



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*  
*Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla, D.D.*  
Served by: Very Rev. Fr. James A. Spontak  
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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.

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### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

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| <b><u>Sunday May 5</u></b>  | <u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb | <u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Bella Koban        |
| <b><u>Sunday May 12</u></b> | <u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral    | <u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc |
| <b><u>Sunday May 19</u></b> | <u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz       | <u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz    |

### **Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission**

The Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, [www.ByzantineCatholic.net](http://www.ByzantineCatholic.net). To receive an email bulletin, send your email address to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net) with this request.



### **The Holy Table**

Several accessory items are being acquired to adorn and equip appropriately the Holy Table and altar area. These appointments are from the former Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Newton Falls, Ohio. A new **three bar procession cross** was received and used for services for Holy Week and Pascha. Also, we received several sets of richly brocaded **altar covers** in colors of the various penitential and festive seasons of the Liturgy year. These include bright [white, gold]; dark [red, deep violet or purple]; green; blue; etc.

A beautifully crafted **Artophorion** [tabernacle] designed in the shape of a church with Byzantine domes is to arrive within a few weeks. More description of the Artophorion will be provided next week. We are grateful that these items have been made available as gifts to Saints Peter and Paul Church as splendid enhancements to our church and worship.

### ***First Confession Celebration***

Two of our Eastern Christian Formation Students—**Kyle Czapp** and **Owen Slanoc**--had their first Confession on Saturday, May 4. This morning they celebrate this important event together with our parish family at the Divine Liturgy. After the homily, they receive lighted candles, recalling the candle received at Baptism with the words: **"Receive this lighted candle, and during your entire life strive to shine with the light of faith and good deeds."** Preparing for and making his first Confession is an important step in fulfilling this commitment of Baptism.

A word of thanks to his Catechist, **Alisha Slanoc**, for her dedicated service, and to all of our Catechists. Please remember in your prayers Jakob and his family on this happy occasion.



### **Cake & Coffee Social—TODAY--Sunday--May 5**

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

Come to enjoy the refreshments and time with fellow parishioners this morning.

### ***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.**

## Eastern Christian Formation Program

Last Sunday was the final day of *ECF Classes*. We gratefully acknowledge our *Catechists* and their dedication and service in our *2018-2019 Eastern Christian Formation* program:

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| <b><u>Pre-School &amp; Kindergarten:</u></b> | <b><i>Molly Harrington</i></b>     |
| <b><u>Grade Two:</u></b>                     | <b><i>Alisha Slanoc</i></b>        |
| <b><u>Grade Four, Five &amp; Six:</u></b>    | <b><i>Julie Brenna</i></b>         |
| <b><u>Grade Seven &amp; Eight:</u></b>       | <b><i>Deacon Daniel Perich</i></b> |
| <b><u>High School:</u></b>                   | <b><i>Father Jim Spontak</i></b>   |
| <b><u>Substitute Catechist:</u></b>          | <b><i>Rachel Cain</i></b>          |

Also, we gratefully acknowledge our *ECF Coordinator Deacon Daniel Perich*; and the parents and families of our students for your support, prayers and encouragement.

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Church Cleaning for May

- 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*.

### 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](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

### 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.*



### Parish Advisory Council Meetings

- The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for *Saint Mary's, Beavertdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* **Monday, May 6** at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the rectory. Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2019 are enclosed in today's bulletin.
- 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.

### Cemetery Projects

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.

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.

## Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Stephen Mazur**, brother Michael Mazur, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 2. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Michael and all of his family.

## Pilgrim Vocation Icon

In *May* and June parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo will have opportunity to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. A sign-up list is available in Dunlo on Saturday, May 4.

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

## Liturgical Chant – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for next Sunday, May 12, the **Sunday of the Paralyzed Man** may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from pages 181-183.
- 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

## 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 Neznieski; 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.

### 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 [vacations, travel, etc.] so that the schedule may accommodate these dates and changes.

## Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered for the week of May 5 is in memory **+Emil Harriton**, by Marian Simala [reschedule from week of March 31].

## 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.

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

A program of hymns in celebration of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, will take place Sunday, May 5, 3:00 p.m. at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, 2005 Mohawk Rd. (Brookside Farms) in Upper St. Clair. The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir, directed by Darlene Fejka will present "*Sing with Joy and Rejoice!*" A hospitality reception with snacks and beverages follows the program, in the Church hall. For information, directions, call 412-835-7800 or visit: [www.stgregoryusc.org](http://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; to register: 412-321-8383 ext. 10; or e-mail: [office@bcs.edu](mailto:office@bcs.edu).

### 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 Third Paschal Week —May 5, 2019**

**Third Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers**

**Saturday May 4**

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| Dunlo | <b><u>5:00 PM</u></b> | <b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b><br>[+George Yatsky—40 <sup>th</sup> Day Commemoration, by Marilyn Jenkins] |
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**Sunday May 5**

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| Portage | <b><u>9:00 AM</u></b> | <b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b> |
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**Monday May 6**

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| Portage | <b><u>6:30 PM</u></b> | <b>Compline</b> —Evening Prayer |
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**Tuesday May 7**

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| Portage | 7:45 AM | The Third Hour   |
|         | 8:00 AM | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> [+Ed Nezeski, by John & Barb Havrilla] |

**Wednesday May 8**

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| Portage | 7:50 AM | The Third Hour   |
|         | 8:00 AM | <b>Divine Liturgy</b><br>[+Deceased members of the +Peter Pikus Family, by the living members of the Peter Pikus Family] |

**Thursday May 9**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Friday May 10**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Saturday May 11**

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

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

**Saturday May 11**

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| Beaverdale | <b><u>5:00 PM</u></b> | <b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b><br>We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased |
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**Sunday May 12**

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| Portage | <b><u>9:00 AM</u></b> | <b>Sunday Divine Liturgy</b><br>We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased |
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