



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 August 18</u>	Troitsja: Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Evan Lenz
<u>Sunday August 25</u>	Troitsja: Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Lexie Slanoc
<u>Sunday September 1</u>	Troitsja: Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Lexie Slanoc & 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.



Invitation to Pilgrimage: The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great

Glory to Jesus Christ

"There was a very thought provoking question in an article I read recently: "Are you a tourist or a pilgrim?" We are all on a journey through this life as we make our way toward the heavenly kingdom. The approach that we take on this journey can make all the difference in the world.

"Tourists want everything to go just as planned and get very upset if there are delays or unexpected changes. They often focus on their own needs and find happiness in sites and souvenirs. Pilgrims, on the other hand, are very different. If there is a delay, they ask: "What is God trying to tell me?" They are quick to count their blessings.

"As we approach the 85th Pilgrimage, we invite you to take some time to be more than a tourist, but to become a true pilgrim. We do not make this journey alone, but we look to Mary—Cause of our Joy to be our loving companion.

"We pray that you will find the time on your spiritual journey to come to visit your heavenly Mother this year at Mount St. Macrina. Come as a pilgrim, come open to discover the God who longs to fill your every true need. Mary, Cause of our Joy will be waiting for you. We continually pray for you and look forward to having you join us this Labor Day weekend.

"With our love, prayers, and gratitude,"

Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM, Provincial

The Church Year

This past week we observed the last of the great feasts of our church year, the ***Dormition of Mary the Theotokos***. Its Postfestive time continues through August 23. There remains the Commemoration of the ***Beheading of Saint John the Baptist*** on Thursday, August 29. Soon after the new Church Year begins on September 1. There is a particular joy and radiance associated with the Dormition. The liturgical hymns express this joyful element of Mary's "falling asleep" and her being "transferred to life":

"The limits of nature are overcome in you, O pure Virgin, for birth-giving remains virginal, and death is the prelude to life: a virgin after childbearing and alive after death! You ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos." [Exaltation", sung in place of "It Is Truly Proper"]

"She is higher than the heavens, more glorious than the Cherubim, and more honorable than all creation. Her outstanding purity became the dwelling place of the eternal divinity. Today she places her all-pure soul into the hands of her Son. With her, the universe is filled with joy, and the grace of salvation is given to us." [Litija Hymn at Vespers]

Another of the recently acquired altar covers is being used for the first time for this feast of the Dormition. The blue covers are a fitting expression of the radiance of this feast. We will also continue use of these blue covers in the time of the Feast of the Birth of Mary on September 8, the first feast of the new church year.

Pilgrimage to-Mount Saint Macrina in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Charter Bus We have reserved a 41 passenger charter bus for transportation to the Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina for **Sunday, September 1**. The bus departs from our parking lot at **7:00 am**. Departure from Mount Saint Macrina will be at about 9:00 pm [following the candlelight procession]. A sign-up list is in the back of church where you may sign up to reserve a seat on the bus. Please do so by **Sunday, August 18th**.

The **85th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** takes place during the Labor Day Weekend, August 31-September 1, 2019. Throughout the pilgrimage, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is carried in procession with love and devotion to each liturgical service. There it is placed before the altar, so that all may venerate this Beloved Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual. Besides the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services, the Mystery of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick are treasured blessings for all.

The Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of **Mary, Cause of our Joy**. With them, she waits to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St Macrina.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Parish Advisory Council Meetings--Rescheduled

- The meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is being rescheduled for **Monday, August 26** at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the rectory. Minutes from the previous meeting will be included in the Sunday's bulletin.
- The meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo scheduled for August is being rescheduled. **Parish Advisory Council** members will be contacted regarding the rescheduled date.

Eastern Christian Formation Program

In preparation for the **2019-2020 Eastern Christian Formation** program, Catechists will be meeting with Father Jim in the coming weeks. Each year we face a variety of opportunities, needs and challenges. As always, we are engaged in a process in which the entire parish family shares. We seek to teach the elements and practices of our faith as Byzantine Catholics. We also are entrusted with the development and growth of the life of faith of our students, each on their own level. Parents, parishioners as well as Catechists all share together with the pastor in this commitment and the efforts it entails.

Please remember in your prayers our Catechists and students as we prepare for the coming year of **Eastern Christian Formation** classes.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Sister Ann Fedyszak**, OSBM who has fallen asleep in the Lord on Monday, August 12 in the 65th year of her monastic life.

Her funeral Divine Liturgy is on Monday, August 19.

A Word of Sincere Thanks...

We are sincerely grateful for these recent donations to Saints Peter and Paul parish in Portage for equipment for the rectory and church:

- Our thanks to **Guy Krisay** of **Krisay's Appliances** in Johnstown for donating a new GE Washer for the rectory. The washer used for many years in the rectory was in need of replacement this summer. Our thanks also to **Stephen B. Fleck** for arranging this donation and installation.
- Also, our thanks to **Larry Dipko** for donation of the condenser unit and evaporator for the walk-in refrigerator in the church kitchen earlier this summer and also for coordinating the installation of the new equipment.

Work Party & Church Cleaning for September

- The **Work Party** will be on **Saturday, September 7**, at **9:00 am**. This change is due to Labor Day Holiday weekend on the first Saturday of the month.
- **Church Cleaning for September** will be **Monday, September 9**, at **9:00 am**. This change is due to Labor Day Holiday on September 2, the first Monday of September.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost [August 25]**, Resurrection Troparion **Tone 2**, may be found on p. 130-132.
- The *"Our Father"*, in **Tone 2** may be found on p.67.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Daniel Zaliznock** [UPMC-Altoona]; **Rose Single**; **Dorothy Majer**; **Connie Glasko**; **Mary Donnelly**; **George Pyo Jr.**; **Daniel Zaliznock**; **Joseph Raptosh**; **John Rakar**; **Bernadette Kostan**, **Patty Haschak**; **Emily Neznieski**; **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 Paul Tigyer**; **Kelly Colwell**; **Sarah Kelt**; **Mary Beth Blackburn**; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

CPR Refresher Course

A **CPR Refresher Course** for those who need certification or re-certification is being planned. This class will be designed for the health care professional and will be at Bethany UMC. The date is an evening to be determined in early September. A \$7/person fee for the certification is required by the American Heart Association. At least ten people are needed in order to offer this training.

If you are interested, please contact the secretary, Joy McCabe, at Bethany UMC [736-8651], and tell her you are interested in being in the class, and give your name and e-mail address or phone number. You will be notified of the date and time of the class on just one evening at Bethany UMC.

GCU Sponsors “An Afternoon at Narcisi Winery”

An Afternoon at Narcisi Winery on Sunday, August 25, 12 NOON-4 PM at Narcisi Winery, 4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044. \$15/GCU Members; \$20/Non-Members. Fee includes a lunch and two tickets for wine sampling. Additional samples can be purchased. Contact Elizabeth [412-264-4349] or etharbist@yahoo.com. For reservations, send check payable to GCU D15 to: Elizabeth Harbist, 215 Thornwood Court, Moon Township, PA 15108, by **August 15**

Sight and Sound Theater Bus Trip

A bus trip to the **Sight and Sound Theater** in Lancaster, Saturday, November 16 to enjoy “**The Miracle of Christmas**”. The price of the trip is \$108/adults; \$69/children. This includes the performance and bus transportation. The bus will leave at 10:00 am for the 3:00 pm performance

We will be stopping for supper (on your own) on our way home. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per adult and \$35 per child; balance due by September 20. Call Greta at 736-8198.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Ukrainian Festival

Twenty-Eighth Annual Ukrainian Festival Sunday, August 25, 12:00 PM, at Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (County Line and Lower State Rds., Horsham, PA). Outdoor Summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance, Music and Song. Ukrainian ethnic foods and baked goods; vendors' grove, kids' fun area. 267-664-3857; or info@tryzub.org; www.tryzub.org.

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.*

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

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of August 18, *Michael* and *Pauline Barelick* 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 11th Week After Pentecost—August 18, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Dormition

Saturday August 17

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Jo Ann Tiller, by Paul, Susan & Dustin Snyder]

Sunday August 18

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

Monday, August 19

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, August 20

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday August 21

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, August 22

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+William Ostheim, by Cathy and Maria Silvestri]

Friday, August 23

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Betty Tutsock, by Mary Ann Tutsock]

Saturday, August 24

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday August 24

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+Blessed Memory of the deceased members of the Ridella and Koza families. By Gregory Ridella and family]

Sunday August 25

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