



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 September 29</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Lexie Slanoc & Evan Lenz
<u>Sunday October 6</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Abby Koban
<u>Sunday October 13</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Lexie Slanoc & Bella Koban

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.



Feast of the Protection of Mary

The Feast of the ***Protection of the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary*** is celebrated this week. This is the patronal feast for Saint Mary's Holy Protection parish in Beavertdale. Great Vespers will be offered at Saint Mary's, Beavertdale on Monday, September 30 at 6:00 pm. The Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm.

This feast is rooted in an event which occurred in Constantinople when Christians gathered to seek the intercession of Mary the Theotokos for her protection in a time of crisis, when the imperial city was threatened by an invasion of enemy forces. Her intervention on their behalf was made known by a vision of her appearing in the church with her veil extended over the church, symbolizing her projection of the city. In fact, the history of the church contains many such instances of prayer vigils to the Theotokos in times of danger. This occasion demonstrates her presence in the church especially as one who intercedes on our behalf, imploring her son.

"O most holy Lady, Virgin Mother of God, extend your holy mantle over us; guide and protect our rulers and all people from every evil. As the holy Andrew saw you in a vision while praying, so today, O holy Lady, show us your loving protection."

"O Mother of God, the holy Andrew saw you in a vision with a multitude of archangels, together with the apostles and prophets, and a multitude of martyrs. You were praying to your Son, our God, for the city and the people, covering them with your holy mantle. So now, O most pure One, do not forsake the inheritance of your Son, all those who keep holy the feast of your Protection, O most praised One." [Matins, Feast of the Protection of Mary the Theotokos]

Eastern Christian Formation program

- Eastern Christian Formation classes are following the Divine Liturgy, 10:15-11:15 am. *Safe Environment Sessions* are scheduled for elementary students on Sunday, September 29; and for Junior High and High School on Sunday, October 13.

- The students enjoy a small snack item following Divine Liturgy and as classes begin. Please consider volunteering to bring an appropriate snack items [baked item, fruit snack, etc.] for one of the Sunday sessions. Also, please consider donating a juice beverage ["Hugs" or other fruit drink]. These considerations will be helpful and greatly appreciated.

- Substitute Catechists for occasions when a Catechist is unable to teach their class are needed. Substitute Catechists are asked to complete background checks and "Safe Environment" training required by the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. If you are interested in volunteering as a substitute or have questions, contact Father Jim or Deacon Daniel Perich.

Please remember in your prayers the Catechists, Eastern Christian Formation students, and their families.



Coffee Social – Next Sunday, October 6

Our *Coffee & Donut Social* for October will be next Sunday, October 6. Please plan to come and enjoy this opportunity for conversation and refreshments with fellow parishioners

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

There will be a *Covered Dish Social* on Saturday, October 12, following the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul, Dunlo. Parishioners are asked to bring an *entrée, side dish, salad, bread or rolls, dessert, etc.*



PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Work Party & Church Cleaning for October

- The **Work Party** will be on Saturday, October 5, at 9:00 am.
- **Church Cleaning** will be on Monday, October 7, at 9:00 am.
- Our thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly Work Party and Church Cleaning.

Troitsja and Bulletin

The opportunity to hold the *Troitsja* for the Gospel and Creed during the Divine Liturgy, and also to distribute bulletins after Liturgy, is being extended to our *Eastern Christian Formation* students in grades five through seven. These students will receive orientation and instruction for these tasks next Sunday, October 6. They will then be included in the schedule for the Troitsja and bulletins.

We thank all of those students who hold the Troitsja and distribute bulletins throughout the year for your faithful service to your parish community.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Michael Barelick* Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo [UPMC—Presbyterian]; *Michael Mazur* [UPMC--Altoona]; *Kennady Grace Spaid* [Children's Palace]; *Joseph Lysic*; *Rose Single*; *Dorothy Majer*; *Mary Donnelly*; *George Pyo Jr.*; *Daniel Zalznock*; *Joseph Raptosh*; *John Rakar*; *Bernadette Kostan*, *Patty Haschak*; *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.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of: *+Eugene Loya*, brother of Father Daniel Loya, and son of the late Father Stephen Loya, who fell asleep in the Lord September 23; and *+Ethel Galida*, the mother of Cynthia Corbett, former Director of Safe Environment for the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 22. The Funeral for *+Archpriest Dennis Bogda* is Monday, September 30 at 10:00 am, Saint John's Cathedral, Munhall.

Sanctuary Candle

This week the Candle is offered for *+Elizabeth Harrigal*, requested by Marcie and Doug Roxby [omitted from the week of September 22].

Saint Michael's South Fork Memorial Project

The committee planning a memorial monument for the site of Saint Michael's cemetery in South Fork, to commemorate the former parish, has been meeting during the spring and summer months. At the most recent meeting on Tuesday, September 17 the following topics were discussed:

- Attention at the present time is being focused on resolving concerns with the drainage on the land adjacent to and also in the cemetery. This is a priority before being able to provide an appropriate monument.
- A marble monument engraved with the name of the church, its years of existence, and a photo of the church, has been designed. An alternate design of a monument with bricks displaying bronze letters was reviewed at the meeting. This would allow for a comparison of cost of each design. Displaying one of the church bells and the building cornerstone would also be incorporated.
- The next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 5:00 pm in the Rectory at Saints Peter and Paul in Portage.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the ***Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary [October 1]***, may be found on p. 261-262.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, October 6, Resurrection Troparion Tone 8**, may be found on p. 161-163.
- The *"Our Father"*, in Tone 8 may be found on p.73.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Basket Auction at Saint John the Baptist in Northern Cambria

Annual Fall Basket Auction at Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue Northern Cambria, Saturday, October 5, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 6 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Drawing begins at 3:00 pm on Sunday in the Church Hall. Free desserts and beverages. Tickets: \$5.00/26 tickets; available for purchase at the Church Hall. Also special raffles and food available for purchase. This year's basket auction benefits repair of the retaining wall at St. John's

'Harvest Fest-- Celebrating 10 Years

Join us for Portage Community Annual **'Harvest Fest** on Sunday, September 29, from 2-5 pm, at Bethany United Methodist Church Parking Lot 700 Farren Street.

Everything is FREE! New this year: Historical Society; Portage Volunteer Fire Department; Portage Public Library New Games, Food, Trunk or Treat; Prizes.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Luke 10:2

Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar Sunday September 29, in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster Street, Gallitzin. Dinners--Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$6.00; Children 5 and under: free. Take outs: \$10.00. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until - ?

Ham & Halupki Dinner

GCU Lodge 351 *Ham & Halupki Dinner* on Sunday, October 27, 12 NOON-2 PM at St. Jude Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Main Street, Ernest, PA 15739.

Cost: \$10/adults; \$4/children 12 & under. This event will benefit St. Jude's and assist with the purchase of heating fuel and some much needed renovations. For more information: Patty Yamrick at 724-349-7489 or pyam@comcast.net.

“Come and See” Weekend at Byzantine Catholic Seminary

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, *“Come and See”* weekend for men 18 to 35 considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. Friday, November 1 to Sunday, November 3. The weekend retreat is free of charge; includes liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion, is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment.

The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. For information or to register, contact Father Jim or use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is October 9, 2019.

Online Adult Education Courses for Byzantine Catholics from *God With Us*

The following *Live Webinars* are offered free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Making Disciples: The Art of Bringing Others to Christ, by Rev. Alexander Wroblicky. Wednesdays, October 9, 16 and 23 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

Unlocking the Mystery: An Introduction to Eastern Christian Bible Study, by Joshua Mangels. Wednesdays, November 6 and 13 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET.

The Gift of God: Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity, by Rev. David Anderson. Wednesday, December 16 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET.

Baptized Into Christ: The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God, by Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD. Wednesdays January 8, 15 and 22, 2020 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher; **St. Mary (Beaverdale):** Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough;

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 September 29, *Carol & Ed Goral* will have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*.

The calendar of dates for the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon* to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and monastic religious life is in the narthex to sign up for the coming weeks and months.

Please remember seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Lector Kyprian Wojciechowski**; **Lector Robert Jones**; **Seminarians John Welch**; **Luke Iyengar Nathaniel Tapsak**; also, the diaconal candidates in the School of Diaconate Studies; and all of the Seminary community.

Liturgical Schedule 17th Week After Pentecost—September 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday September 28

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 29

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+John and +Catherine Sekerak, by Kathy Sekerak]

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos Mary

Monday September 30

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija

Tuesday, October 1

Portage 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 2

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, October 3

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Margaretta Chulick, by Emilie & Ed Nezeski]

Friday, October 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday October 5

Portage 11:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Edward "Moose" Pyo, by Cindy and Michael Lewis]
3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 5

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday October 6

Portage 9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Frank Yetsko by Ken & Connie Crum]