



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

Sunday August 25 Troitsja: Ryan Lenz

Bulletins: Ryan Lenz & Lexie Slanoc

Sunday September 1 Troitsja: Lexie Slanoc

Bulletins: Lexie Slanoc & Evan Lenz

Sunday September 8 Troitsja: Evan Lenz

Bulletins: Lexie Slanoc & 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 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.



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

Our 41 passenger charter bus to the Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina on **Sunday, September 1** 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]. Please call Father Jim [814-736-9780] if you would like to reserve a seat on the bus and have not yet done so.

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 Help. Besides the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services, the Mystery of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick are treasured blessings for all.

Bishop Gregory John Mansour will be the featured homilist at the Annual Pilgrimage on Sunday. Bishop Gregory was ordained to the Priesthood September 18, 1982; and in 1983 became Pastor of Saint George Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. In 2004, Pope John Paul II named him third Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. He is Secretary for Christian Arab and Middle Eastern Churches Together (CAMECT) a member of the Board of Trustees for The Catholic University of America, Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Church in Need, Caritas Lebanon. He is actively involved with the efforts of In Defense of Christians.

The Maronite Rite Catholic Church is an Eastern Catholic Church. Its Liturgy and customs are from the ancient church of Antioch. The Maronite Patriarch of Antioch resides in Lebanon, where many of the Maronite faithful trace their origins. The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is composed of 45 parishes and missions. For more information visit www.stmaron.org.

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.

Pilgrimage Schedule

Here are some highlights of the schedule of services:

Saturday, August 31	10:00 am	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>
	4:00 pm	<i>Vespers with Divine Liturgy</i>
	7:30 pm	<i>Parastas Service at Cemetery</i>
Sunday, September 1	8:30 am	<i>Divine Liturgy in Church Slavonic</i>
	10:30 am	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>
	1:00 pm	<i>Children's Procession</i>
	4:00 pm	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
	7:30 pm	<i>Candlelight Procession</i>

Holy Mystery of Repentance [Confession] available 7:00 am to 5:00 pm both days

Holy Mystery of Anointing available 2:00 pm both days

The Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

We commemorate Saint John the Baptist on several occasions through the church year. His greatest significance is in relation to the Feast of Theophany, the occasion when John baptized Jesus. This present feast [Thursday, August 29] especially honors and remembers Saint John the Baptist as the one who faithfully proclaimed and upheld the moral law of God. This is evident in the Gospel for this feast [[Mark 6:14-30](#)] in which John the Baptist is beheaded for his opposition to the immorality of Herod and his unlawful marriage to Herodias. John demonstrates the protest of Christian conscience in the name of God's law against any human institution or authority which violates or disregards this law.

"O John the Baptizer and preacher of repentance, you sanctified the earth when you were beheaded. You made plain to believers the law of God, abolishing disobedience to the law. Therefore, since you stand by the throne of Christ the heavenly King, beseech Him to have mercy on our souls." [Vesper Stichera]

With this feast we are on the threshold of the end of one liturgical year and the beginning of a new one. We have followed the cycle from the humble birth of our Lord to its glorious fulfillment in the Resurrection and Pentecost. Yet it is necessary to return to its beginnings, to begin again. We need to learn again what we think we already know. For the mystery of salvation and our participation in it is beyond our comprehension. It is only through being constantly renewed in, and attentive to these events we commemorate and their meaning that we begin to have a glimpse of the fullness of God's grace offered to us. And so it is in this spirit that we set out on this journey once again, entering the new church year on September 1.

[From [The Year of Grace of the Lord](#), pages 234-235; and 245-246]

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 meeting of Thursday, May 16 are included in today's bulletin.
- The meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beavertdale 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 meet on Saturday, August 31 at 10:00 am in the social room of the church hall.

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

Annual Collection for “Aid to Church in Central and Eastern Europe”
“From a Timeless Love Blooms An Ancient Faith.”

This annual offering for *Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe* is coordinated through the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States. Its aim is to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church in this region. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

An envelope for this offering is dated August 25, 2019 in your packet of offering envelopes.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + **Emilie Nezneski**, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 16. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her daughters Lisa; Celeste; and Patrice and to all of her family. The Funeral Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage is at 10:00 am on Monday, August 26.

Welcome

We welcome the **Ridella-Koza Family Reunion** family members who are attending the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Saint Mary’s in Beaverdale on Saturday, August 25.

Please extend a warm welcome and the hospitality of our parish communities to the members of the Ridella and Koza families who are worshipping with us today.

Work Party & Church Cleaning for September

- The **Work Party** will be on Saturday, September 7, at 9:00 am.
- **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 **Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John** [August 29] may be found on pages 355-357.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** [September 1], Resurrection Troparion Tone 3, may be found on p. 135-137.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 3 may be found on p.68.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

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

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Chicken Dinner to Go at the Portage Public Library

Chicken Dinner to Go at the Portage Public Library on Friday, August 30 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. \$8.00 meal, includes chicken leg quarters, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw and a roll. Drinks and Baked Goods, also, available to purchase.

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.

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 is \$108/adults; \$69/children and includes the performance and bus transportation. The bus will leave at 10:00 am for the 3:00 pm performance. 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.

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 25, *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 12th Week After Pentecost—August 25, 2019

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**

Monday, August 26

Portage **10:00 AM** **Funeral Liturgy**--+Emilie Nezeski

Tuesday, August 27

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

Wednesday, August 28

Beaverdale **6:00 PM** **Great Vespers with Litija**

Thursday, August 29

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

Friday, August 30

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+George Raptosh, by Michael Vargo & Nieces]

Saturday, August 31

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday August 31

Dunlo **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Alex & Tekla Krenisky by John Krenisky]

Sunday September 1

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