



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 2</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc
<u>Sunday June 9</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday June 16</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<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 Fathers at the First Nicean Council

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates that on the fortieth day, having completed the plan of salvation, our Lord Jesus Christ was taken up in glory to the right hand of the Father. The Ascension also means that with him He also brings our human nature which he had assumed in the Incarnation, as expressed in this Hymn of Matins of the Ascension:

“You descended from heaven to the earth, O Christ, and by your Ascension You wondrously raised up the race of Adam which had been lying in the depths of the prisons of Hades. And having taken our nature back to heaven, You seated it with You on the Father's throne because of your mercy and your love for all.”

The union of the human and divine, united in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, is highlighted by the Church Fathers in their teachings. It is this teaching which also was defended by the Fathers at the First Council of Nicea. Today, the Sunday following Ascension, honors the memory of these Fathers. This First Council was convened to respond to the teaching of Arius, who said that the Son was not equal to the Father, being neither of the same essence nor infinite nor eternal. This teaching was rejected by the Council of Nicea affirming that Christ is truly God and truly human, joining humanity with Divinity in his own person. Thus we have the possibility of attaining the Divine Life and being sharers in and participants in the Divine nature.

The Feast of Pentecost

Next Sunday, June 9 we come to the *fiftieth day* of the Paschal season, the feast of Pentecost. At Saint Mary's, Beaverdale there will be *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy*, on Saturday, June 8. Also, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Sunday one of the *Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost*, from Vespers of Sunday evening, will be prayed. With this prayer is the first occasion of kneeling in private or public prayer throughout the fifty days of the Paschal Season.

Graduates 2019

We will recognize and honor parishioners graduating in 2019 from high school, college, professional schools, next Sunday, June 9. To submit any additional names, degrees earned, and awards, recognitions, etc., call 736-9780 or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

Newly Acquired Adornments for the Holy Table

Brocaded altar covers the *Holy Table* [altar] and an *Artophorion* [tabernacle] have been acquired from the former Saint Michael's Church, Newton Falls, Ohio. A key for the Artophorion was made this past week, to replace the original key. The new covers and the Artophorion will be put on the holy table within the next few weeks. 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.

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

Fifth All Souls Saturday

The *Fifth All Souls Saturday* is **Saturday, June 8**. *Vespers for the Deceased* will be on **Friday, June 7** at **6:00 pm** at Saint Peter and Paul, Dunlo.

On **Saturday, June 8**, the Divine Liturgy with the Panachida and reading of the names of the deceased will be at **9:00 am** at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Many Happy Years!

We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to *John* and *Barbara Havrilla* on their *50th Wedding anniversary*. They commemorate their *50th Anniversary* with a blessing bestowed in thanksgiving for this occasion during today's Divine Liturgy.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June

- The *Church Cleaning* for June is scheduled for **Monday, June 3**, at **9:00 am**.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for yesterday's *Work Party* and the monthly *Church Cleaning*.

"Gob" Baking Project for Annual Festival

The *"Gob" Baking* project for the Annual Festival has been re-scheduled for **Monday, June 17** in the church kitchen, at 9:00 am. Gobs will be frozen and sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Annual Festival—**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

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

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 electric range and an automatic Fire Suppression System above the range 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.
- 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.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of May 26, *Deacon Daniel* and *Mary Lou Perich* had the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*. In 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 – The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **All Souls Saturday [June 8]** are on p. 202 and 428; and the Panachida on p. 432. Please note that the Troparion “*In the depth of your wisdom...*” is sung in place of “*We have seen the true light...*”
- For Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of Pentecost**, the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera will be in a separate handout.
- The Antiphons, Troparia, and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, June 9**, the **Feast of Pentecost** are found on pages 203-208 in the Divine Liturgy book.
- The *Our Father* in Tone 4 Podoben may be found on page 74.
- 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, June 25 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

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+John Halovich**, requested by Louise Halovich.

Cemetery Projects and Offerings

We are in need of help with weed-trimming at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portage. Ernest Podrasky has been volunteering to do weed trimming the past few years. Help is needed because of the time and effort involved in this task. Please contact Father Jim if you are available to help.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to *Saint Mary’s Cemetery, Beavertdale* from **Eugene and Loretta Estok** of Mentor, Ohio; and all of the volunteers at each of our parish cemeteries; and also your generous offerings for *Cemetery Care* throughout the year.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Melody Voss; 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 Joseph Borodach; Father Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn**; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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.

23rd Annual Great Portage Yard Sale

This year's sale is **Saturday, June 8**, 8am--3pm, rain or shine. Participants have a numbered sign and balloons to mark sale site and are listed on the event map.

Maps available at Portage Station Museum, 400 Lee Street, Tuesdays through Saturdays Noon to 4 pm, or on the day of the event.

Portage Public Library Book Sale

Portage Public Library **Certified Pre-Owned Book Sale** from June 8-15: Tuesday and Thursday: 12-7 pm; Wednesday and Friday: 9-4 pm. Also, Saturday June 8: 9 AM - 4 PM and Saturday June 15: 9 AM-4 PM. At: Portage Public Library; 704 Main Street; Portage, PA 15946. 814-736-4340

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: hpsm@verizon.net. Website: sistersofstbasil.org.

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

Liturgical Schedule Seventh Paschal Week —June 2, 2019

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday June 1

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

Sunday June 2

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
[50th Wedding Anniversary-In Thanksgiving—John and Barbara Havrilla]

Monday June 3

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday June 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday June 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, June 6

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday June 7

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Bill Ostheim, by Sr. Helen Schott, OSBM]
Dunlo **6:00 PM** **Vespers for the Deceased—Fifth All Souls Saturday**
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Fifth All Souls Saturday

Saturday June 8

Portage **9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy** followed by **Panachida**
Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday June 8

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** **Vespers with Divine Liturgy**

Sunday June 9

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Georgianna Walters, by Patty Haschak]