



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 May 12</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc
<u>Sunday May 19</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday May 26</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Evan Lenz

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 Holy Table

Several items for the Holy Table and altar area have been acquired from the former Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Newton Falls, Ohio. We have received a new **three bar procession cross**, and several sets of richly brocaded **altar covers** in colors of the various penitential and festive seasons of the Liturgy year. A beautifully crafted **Artophorion** [tabernacle] designed in the shape of a church with Byzantine domes is also being acquired.

The "Order for Celebration of the Liturgy" for the Eastern Catholic Church describes the appropriate design of the Artophorion: "The Artophorion or tabernacle, which is in the center of the Holy Table, should be made in the image of a small church or sepulcher. It should not be so high or wide as to obstruct or interfere with the liturgical actions of the celebrant or concelebrants". The Artophorion and the new altar covers should be in place within the next few weeks. We are grateful that these items have been made available as gifts as splendid enhancements to our church and worship.

Happy Mother's Day!

Setting aside this day, **Mother's Day**, is an opportunity to say "thank you"; to show appreciation, affection and love; and to join in offering prayers and petitions for our mother.

And perhaps something that is underestimated and taken for granted is simply to share time together, to take the time to be with her. This can be done even for those of our mothers who have already fallen asleep in the Lord. Remembering is a wonderful way for someone to be present, to be appreciated and to be the focus of our prayers. Allowing the time for this gift of being present can be a very important and valuable way of observing Mother's Day today.

Today at the Divine Liturgy we remember in our prayers our living mothers and those who have departed this life, "in the hope of resurrection and of eternal life".

A **Happy Mother's Day** to all whom we honor and remember fondly and gratefully today.

Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast

Next Sunday--May 19

The **Annual "Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast** will be **next Sunday, May 19** following the Divine Liturgy. There is a sign-up list in the back of the church Sunday.

Please sign up with your RSVP and the number in your family by Sunday, May 12. You may also call the rectory [814-736-9780] or RSVP to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net

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.

Bulletins & Troitsja—Summer Schedules

A note of thanks to the student volunteers for distributing bulletins and holding the Troitsja candle at the Divine Liturgy.

Parents or students are asked to inform Father Jim of summer schedules for vacations, travel, etc. so that the schedule may accommodate these dates and changes.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

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.

Please submit names by Sunday, May 26. Thank you.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

The *Parish Advisory Council* meeting *Saints Peter & Paul, Portage* is rescheduled for Thursday, May 16. Minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2019 will be enclosed in next Sunday's bulletin.

Offering for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary

A note of thanks to those who responded to the annual appeal for the *Byzantine Catholic Seminary*. In your packet of envelopes is an envelope dated Sunday, May 5 for this offering. You may use this envelope on any of the following Sundays. You may access *Joyful Light*, the newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, at www.bcs.edu.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Connie Rocker**, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 7. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her daughter Melissa, sons Joseph and Jason Rocker and to all of her family.

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Father John Cuccaro**, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Duquesne and Ascension Church, Clairton, Pennsylvania, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 4. His funeral is on Monday, May 13 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Duquesne.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Catherine Weshalek**, of Allen Park, Michigan, the sister of Joseph Raptosh, who fell asleep in the Lord in this past week.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of May 5, **Deacon Daniel and Mary Lou Perich** had the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*. In May and June parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo will have opportunity to have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*.

Also please remember 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, June 12 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

Offerings for April				
	<u>Apr 7</u>	<u>Apr 14</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Apr 28</u>
Portage:	\$1,688.00	\$1,961.00	\$6,063.00	\$1,846.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 330.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 1342.00	\$ 177.00
Dunlo:	\$ 609.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 747.00	\$ 96.00

Liturgical Chant – Paschal Sundays

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for next Sunday, May 19, the **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from pages 186-188.
- The Magnification [The Angel Exclaimed] and the *Our Father* in the Paschal Tone are on page 167.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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 Tuesday, May 28 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

Cemetery Projects and Offerings

A note of thanks to the volunteers who came on Saturday, May 4 to clear and dispose of the limbs and branches scattered by the strong winds at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage cemetery; and to volunteers at each of our parish cemeteries. Also, we gratefully acknowledge your offerings for *Cemetery Care* throughout the year to allow us to care for the parish cemeteries [grass cutting, etc.].

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.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Dorothy Majer; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zalznock; 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 Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn**, wife of Pastor Jeff Blackburn; and all the ill & homebound.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered for the week of May 12 is in memory **+Margaret** and **+Joseph Halovich**, by Louise Halovich.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday May 13, 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Peter Lyons, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

Helping Hands Day 2019

The **Greek Catholic Union [GCU]** and the Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite you to **Helping Hands Day**, Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown Saturday, June 1 at 9:30 am to help beautify the grounds.

Monetary contributions to purchase flowers at Mt. St. Macrina may be made to: **Helping Hands Day [Mt. St. Macrina]**; GCU Fraternal Department; 5400 Tuscarawas Rd.; Beaver, PA 15009.

Mandatory Reporting Seminar

Holy Family Church, 509 Caldwell Avenue, Portage, is hosting a **Mandatory Reporting Seminar** on Saturday, June 1, 8:30 am-12:30 pm in the church hall [beneath the church].

This workshop is being offered as a community service. Legislation in Pennsylvania has in more recent years widened the category of those designed “mandated reporters” of reportable instances against those in danger of abuse—children, youth or vulnerable adults. If you plan to attend you are asked to register by May 24; call 814-73-4279. There will be a \$3.50 charge for the printed book.

Saint Mary’s Windber

Saint Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church, 803 Somerset Avenue, Windber, will be hosting Bingo as a parish fund-raiser on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 pm in the church hall. The next Bingo will be Friday, June 7. Father Ivan Rusin and parishioners extend a cordial invitation.

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 Fourth Paschal Week —May 12, 2019

**Fourth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Mother's Day**

Saturday May 11

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday May 12

Portage **9:00 AM**

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Monday May 13

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday May 14

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday May 15

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday May 16

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday May 17

Portage 7:50 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [For the Grace of the Holy Spirit]

Saturday May 18

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday May 18

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday May 19

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Joseph and +Anna Homa, by Jackie and Amber Gordon]