



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>Sunday April 28</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday May 5</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Bella Koban
<u>Sunday May 12</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & 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.



The Second Paschal Sunday: the Sunday of Saint Thomas

Today the Church celebrates the confirmation of the resurrection of Christ, as we recall the doubt of Thomas transformed into a marvelous profession of faith: *"My Lord and my God"*. His audacity is stressed together with the infinite kindness of Christ who gave him the most striking proofs to elicit and encourage his faith being made manifest.

[From Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, p. 872]

Blessing and Breaking of the "Artos" Today

The loaf of Paska bread carried in procession at the Paschal Matins, and placed on the tetrapod is the **Artos**. "Artos" is a Greek word which means bread made with yeast. It is blessed on Pascha, and broken and shared today, on **Thomas Sunday**.

A note of thanks to the team who coordinated baking Paska and the Artos at Saints Peter & Paul, Portage: **Sharon Bolvin**, **Carol Goral**, and **Sandy Lenz**; and **Irene Gindlesperger** of Saint Peter and Paul, Dunlo for baking the Artos for the Vigil Liturgy in Beaverdale.

The Paschal Season

- 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].
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

"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

- Our final day of **ECF Classes** is **TODAY--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**.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS



Cake & Coffee Social--Next Sunday—May 5

There will be a *Cake & Coffee Social* next Sunday-- May 5, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. The cake will be in honor of the *Eastern Christian Formation* students celebrating their *First Penance* at the Divine Liturgy that morning.

Plan to come to enjoy the refreshments and time with fellow parishioners next Sunday.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for May

- The *Work Party* for May is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at 9:00 am.
- The *Church Cleaning* for May is scheduled for Monday, May 6, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly *Church Cleaning* and *Work Party*.

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

A Covered Dish Social will be held next 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.*



Deacon Retreat

Deacon Daniel Perich and his wife, Mary Lou, are participating in the Retreat for Deacons at Antiochian Village from April 26-28. Please remember in your prayers Deacon Daniel, Mary Lou, and the deacons of our Archeparchy and their wives this weekend.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

- The *Parish Advisory Council* meeting *Saints Peter & Paul, Portage* scheduled for Thursday, May 2 is being rescheduled. *Parish Advisory Council* members will be contacted with proposed dates.
- The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the conference of the rectory.

Liturgical Chant – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for next Sunday, May 5, for the Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers are on pages 177-180.
- The Magnification following the Anaphora may be found on page 167.
- The *Our Father* in the Paschal Tone may be found on page 167.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of April 28, *Jane Pyo* 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 **Seminarians Kyprian Wojciechowski** and **Robert Jones** of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh who will receive tonsure and be ordained Readers on Thursday, May 2 at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall. *Many, happy years!* Also, please remember seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Deacon Tom Wells** and **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

Cemetery Projects

The strong winds in the winter and early spring scattered tree limbs and branches at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage cemetery. Volunteers are needed to clear and dispose of the limbs and branches. If you would be available to help, please call the rectory. A day during the coming week will be schedule for this project.

The Waste Management dumpster at the Portage cemetery has been removed, because of vandals who used it on a regular basis. 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. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered for the week of April 28 is in memory of **+Francis Christina**, requested by the Valerie Pcola [reschedule from week of April 4].

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 Nezeski**; **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 Tigyer**; **Kelly Colwell**; **Sarah Kelt**; **Gregory S. Popivchak**; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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

Candlelight Dinner for Married Couples at Mount Saint Macrina

Candlelight Dinner for Married Couples, Thursday, May 2, 6:30-9:00 pm. Offering: \$70/couple. Experience a lovely evening of music, dining, a basket auction and a heartwarming presentation in the atmosphere of a former 1903 Coal Baron's home.

Concert at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church *Sing with Joy and Rejoice*

St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church hosts a program of hymns in celebration of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir, directed by Darlene Fejka will present "*Sing with Joy and Rejoice!*"

A hospitality reception with light snacks and beverages will follow the program in the Church hall.

St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church is located at 2005 Mohawk Rd. (Brookside Farms) in Upper St. Clair. For information, directions, call the parish at 412-835-7800 or visit: www.stgregoryusc.org.

19th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture

The *19th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture* sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Pittsburgh, is Thursday, May 9, 7:00 pm at Saint John Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall. Reception to follow. Rev. Brian E. Daley, S.J. will speak on "*Breathing Unity: Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue Today and its Promise for the Eastern Catholic Churches*".

This event is FREE; register by April 30th. Call: 412-321-8383, ext. 10; or e-mail: office@bcs.edu.

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 calling 412-322-8773. The cost is \$25.

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 Thomas Week —April 28, 2019

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

Monday April 29

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday April 30

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Audrey Pyo, by husband, George]

Wednesday May 1

Portage 7:50 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
[+Ed Olshavsky, by Rick, Joyce, Jill & Craig Olshavsky Family]

Thursday May 2

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday May 3

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday May 4

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

Third Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

Saturday May 4

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+George Yatsky—40th Day Commemoration, by Marilyn Jenkins]

Sunday May 5

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