



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.*  
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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**

<b><u>Sunday July 21</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday July 28</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Hunter Whitcomb	<u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Evan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday August 4</u></b>	<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](http://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](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net) with this request.



### Question & Answer Box: The Icon Screen

Two weeks previous we began a response to a question concerning the icon screen: *“Why do some Byzantine churches have icon screens and others don’t?”* As noted then, there may be a variety of factors that have influenced or contributed to whether or not there is an icon screen. We began with some general considerations about the icon screen itself and its significance and role. We briefly resume this to provide some helpful and necessary background on this topic.

In the earlier discussion it was noted that icon screen is not to be considered something “decorative” or an enhancement. The Order for Celebration of the Divine Liturgy [Ruthenian Recension, 1944] published by the Holy See speaks of the icon screen as an essential component “to celebrate divine services properly and suitably.” Later in 1996 the Congregation for Eastern Churches at the Vatican added some further reflections in this regard. It published an Instruction for Liturgical Prescriptions. Here it elaborated on how the movements of the Liturgy, such as processions or the other actions of the priest, deacon, etc. are designed or arranged to take place in the context of the icon screen:

*“In the Eastern Churches, sacred space is divided into various functional areas organically connected. It is an image of the Church of God, sacred convocation of faithful pilgrims toward the promised land. Each member occupies a specific place, corresponding to his or her mission. The sanctuary is separated from the nave by an [...] iconostasis, because it is the most sacred place: it contains the altar on which the Divine Liturgy is celebrated and the Oblation is offered. Processions and other movements establish a relation between the nave and the sanctuary, gradually and pedagogically directing the faithful toward the altar. The Gospel always remains on the altar, from which it is solemnly taken for the celebration of the Word. It is to the altar that the gifts are brought at the beginning of the Eucharistic part of the celebration to be offered to the Lord. Then, from the altar, the same gifts will solemnly leave the sanctuary to be communicated to the faithful, signifying the raising of the veil which covers the mystery of God, in revelation and, especially, in the Incarnation and Pascal Mystery of the Son.”*

[Instruction for Applying the Liturgical Prescriptions, pages 94-95]

And so in a sense, the icon screen’s placement is to draw us closer to the presence of God and yet at the same time, reflect that this presence of God is one which is hidden and mysterious.

We will conclude these reflections and 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 Festivals: Thanks to Parishioners, Donors & Friends

Thank you for the cooperation, support and generosity of parishioners from each of our parish communities—Saints Peter and Paul, Portage; Saint Mary, Beaverdale; and Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo. The many hours of dedicated volunteers, the wonderful display of many prizes for the basket auction—a total of forty baskets--and the hospitality extended to our many guests are all sincerely appreciated. We also thank our friends, neighbors and benefactors who supported our efforts and who enjoyed the afternoon and evening. We received numerous compliments on the food and hospitality of our parishioners and volunteers.

We also sincerely thank the following additional donor who helped to sponsor the large tent for the bands and dancing. We received this donation after last week's bulletin was printed:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Summit Bank**

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost [July 28]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 6, may be found on p. 152-153.
- The “Our Father”, in **Tone 6** may be found on p.71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

### Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Rose Single**, the mother of David Single; **Melody Voss**; **Dorothy Majer**; **Connie Glasko**; **Mary Donnelly**; **George Pyo Jr.**; **Daniel Zalznock**; **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 Tigy**; **Kelly Colwell**; **Sarah Kelt**; **Mary Beth Blackburn**; and all the ill & homebound.

### Cemetery Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following cemetery donations:

- To the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portage from **Timura Family**, on the occasion of the Timura Family Reunion.
- To the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo from **Peter** and **Thresa Valko**, in memory of **+William** and **+Lorraine Valko**.

### Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the weeks of July 21, **Doug** and **Marcie 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.

## Festival Prize Winners

***Congratulations to all prize winners and thanks to all for a successful enjoyable day.***

### Basket Raffle Winners

<u>Bird Seed Basket:</u>	Heide Sedwick	<u>Boyd's Bear Basket</u>	Anna Kozuch
<u>Lottery Basket #1</u>	Lindsay Kleman	<u>\$100 Sheetz Gift Card :</u>	Andrea Maul
<u>Three piece Travel set:</u>	Marcie Roxby	<u>Variety Gift Cards #2</u>	Taylor Shoff
<u>Restaurant Gift Card #3</u>	Kristen Gagen	<u>\$2 Bill Money Tree</u>	Pauline Barelick
<u>Restaurant Gift Card #2:</u>	Lori Dell	<u>Beach Chair Basket</u>	Kathy Ritchey
<u>Relax and Read:</u>	Nancy Whitcomb	<u>Variety Gift Cards #4</u>	Dee Minor
<u>Time to Shop-JC Penney:</u>	Susan Wilson	<u>Long Barn Basket</u>	Peter Gerko
<u>Car Care Basket</u>	Linda Beynon	<u>Restaurant Gift Card #4</u>	Patty Haschak
<u>DelGrosso Fun Passes</u>	Anastasia Miller	<u>Happy Harvest Basket</u>	Kelly McCarty
<u>Bath and Spa Basket</u>	Peter Gerko	<u>Flower Garden Basket</u>	Mary Lou Perich
<u>Variety Gift Cards #1</u>	Ryan Bollman	<u>Coffee Break Basket</u>	Becky Eger
<u>Restaurant Gift Card #1</u>	Paulette Fedorko	<u>Tool Basket</u>	Anastasia Miller
<u>Baking Basket #2</u>	Jillian Bako	<u>Altoona Curve Club Tickets</u>	Betty Phillips
<u>Christmas in July</u>	Launi Crum	<u>Wine Basket</u>	Nancy Whitcomb
<u>Life Is Better Basket</u>	Anna Kozuch	<u>Lottery Basket #2:</u>	Chuck Reininger
<u>Sheetz &amp; Pizza Gift Certificates</u>	Connie Crum	<u>McDonald's Basket</u>	Grace Grejtak
<u>Kid's Basket</u>	Shelly Bako	<u>Office and School Supplies</u>	Helen Kost
<u>Baking Basket #1</u>	Joe Beyer	<u>Door Prize: Watch</u>	Jane Pyo
<u>Philosophy Bath &amp; Body</u>	Kathy Sekerak	<u>Variety Gift Cards #3</u>	Lisa Pyo
<u>Floral Arrangement</u>	Lori Stewart	<u>Snack Basket</u>	Gary Stager

### Baskets of Cheer

**Red:** Alice Podrebarac      **White:** Lindsay Kleman      **Blue:** John Trusik

### Raffle Tickets

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize--\$300:** Gregory Heidler  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize--\$200:** Lisa Flynn  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize--\$100:** Deacon Daniel Perich

## Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+Francis** and **+Betty Christina**, by daughter, Valerie Pcola

## 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.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### 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.

### Job Fair

*Job fair* sponsored by State Rep. Frank Burns on Wednesday July 24, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. at *Young Peoples Community Center*, 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg. Featuring local companies and on-the-spot interviews. Please bring copies of your resume. Rep. Burns and his staff will also be available to provide information on state government-related programs and services.

### Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park,

*99th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day* Thursday, July 25, Kennywood Park, 10:30 am-Close. Prayer Service at 11:30 am followed by *Slavjane Folk Ensemble*. Call GCU: 724-495-3400 ext. 3809.

### 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](http://www.bcs.edu)*.

### Mount Aloysius College Summer Admissions Events

**Individual Visit:** Monday through Friday 8:30.5:00, schedule to meet with Admissions, Financial Aid; tour campus. 814-886-6383; [admissions@mtaloy.edu](mailto:admissions@mtaloy.edu) [www.mtaloy.edu/event-registration](http://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 Nezeski;
- **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

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—Apollo Moon Landing*

*"O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth!*

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your hand,*

*The Moon and the stars that you have established;*

*What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him!"*

Psalm 8:1, 3-4

**Liturgical Schedule 7<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost—July 21, 2019**

**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

**Monday July 22**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Tuesday July 23**

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**  
[+Barbara Raptosh, by Joseph Raptosh—40<sup>th</sup> Day Commemoration]

**Wednesday July 24**

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Fred Tutsock, by Rick & Louise Shope]

**Thursday, July 25**

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Dolores Hollop, by Ethel Smindak]

**Friday, July 26**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Saturday, July 27**

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

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday July 27**

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

**Sunday July 28**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy  
[+George and +Mae Haschak, by Patty Haschak]