problems in our personal lives or families hurt us and can cause us to question our faith.

We are called be like the faith filled Apostle John. We are called to a faith in Jesus Christ that reveals the way to our resurrection. Through our faith in the resurrection and our cooperation with the Holy Spirit, the current darkness will be blown away with the light of Christ our Lord and Savior. Our faith compels us to spread the news that we believe that Christ is truly Risen.

As we prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh and the June Assembly, many people in our churches have begun the process of renewal in their lives and in their parish churches. We thank all who are praying and working for the renewal of our Archeparchy. We pray that this Easter Season helps us to continue to increase our faith and our good works for the Lord.

Our faith and our actions add to the light of Resurrected Christ. Each prayer and action helps brighten the way of our families, our churches, and our communities. We extend to all the proclamation that Christ is Risen!

"Christ is Risen." And, they will answer, "Indeed His Risen."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Liturgical Chant – Bright Week & Thomas Sunday

- The Divine Liturgy for **Bright Monday [7:00 pm]** and throughout **Bright Week** may be found from [pages 172-174](#) in the Divine Liturgy book.
- The Divine Liturgy **Bright Tuesday [9:00 am]** may be found from [pages 172-174](#) in the Divine Liturgy book; and for the **Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George** on [pages 332-334](#).
- The Divine Liturgy for **Thomas Sunday—the Second Paschal Sunday**, [[Sunday, April 28](#)] may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from [pages 175-177](#)

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of April 21, **Kathy Sekerak** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. In May and June parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo will have opportunity 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.

Meeting for Annual Festival

The next planning meeting for the **Annual Festival** is scheduled for [Wednesday, May 1](#) 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. This year's **Annual Festival** is [Sunday, July 14, 2019](#)

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

A Covered Dish Social will be held [Saturday, May 4](#), following the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul, Dunlo. Parishioners are asked to bring an **entrée, side dish, salad, bread or rolls, dessert, etc.**



Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered for the week of April 21 in memory of **+Georgianna Walters**, requested by the Patty Haschak.

Cemetery Dumpster

The Waste Management dumpster at the Portage cemetery has been removed. Frequently we paid to remove garbage of vandals who used it on a regular basis. If you have need to dispose of items [old flowers, etc.] from graves, we kindly ask that you bring them home for refuse disposal. Parishioners may use the dumpster at the church for cemetery refuse, provided there is room.

We regret any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation and consideration. We also appreciate our cemetery volunteers at each cemetery, as spring clean-up tasks will be in process.

Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

The next meeting for the committee planning the **Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal** for the former Saint Michael Church is scheduled for [Monday, April 29](#) at 5:00 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Church in Portage. Please consider helping this project if you have not already done so. We thank those who have generously responded to this appeal

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Dorothy Majer** [Memorial Hospital]; **Douglas Roxby**; **Mary Donnelly**; **George Pyo Jr.**; **Daniel Zaliznock**; **Joseph Raptosh**; **John Rakar**; **Bernadette Kostan**, **Patty Haschak**; **Emily Nezneski**; **Shawn Crum**; **Dorothy, Phil** and **Cathy Walters**; **Alina Rusnak**; **Ruby Moore**; **Charles** and **Joan Plishka**; **Tom Goncher**; **Patrick & Joan Ditko**; **Helena Ditko**; **Cliff Inman**; **Father Don Bolls**; **Father Paul Tiggyer**; **Kelly Colwell**; **Sarah Kelt**; **Gregory S. Popivchak**; and all the ill & homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Michael Timura**, of Farmington CT, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 3; and **+James Stabile**, who fell asleep in the Lord April 1, the brother of Fr. Thomas Stabile of Holy Family Church.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Saint Demetrius Roast Beef Dinner & Spring Festival in Gallitzin

St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin **43rd Annual Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival** Sunday, April 28. Features games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner in Church hall at Church Street, 10:30 a.m. to...? Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-to-12, \$6.00; 5 and under FREE

Women's Day of Reflection

The Office of Religious Education 16th annual **Day of Reflection for Women** is **Saturday, May 11**, 9 am-2:30 pm, at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Munhall. The theme is **"God Speaks: Do We Listen?"** Brochures in the narthex; register by April 24; call 412-322-8773. The cost is \$25.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

GCU Lodge 401 **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**, Sunday, April 28, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 1191 2nd Street, Nanty Glo, PA 15943. Contact Stephen Bender [814-749-0087] or buddybender831@comcast.net Adults, \$5; Children 5-12; FREE for under 5

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)**:

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown**, Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Forest Hills Personal Care, Sidman**: Pauline Valko [Dunlo]
- **Meadow View Nursing Center [Berlin]**:
- **Arbutus Park Manor**: Margaret Rachael [Dunlo];
- **Autumn View**: June Nezneski;
- **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

**Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!**

Liturgical Schedule Bright Week —April 21, 2019

Pascha – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday April 20

Portage **7:00 PM** **Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy**
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social

Sunday April 21

Dunlo **8:00 AM** **Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy**
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food
Portage **10:30 AM** **Paschal Divine Liturgy**

Bright Monday April 22

Portage **7:00 PM** **Bright Monday
Divine Liturgy**
Followed by Procession with the Resurrection Gospels

Bright Tuesday April 23 **Bright Tuesday and Feast of Holy Great Martyr
George**

Portage 8:40 AM Hours of Bright Week
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

Bright Wednesday April 24

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Bright Thursday April 25

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Bright Friday April 26

Portage 7:50 AM Hours of Bright Week
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

Bright Saturday April 27

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

Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas

Saturday April 27

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy**
[+Agnes Kuska], by Tony & Mary Hribar & Sons

Sunday April 28

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