



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 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 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
<u>Sunday June 2</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<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.



Newly Acquired Adornments for the Holy Table

Next Sunday, May 26 the *Holy Table* [altar] will be adorned with brocaded altar covers and also an accompanying *Artophorion* [tabernacle]. As mentioned in recent weeks, these have been acquired from the former Saint Michael's Church, Newton Falls, Ohio.

The altar covers are part of several sets in a variety of colors corresponding to the various penitential and festive seasons of the Liturgical year. Each is made of ornate brocaded material, to cover the Holy Table and other side altars and the tetrapod [the table in front with the icon]. A note of thanks to Mary Lou Perich for volunteering to do the necessary alterations for each of these sets of covers to fit our altar, tetrapod, etc.

As noted in previous weeks, this beautifully crafted **Artophorion** [tabernacle] is designed in the shape of a church with Byzantine domes. 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 interfered with the liturgical actions of the celebrant or concelebrants*". The Artophorion and the new altar covers should be in place for next Sunday.

We are grateful that these items have been made available as gifts to enhance our church and worship.

Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast

TODAY--Sunday--May 19

The **Annual "Mother's Day/Father's Day" Breakfast** is **TODAY-- Sunday, May 19** following the Divine Liturgy.

Our thanks to **Kim Rocker** and the members of her family for preparing and cooking today's breakfast as we gather to honor both the *Mother* and *Fathers* of our parish communities.

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.

Congratulations...Many, Happy, Years

Congratulations to **Saint Nicholas Byzantine** Church in Nanty Glo, their pastor Father Robert Oravetz, and parishioners on the **100th Anniversary** of the parish. Metropolitan William Skurla is the celebrant of the Hierarchical Liturgy today, Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 pm in observance of this occasion.

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 NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

Minutes of the meeting of the February 7, 2019 Saints Peter & Paul, Portage *Parish Advisory Council* are enclosed in today's bulletin.

Annual Festival—Sunday, July 14, 2019

Please make note of the date of this year's Annual Festival: **Sunday, July 14, 2019**. We are grateful for the many efforts and spirit of cooperation of those helping to prepare for this year's event.

Recent improvements and efforts in preparation for the picnic have included the following:

- The **church kitchen equipment** has been updated. A new gas range has replaced the older electric range. An automatic Fire Suppression System above the range was installed to insure compliance with safety requirements. The condenser for the walk-in refrigerator is also being replaced.
- **New benches** have been made with treated lumber by Mike Mazur & Deacon Dan Perich to allow for more comfortable seating throughout the Picnic grounds.
- **Gob making** is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at 8:00 am in the church kitchen. Please come to lend a hand if you are available.
- 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

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.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of May 12, **Marty** and **Marie Johnson** 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.

Liturgical Chant – Paschal Sundays

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, May 26**, the ***Sunday of the Man Born Blind*** may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from [pages 189-191](#).
- 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 volunteers at each of our parish cemeteries. We are in need of help with weed-trimming at the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portage. Ernest Podrasky has been volunteering to do weed trimming in the past few years. Help is needed for because of the time and effort involved in this task. Please contact Father Jim if you are available to help. Also, we gratefully acknowledge your offerings for *Cemetery Care* throughout the year.

The Waste Management dumpster at the Portage cemetery has been removed. 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 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 Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn**, wife of Pastor Jeff Blackburn; and all the ill & homebound.

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.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Young Adult Retreat

Young Adult Retreat from June 21-23; 7:00 pm Friday—11:00 am Sunday. Directed by Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick OSBM and a team of young adults. Offering: \$110. Register by June 14 by calling 724-438-7149 or Email: hpmism@verizon.net. Website: sistersofstbasil.org.

Gather with other young adults seeking God's way along life's journey.

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.

Oriente Lumen XXIII Conference in Washington, DC

Oriente Lumen XXIII Conference is June 17-20 at the Washington Retreat House, Washington, DC. Open to the public, but requiring pre-registration, the conference will provide an opportunity for Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholics and Oriental Orthodox to gather, and learn about their respective traditions. This year's conference theme is "*One City, One Bishop: Church Boundaries Past Present and Future.*"

Register online at www.olfoundation.com or call 703-691-8862 for registration form.

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

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered for the week of May 19 is in memory *+Joseph Simala*, by Marian Simala.

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

Liturgical Schedule Fifth Paschal Week —May 19, 2019

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]

Monday May 20

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday May 21

Portage 7:50 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Mary Yetsko, by Randy Hook]

Wednesday May 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday May 23

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday May 24

Portage 7:50 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Mary Lesko, by Walt & Mary Ann Hoberney]

Saturday May 25

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

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 25

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

[+Catherine Selepak and +Elaine Kachmar, by Carol Selepak Krieger]

Sunday May 26

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy