



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 July 14</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc
<u>Sunday July 21</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz
<u>Sunday July 28</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. Also, like us on **Facebook at Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church**. To receive weekly bulletin by email send your email address to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net with this request.



The Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite

This week we have a feast of the one of the Old Testament prophets. The memory of the holy Prophet **Elijah** [or Elias] **the Tishbite** is celebrated on Saturday, July 20. The character of Elijah is distinct: he is determined and intensely devoted to the One God, with no deviation in loyalty or devotion. The stories of Elijah are lively, colorful, and engaging. We read several of them at Vespers for the feast, found throughout I Kings 17-19; and II Kings 2. Also, both the Gospel [Luke 4:22-30] and Apostolic Reading [James 5:10-20] at the Divine Liturgy recall various events from the stories of Elijah.

One of these events occurs during a time of drought. Elijah is directed by God to a stream and while he is there the Lord provides ravens to feed him. This scene is often depicted on icons of the Holy Prophet Elijah. St. Basil the Great gives an interpretation of this event:

"The dwelling place of Elias was Mount Carmel, a high uninhabited mountain. The wilderness received the hermit; but it was the soul that instituted all for this righteous man, and the provision for his life's journey was hope in God. Yet despite this mode of life, he did not die of hunger; on the contrary, the most rapacious birds of prey brought him food. Those whose custom was to steal food of others became servants at his table. At the command of the Lord they changed their nature and became faithful guardians of bread and meat." This event prefigures the coming of the Kingdom of God in power.

When Elijah commissioned the Prophet Elisha as his "successor", Elijah is carried to heaven by a flaming chariot and flaming horses [II Kings 2:1-14]. Reference to this event is made in the prayer for the **Blessing Automobiles and Other Vehicles** which takes place on the feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah. This blessing of Automobiles and Other Vehicles will follow Vespers on Friday evening, and Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning. To participate, go to your vehicle after the *Festive Anointing*; the priest will then approach and bless each vehicle.

The feast the holy Prophet Elijah is an occasion both to honor his memory and find instruction and encouragement in hearing and reflecting upon the accounts of this great prophet

Question & Answer Box: The Icon Screen

Last week we began response to a question concerning the icon screen: *"Why do some Byzantine churches have icon screens and others don't?"* We will resume this response next week.

A Celebration of Marriage

The annual celebration to honor married couples observing their **Wedding Anniversaries** of **10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years that are multiples of five** in 2019 is on **Sunday, September 8**. A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm, followed by a dinner. Please inform Father Jim by Sunday, July 28 if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2019, to receive an invitation and a Certificate from Metropolitan William to commemorate your jubilee.

Annual Festival Today

Today we warmly welcome our many friends and patrons of the Annual Festival and thank those who come to enjoy the food, entertainment, games, and socializing throughout this day.

- **Entertainment:** *"HALLMARKS"*, from **Noon to 3:30 pm**.
"FULL KILT" Celtic Rock-- from 4:30 until 8:00 pm
- **Our menu:** includes homemade items: *haluski, pork sandwiches, Bar-B-Que burgers; Sloppy Joes; halupki, pirohi, BBQ chicken, kielbasa, hot dogs, hot sausage, wing dings, and french fries*. Also, new this year for children—*"Walking Taco's"*.
- **Children's Activities:** A variety of Children's Games, plush animal booth, and other activities!
- **Basket Raffle & Basket of Cheer:** *Thanks* for the donations for the *Basket Raffle & Basket of Cheer* and the *Bake Sale* and to all who sold or purchased the *Festival Tickets* for the raffle.
- **Church Tours at the Festival:** During Festival today there will be **Church Tours** at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. An introduction to the Byzantine Catholic Church and an explanation of our worship, iconography, and other aspects of our church will be offered.
- **Affordable family fun.** Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the live bands throughout the day
- **Thank You!** We gratefully acknowledge the many generous donations, volunteers, and hours of preparation for the Festival over the past weeks. Thank you for your generosity preparing for the Annual Festival and your hospitality in welcoming our guests and patrons today.

Thank You to Our Donors & Friends

Festival Tent Sponsors: We sincerely thank these donors who helped to sponsor the large [30' x 60'] tent to provide a comfortable place for the bands and for dancing.

- **Leman Machine**
- **M. W. Petryshak Construction**
- **B&R Construction, LLC—Larry Raptosh**

We also thank the following benefactors and donors:

- **Serenko-Claar Funeral Home** for donating the tent for tables to accommodate our guests.
- **GCU** [Greek Catholic Union] Fraternal for promotional items for prizes for children's games;
- **John Maruska** from **Algas** in Gallitzin for the gas grill used for the funnel cakes;
- **Saint John the Baptist Orthodox** Church, Conemaugh, and their Pastor Father George Johnson for supplying the homemade Pirohi for us to serve to our guests today;
- **Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater TOR** for his generous donation and support.

Additional Festival Tent Sponsors and donors will be acknowledged in next Sunday's bulletin.

Area Business & Merchant Festival Donations for Basket Auction

In addition to the acknowledgment of gift certificates, merchandise and donations for the *Annual Festival* and the *Basket Auction* from area businesses and merchants made in last Sunday's bulletin, we have received donations from the following:

Ray's Lawnmower Service, Summerhill

Portage Florals, Portage

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

Thank you for your generosity to the appeal for a **Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal**. As of July 5, \$5,975.00 has been received. The next meeting planning this project is Tuesday, July 23 at 5:00 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Church in Portage.

Offerings for June	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Portage:	\$1,993.00	\$1,349.00	\$1,276.00	\$1,367.75	\$1,480.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 200.00	\$ 374.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 540.00
Dunlo:	\$ 174.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 262.00

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the weeks of July 7 and 14, **Doug** and **Marcy Roxby** have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*.

Parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo are asked to sign up for the months of July and August 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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+Mae Haschak**, requested by her daughter, Patty Haschak.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah [July 20]*** are on p. 343-344
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost [July 21]***, Resurrection Troparion Tone 5, may be found on p. 146-148.
- The "Our Father", in Tone 5
- may be found on p.70.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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 Nezeski; Shawn Crum; Dennis Ratosky, Sr.; 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.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Helen Smetana**, the aunt of Loretta Bradley, Mary Kay Summerville and Brenda Egnot.

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. Discounted ticket books and catered lunch tickets are available. *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]. 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].

Summerfest Nameboard Tickets

The Portage Endowment **\$10,000 Summerfest Tickets** are on sale at area merchants. The tickets are a fundraiser for the Portage Endowment, to benefit area non-profits: Portage Park, Fire Department and Ambulance Association, Public Library, Portage Historical Association. Over \$16,000 in cash prizes; last ticket pulled Sunday August 11 wins \$10,000, seller of winning ticket gets \$500.

Master's Degree in Theology at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

Earn your Master's Degree in Theology at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary: Degree options are offered both online and on campus. Students have a choice of four different M.A.T. focus areas: *Chaplaincy; Dogmatics; Liturgy; Sacred Scripture*. Information: *Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius; 3605 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15214-2229- 412-321-8383. www.bcs.edu*.

Mount Aloysius College Summer Admissions Events

Open House: Friday, July 19; Come and tour campus with a group of prospective students and their families. While you're here, you'll hear from Admissions and Financial Aid and have an opportunity to speak individually with a professor from the academic division of your choice.

Schedule your visit: 814-886-6383; admissions@mtaloy.edu www.mtaloy.edu/event-registration

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]
- **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 6th Week After Pentecost—July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Saturday July 13

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

Sunday July 14

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

[The miners killed in the *Sonman Mine Explosion* of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak]

Monday July 15

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday July 16

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [Health of Allison McLain, by Bucky Helmich]

Wednesday July 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Anne Lazor, by Beverly Janik & Daphne Janik]

Thursday, July 18

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Prophet Elijah

Friday, July 19

Dunlo **6:00 PM** Great Vespers with Litija-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

Saturday, July 20

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy--** *Followed by Blessing of Autos*
Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 20

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Agnes Gindlesperger, by Marty & Marie Johnson]

Sunday July 21

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