



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 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
<u>Sunday June 23</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Cierra Goral	<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.



The Feast of Pentecost

- “On this the last and greatest day of the feast, the Lord pours forth the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon his followers. On this day we are reminded of our baptism in fire and the Spirit, we are anointed with the manifold gifts of the Spirit, and we receive the courage and wisdom to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord.” [Father David Petras, *Typicon*, p. 47]
- Following the Ambon Prayer at the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost one of the ***Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost*** is prayed. The three ***Kneeling Prayers*** are from Vespers of Sunday evening. This prayer is used at the Divine Liturgy so that the faithful may be present for these prayers.
- On ***Pentecost Monday***, after the Ambon Prayer, a procession takes place around the church, with the singing of the Pentecost Troparion and Kontakion. A Gospel is read at each side of the Church: 1) ***Matthew 12:30-36***; 2) ***Mark 13:9-13***; 3) ***Luke 11:9-13***; 4) ***John 16:2-14***. Each Gospel reading is a lesson on the Holy Spirit.
- There is *no fasting* during this week, to manifest the spirit of joy at the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Question and Answer Box

In the fall a “***Question and Answer***” box was placed in the narthex. During the September 2018 Assembly, parish representatives suggested this as a way of providing a forum for education and instruction on topics relating to the church and our faith, and also the specific practices, observances and other aspects of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Because of other topics and items for the bulletin, responding to the inquiries in “***Question and Answer***” has been interrupted in recent months. Some of the questions require time for research and preparation of an adequate response to the inquiry. My hope is that the questions and replies will provide help in understanding and living our faith.

Your questions are appreciated. I hope to resume responses to these questions in the near future. Also, one of the questions entered more recently was misplaced. If this might have been your question, perhaps it could be submitted again.

Thanks again for your interest, and also for your patience and consideration with the interval of delay in preparing and providing these responses.

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. The new covers and the Artophorion will be put on the holy table this week. 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 holy table.

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

Congratulations—Graduates—Class of 2019!

Today we recognize those from our parish family who have graduated or earned degrees. We offer them prayerful support as they pursue future goals:



Rachel Cain graduated with Master of Business Administration from Mount Aloysius.

Gabriella Cimba, graduated from Forest Hills High School; will attend University Of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for Nursing Degree. Awarded Academic Scholarships from UPJ and also the Elizabeth Brawley Nursing Scholarship.

Sarah Crum, graduated from Mount Aloysius College with a degree in Nursing.

Siarra Crum graduated from Morehead State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science; enrolled in Master of Science in Athletic Training at Eastern Kentucky University.

Christina Goral, graduated from Forest Hills High School; will attend Penn Highlands Community College for Early Childhood Development.

Cierra Goral, graduated from Forest Hills High School; will attend Penn Highlands Community College for Early Childhood Development.

Nicholas Kinback, completed a three year Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency at Temple Hospital in Philadelphia. In June he completes a Pain Medicine Fellowship at West Penn Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh. He has accepted an Interventional Pain Physician position at Allegheny Pain Management in Altoona.

Ryan Lenz, will be graduating from Penn Cambria High School, and will attend Mount Aloysius College in the fall for nursing.

Alex Murphy, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Penn State University Friday, May 3, 2019. He received the Harry H. West Undergraduate Student Award for Excellence in Structural Engineering in recognition of graduating top in class. He also received The George W. Johnstone Civil Engineering Scholarship, The Poole Memorial Scholarship for Civil Engineering, and The Anne M. Kendlehart Scholarship of the Pittsburgh Foundation

Jack Single, graduated from Portage Area High School.

Hunter Whitcomb, graduated from Portage Area High School and Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School; enrolled in the Bricklayer and Allied Craftsman Apprentice Program. He received Band Arion Award; Air Force Outstanding Achievement in Technology Education; and Admiral Peary Perfect Attendance. 2019 Ken Lantzy All-Star Band member.

Please let Father Jim know of any additions or corrections to this list. Thank you.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of June 2, **Donna Block** had the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**; and the week of June 9, **Stephen** and **Mary Lou Paluch** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. Parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo are asked to sign up for the months of June and July 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.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Annual Festival—Sunday, July 14, 2019

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

- 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.
- Raffle Tickets for the Annual Festival will be addressed to each parishioner and are scheduled to be distributed next Sunday, June 16.
- Recent improvements in preparation for the picnic have included a new gas range to replace the electric range; automatic Fire Suppression System above the range to comply with safety requirements; and the condenser for walk-in refrigerator is being replaced. New benches were made by Mike Mazur & Deacon Dan Perich for comfortable seating on the Picnic grounds.

“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.

Liturgical Chant –Pentecost Monday & Sunday of All Saints

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Pentecost Monday*** [**June 10**] can be found on pages 203-210.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Sunday of All Saints*** [**June 16**] can be found on pages 211-213.
- 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

Over the past several months, plans for a memorial for the former Saint Michael Church and Cemetery site in South Fork have been reviewed and further developed. A granite memorial marker has been designed to identify the parish and church and its years of existence. Also including one of the bells from the former church is also being explored as part of this memorial. In addition, the existing wall would be cleaned and refurbished to enhance the overall appearance of the setting for the memorial. Proposals for this work will be elicited in the near future. This will allow an estimate of the overall cost of the project.

The next meeting for the committee planning the **Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal** 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

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Melody Voss; Dorothy Majer; Connie Glasko*, mother of Susan Kick; *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

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 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: hpmsm@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

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+Georgianna Walters**, requested by Patty Haschak

Liturgical Schedule Pentecost Week—June 9, 2019

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]

Monday June 10 Pentecost Monday

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Procession with Reading of Gospels of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday June 11

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday June 12

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [
[+Catherine Weshalek, by Jim Afton; Marie & Marty Johnston—40th Day Commemoration]

Thursday, June 13

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Vasyl and, Kathleen Osipov and Family, by Tony Kunko]

Friday June 14

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday June 15

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

Sunday of All Saints-- Father's Day

Saturday June 15

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+George Rachael by Carolyn Garanich]
We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased

Sunday June 16

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased