



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
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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 7</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Evan Lenz
<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

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.



Question & Answer Box: The Icon Screen.

In the fall a ***“Question and Answer”*** box was placed in the narthex. Parish representatives at the September 2018 Assembly suggested this for education and instruction on topics relating to the church, our faith, and practices and observances of the Byzantine Catholic Church. As mentioned several weeks ago, responding to the inquiries in ***“Question and Answer”*** had been interrupted in recent months, because of other items etc. for the bulletin. Also, it was noted that some questions require research and preparation of an adequate response to the inquiry.

In resuming these replies, a questions received concerned the icon screen: *“Why do some Byzantine churches have icon screens and others don’t?”* In each instance, there may be a variety of factors that have influenced or contributed to whether or not there is an icon screen. Before attempting to offer a response in this respect, some general considerations about the icon screen itself, its significance and role will be offered. We cannot attempt to provide a comprehensive or complete explanation or description here, both only some background that might be helpful and necessary in offering some thoughts on this question.

The icon screen is actually prescribed as an integral component in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Thus it is not something “decorative” or an enhancement, but an essential component. The Order for Celebration of the Divine Liturgy [Ruthenian Recension] published by the Holy See in 1944 prescribes what is needed *“to celebrate divine services properly and suitably.”* It includes the iconostasis which *“has an image of the Savior to the right of the central doors, and an image of the Theotokos to the left; the other icons are arranged according to the various local customs.”* Even if a church would have an additional chapel[s], each *“should have their own iconostases. A Holy Table which lacks an iconostasis is not considered truly suitable for divine services.”* [pp. 1-2]. We will resume this response next week.

Schedule Change for Beaverdale & Dunlo Saturday Vigil Liturgy

The ***Vigil Divine Liturgy*** on **Saturday, July 13** will be at Saint Mary, Beaverdale.

This is a change in the usual alternating weeks because of a social event on Roberts Street in Dunlo that afternoon, out of consideration for parking, etc.

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 so that you may receive an invitation and a Certificate from Metropolitan William to commemorate your jubilee.

Annual Festival—Sunday, July 14, 2019

- Entertainment will feature great live music:

"HALLMARKS", playing from Noon to 3:30 pm.

"FULL KILT" Celtic Rock-- from 4:30 until 8:00 pm

This Saturday, July 13, the day before the Festival, there will be many details to set up and prepare the picnic grounds. **Help is needed**—beginning at 9:00 am

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.

Festival Tickets: *More tickets are available in the parish office. You can return the stubs and money via the collection basket, or you may bring them to the festival **no later than 3 pm.***

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

Bake Sale: *Bring Baked Goods to the picnic grounds after the Divine Liturgy the day of the festival.* Please help us again to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.

Deadline for donations for the **Basket of Cheer** [in the narthex] is **today—Sunday, July 7.**

Plastic Shopping Bags-- We are in need of plastic shopping bags [from supermarkets, etc.] for take-out food orders. Bring them to the ushers' room or to the outdoor kitchen.

THANKS: To our many volunteer! *Please join your efforts for the success of the Festival!*

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Area Business & Merchant Festival Donations for Basket Auction

We have received donations of gift certificates, merchandise and donations for the *Annual Festival* and the *Basket Auction* from the following area businesses and merchants. A word of acknowledgement to Ernie Podrasky for his many efforts in soliciting these gifts and donations.

Cresson Springs Restaurant:

Sheets (Portage):

Rita's Bakery & Pizza (Summerhill):

Vale Wood Farms (Loretto).

Shop n Save (Cresson):

Hoss's Restaurant (Ebensburg)

Clark Powell's Express (Wilmore):

Fortune Cookie Chinese Restaurant (Portage)

The Meadows (Ebensburg):

Eat n Park (Johnstown).

Pizza Hut (Ebensburg)

Servinsky Jeweler (Cresson)

Dominic's Restaurant (Portage).

Portage Service Center.

Stager's Store (Portage)

Chatterbox restaurant (Portage).

Wendy's (Ebensburg)

Applebee's Restaurant (Ebensburg)

Millers Greenhouse (Wilmore)

Off The Rak Restaurant (Ebensburg).

Florals on the Corner (Lilly)

Del Grosso Amusement Park (Tipton)

Altoona Curve baseball organization.

Parkway Restaurant (Portage)

Long Barn (Ebensburg)

Thomas Honda (Johnstown)

Portage Chevrolet/Buick

Chilies restaurant (Johnstown)

Red Lobster restaurant (Johnstown)

Perkins Restaurant (Johnstown)

James Drug Store

Gardens of Paradise (Cresson).

Dial Beer ((Portage)

Kitchen and Other Tasks for the Festival...

You are welcome to volunteer for any of these times when you may be available to assist

Wed. July 10:	9:00 am	core and shred cabbage & steam;
Thurs. July 11:	9:00 am	make halushki; hamburgers, "Sloppy Joes"; prep sausage & green peppers, kielbasa;
	pm:	roast pork
	pm	set up tents
Fri. July 12:	9:00 am	make holubki;

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost [July 14]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 4, may be found on p. 141-142; and for the **Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils** on p. 341-342
- The "Our Father", in Tone 4 may be found on p.69.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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!*

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.

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; 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.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to the **Fatima Devotions** Saturday July 13, 6:30 P.M. in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. In case of inclement weather, at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by St. John the Evangelist in Altoona and the sermon will be delivered by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, JCD. *We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.*

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.

Summerfest Nameboard Tickets

The Portage Endowment **\$10,000 Summerfest Tickets** are now on sale at area merchants. The tickets are a fundraiser for the Portage Endowment, which benefits area non-profits; Portage Park, Portage Fire Department and Portage Ambulance Association, Portage Public Library, Portage Historical Association, etc. Over \$16,000 in cash prizes awarded Summerfest Sunday August 11th. Last ticket pulled wins the \$10,000, and seller of the 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]
- **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

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.

Liturgical Schedule 5th Week After Pentecost—July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 6

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [Elizabeth Harrigal, by Mike Blazosky]

Sunday July 7

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

Monday July 8

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

[+Thomas Spontak, by Bingo Workers at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Toms River, NJ]

Tuesday July 9

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday July 10

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Olshavsky, by Maxine & Family]

Thursday, July 11

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, July 12

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday July 13

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

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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]