



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.

### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

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| <b><u>Sunday June 16</u></b> | <b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Hunter Whitcomb | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Cierra Goral & Evan Lenz       |
| <b><u>Sunday June 23</u></b> | <b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Cierra Goral    | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc |
| <b><u>Sunday June 30</u></b> | <b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Evan Lenz       | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> 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](http://www.ByzantineCatholic.net). Also, like us on **Facebook**. 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.



## **The Sunday of All Saints; The Fast of the Holy Apostles**

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to the memory of all the saints. For sanctity is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. When man knows how to act in the light of God, he becomes a receptacle of the Spirit. *"Walk as children of light"* St Paul tells us, *"for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true"* [Ephesians 5:9].

The Holy Spirit joins the saints, unites itself with them, and acts with them to make the light shine in the world. The Holy-Spirit brings diversity and makes of each human being a unique and irreplaceable person. Each person is called to achieve union with God through the Holy Spirit. Thus *"there are as many unions as there are human persons, supposing that each has an absolutely unique relationship with God; there are as many different kinds of sainthood possible in heaven as there are personal destinies on earth"*.

[From *The Incarnate God*, II pp. 224-226; also, Vladimir Lossky, *In the Image and Likeness of God*]

With the Sunday of All Saints, we enter the period of the Fast of the Holy Apostles, which is observed from the Sunday of All Saints to June 29 [Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 28].

From earliest times, the Church has prepared the faithful with prayer and fasting for the Feast of the Pre-eminent Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29]. The Apostles' Fast marks a recommitment to fasting after the Feast of Pentecost. It may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. It holds particular significance for *Ss. Peter & Paul* in both Portage and Dunlo, for whom this Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast

## ***Happy Father's Day***

Today we observe ***Father's Day***, and remember and honor our Fathers. They have a most important vocation as father to their family. Their role is also vital to and greatly needed in our society and communities. It is good that we take the time today to honor them and show appreciation, affection and esteem. In the Divine Liturgy today we remember all our fathers, including those who have already entered eternal life.

A ***Happy Father's Day*** to the fathers in our parish communities. May this be an enjoyable and well deserved day of gratitude, love and respect, and strengthen you in your vocation as father.

## **This Week...**

Father Jim will be attending ***"Cultivating Life in Christ"*** [June 19-20], a pastoral theology workshop hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church in Parma. On Saturday, June 22 the Parma Eparchy celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Next Sunday, June 23 is the celebration of the ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh***. Cardinal Leonardi Sandri will attend and preach at the Divine Liturgy at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall [3:00 pm]. Cardinal Sandri is Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches. On Sunday and Monday, June 23-24 will be the continuation of the Assembly begun in September 2018 for the renewal of the Byzantine Catholic Church and parishes.

## Newly Acquired Adornments for the Holy Table

The brocaded altar covers for the *Holy Table* [altar] and *Artophorion* [tabernacle] acquired from the former Saint Michael's Church, Newton Falls, Ohio were set in place this past week. Thanks to the volunteers who helped this past week in placing the covers and Artophorion, and to Mary Lou Perich for the 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.

## Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Barbara Raptosh**, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 12. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her mother, Stella Raptosh; her brother Larry and Dawn Raptosh, and to all of her family. The Funeral Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage is at 10:00 am on Monday, June 17.

## 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**.

- **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** for the prize drawings are in the narthex. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors and relatives not present today
- **Festival Posters** are also in the narthex. Please take some to distribute in your neighborhood.
- Last year, there was a fine response to the appeal for an extra effort for the **Bake Sale**. Please help us again to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex
- In the kitchen, a new gas range and automatic Fire Suppression System above the range are in place. The condenser for the walk-in refrigerator is being replaced. New benches made by Mike Mazur & Deacon Dan Perich for comfortable seating are on the Picnic grounds. Please join your efforts to help the success of the Festival!

### “Gob” Baking Project for Annual Festival

The **“Gob” Baking** project for the Annual Festival is 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.

### Outdoor Work Project at Picnic Grounds

An **Outdoor Work Project** at the picnic grounds is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 26** at 6:00 pm. There is a need for cleaning leaves, trimming shrubs and weeds and other outdoor tasks in preparation for the Annual Festival.

Junior high, high school, and other parishioners are asked to come if you are available. Please bring work gloves, garden tools [rakes], weed trimers, 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!*

| <b>Offerings for May</b> |              |               |               |               |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | <b>May 5</b> | <b>May 12</b> | <b>May 19</b> | <b>May 26</b> |
| <b>Portage:</b>          | \$2,826.00   | \$2,103.00    | \$1,100.00    | \$1,632.00    |
| <b>Beaverdale:</b>       | \$ 330.00    | \$ 389.00     | \$ 255.00     | \$ 560.00     |
| <b>Dunlo:</b>            | \$ 201.00    | \$ 176.00     | \$ 149.00     | \$ 342.00     |

## Offering for “Peter’s Pence”

In your packet of offering envelopes is the envelope designated, “**Peter’s Pence**” [June 2]. The purpose of this collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

To learn more about the “**Peter’s Pence**” Collection, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

## Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Second Sunday after Pentecost [June 23]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 1, may be found on p. 123-125.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 1 may be found on p.66.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## Saint Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

Plans for a memorial for the former Saint Michael Church and Cemetery site in South Fork feature a granite memorial marker to identify the parish and church and its years of existence. Including one of the bells from the former church is being explored as part of this memorial. The existing wall would be cleaned and refurbished to enhance the overall appearance of the memorial. Proposals for this work will be elicited to allow an estimate of the overall cost.

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 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. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Theodore P. Wroblicky** of Saint Philip the Apostle Church, Sacramento, California and father of Father Alexander Wroblicky of Pittsburgh.

## Cemetery Donations

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo Cemetery from *Katherine Valko Sabol Katherine Sabol* of Concord, Ohio.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### 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](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net). Website: [sistersofstbasil.org](http://sistersofstbasil.org).

### Group Guitar Lessons at Trinity UMC

This summer, Pastor Matthew Scott, Associate Pastor of Ebensburg UMC will offer *Group Guitar Lessons* at Trinity United Methodist Church 817 Caldwell Avenue, Portage at 6:00 pm on the following dates: Monday, July 8; Monday, July 22; Monday, August 5; Monday, August 19; Monday, August 26. The cost per lesson is \$10/person for one hour lesson.

Participants should have their own guitar, but not necessarily be proficient in playing one, in order to be in the class. While intended as a refresher course for those with some familiarity with a guitar, prior experience is not a requirement.

### 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](http://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; 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**

Parishioners of Beavertdale and Dunlo are asked to sign up for the months of June and July 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 which begins this week.

## **Liturgical Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Week After Pentecost—June 16, 2019**

### **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*

#### **Monday June 17**

Portage **10:00 AM**

**Funeral Liturgy**--+Barbara Raptosh

#### **Tuesday June 18**

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Margaretta [Peg] Chulick, by Leonard & Anne Fornadel]

#### **Wednesday June 19**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Thursday, June 20**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Friday June 21**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Saturday June 22**

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beavertdale 4:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Saturday June 22**

Beavertdale **5:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

#### **Sunday June 23**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Frank Yetsko by Paul & Sandy Lenz]