



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 June 23</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc
<u>Sunday June 30</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday July 7</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. Also, like us on **Facebook**. To receive weekly bulletin by email send your email address to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net with this request.



TODAY: 50th Anniversary of Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh Meeting of the Assembly

The celebration of the **50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh** takes place at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall with the Divine Liturgy at 3:00 pm. Cardinal Leonardi Sandri will attend and preach at the Divine Liturgy. Cardinal Sandri is Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches. The Banquet commemorating this event follows in the Cathedral center. On June 11, 1969 was the establishment the *Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh* and the appointment of the first Metropolitan Archbishop, Most Reverend Stephen J. Kocisko. On June 12, 1969 was the establishment of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma and the ordination and enthronement of its first Bishop, Most Reverend Emil Mihalik.

The establishment of the Metropolitan Church in 1969 meant more than simply another diocese, or territorial expansion or progress for the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States. This created a new entity with a dignity and a canonical structure and status. We became a "*sui juris*" church with a certain self-governing status acknowledge by the Holy See. It helped to affirm our identity and mission as Byzantine Catholics.

Those attending from our parish communities are: Father James Spontak; Deacon Daniel and Mary Lou Perich; Julie Brenna; Stephen Paluch; and Kathy Sekerak. Following the Anniversary celebration is the meeting of the **Assembly** on Sunday, June 23 and Monday, June 24. This is a sequel to the Assembly in September 2018. Our parish representatives listed above will take part in this gathering to continue to develop an "*action plan*" to promote the vitality and renewal of parish communities and the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

Thank you for your prayers on behalf of the Assembly and its participants.

Feasts of our Church This Week...

The ***Birth of Saint John the Baptist*** is on Monday, June 24. The Divine Liturgy will be at **7:00 pm**. *Please note* this scheduled time, because of the Assembly gathering on Monday.

The ***Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul*** on Saturday, June 29 is the patronal feast of both the Portage and Dunlo parishes. This is a feast of obligation for Byzantine Catholics.

There will be *Vespers with Divine Liturgy* in Dunlo [Friday, June 28 at 6:00 pm]; and Divine Liturgy in Portage [Saturday, June 29 at 9:00 am].

The Fast of the Holy Apostles

The ***Fast of the Holy Apostles*** is observed from the Sunday of All Saints to June 29 [Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 28]. From earliest times, the Church has prepared the faithful with prayer and fasting for the Feast of the Pre-eminent Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29]. The Apostles' Fast marks a recommitment to fasting after the Feast of Pentecost. It may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. It holds particular significance for Ss. Peter & Paul in both Portage and Dunlo, for whom this Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast

Annual Festival—Sunday, July 14, 2019

Please make note of the date of this year's Annual Festival: **Sunday, July 14, 2019.**

Outdoor Work Project at Picnic Grounds

An **Outdoor Work Project** at the picnic grounds is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 at 6:00 pm. [*The rain date is Thursday, June 27.*] There is a need for cleaning leaves, trimming shrubs and weeds and other outdoor tasks in preparation for the Annual Festival.

Junior high, high school, and other parishioners are asked to come if you are available. Please bring work gloves, garden tools [rakes], weed trimers, etc.

Sign-up Lists

Sign-up Lists for the annual Ethnic Festival are posted in the narthex. Please sign-up for one of the baskets for the **Basket Raffle** and to volunteer for the various areas listed.

“Gobs” for Annual Festival and Pre-Sale

A note of thanks to those who helped with the **“Gob” Baking** project for the Annual Festival this past week, on Monday, June 17. Gobs are available for pre-sale and also will be sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival. Gobs are \$1.25; and \$15/“Baker’s Dozen”.

Festival Tickets

Festival Tickets for the prize drawings are in the narthex. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors and relatives not present today.

Festival Posters

Festival Posters are also in the narthex. Please take some to distribute in your neighborhood.

Bake Sale

Please continue the fine response to the appeal for an extra effort for the **Bake Sale**. Please help us again to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.

Basket of Cheer

Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers’ room near the narthex.

Kitchen Equipment

A note of thanks to those who volunteered in replacing and installing the condenser for the walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen this past week. Over recent months, a new gas range and automatic Fire Suppression System have also been added to the kitchen; and new benches for more comfortable seating are on the Picnic grounds. *Please join your efforts to the cooperation of those who volunteered for these and other projects to help the success of the Festival!*

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July

- The **Church Cleaning** for July is scheduled for Monday, July 1, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** for July is scheduled for Saturday, July 6 at 9:00 am,
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly **Church Cleaning** and **Work Party**.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of June 16, **Marty** and **Marie Johnson** had the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**.

In Parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo are asked to sign up for the months of June and July to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. Please remember seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Deacon Tom Wells; Seminarians Kyprian Wojciechowski, Robert Jones, John Welch**; and all the Seminary community; and the new candidates for the Deacon Formation Program.

Parish “Facebook” Page

Saints Peter and Paul Church **“Facebook Page”** for the parish includes information about the annual Parish Festival on Sunday, July 14. Parishioners who are on **Facebook** are asked to find us at **Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church** and “like” the page. *Thank you!*

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for Monday, June 24, the **Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist** are on page 334-337.
- For Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul**, the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera will be in a separate handout.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the [the **Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul—Saturday, June 29**, on page 338-340.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Third Sunday after Pentecost [June 30]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 2, may be found on p. 130-132.
- The *“Our Father”*, in Tone 2 may be found on p.67.
- 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 **Saint Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal** is Tuesday, June 25 at 5:00 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Church in Portage. A granite memorial marker to identify the parish church, its years of existence, and the cemetery has been designed. Incorporating one of the bells from the church is also planned. We will consider a process to prepare the bell as part of the memorial.

Also, the existing wall is to be cleaned and refurbished. As we elicit proposals for these areas of work an estimate of the overall cost can be determined. Any amount that might in excess would be available for ongoing maintenance of Saint Michael’s Cemetery, a perennial need.

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 *Melody Voss; Dorothy Majer; Connie Glasko; 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 Joseph Borodach; Father Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn;* and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park,

The *99th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day* is Thursday, July 25, at Kennywood Park, 10:30 am until Close. Prepaid, discounted ticket books and catered lunch tickets are available through the GCU. Deadline for tickets: Monday, July 8. *FunDay Ticket* (ages 4-54): \$25.00; *Senior FunDay Ticket* (55+): \$15.00; *Super Senior FunDay* (70+): \$11.00; *Catered Lunch* (11+): \$15.00 or \$8.00 [ages 3-10].

There is a Prayer Service at 11:30 am followed by a performance by the *Slavjane Folk Ensemble*. For tickets, contact Fr. Jim, or call the GCU [724-495-3400 ext. 3809]; or email events@GCUusa.com.

Group Guitar Lessons at Trinity UMC

This summer, Pastor Matthew Scott, Associate Pastor of Ebensburg UMC will offer **Group Guitar Lessons** at Trinity United Methodist Church 817 Caldwell Avenue, Portage at 6:00 pm on the following dates: Monday, July 8; Monday, July 22; Monday, August 5; Monday, August 19; Monday, August 26. The cost per lesson is \$10/person for one hour lesson.

Participants should have their own guitar, but not necessarily be proficient in playing one, in order to be in the class. While intended as a refresher course for those with some familiarity with a guitar, prior experience is not a requirement.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; 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

Liturgical Schedule 3rd Week After Pentecost—June 23, 2019

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 22

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday June 23

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko by Paul & Sandy Lenz]

Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet Forerunner & Baptist John

Monday June 24

Portage **7:00 PM** Divine Liturgy

Tuesday June 25

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday June 26

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Betty Tutsock, by Barbara Petney & Family]

Thursday, June 27

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Feast of the Holy Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

Friday, June 28

Dunlo **6:00 PM** *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, June 29

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Steve Mazur, by Children of Steve Mazur]

Saturday June 29

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 29

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[Theresa and Bill Garanich--50th Wedding Anniversary]

Sunday June 30

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