



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.*  
Served by: Very Rev. Fr. James A. Spontak  
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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 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**

<b><u>Sunday October 13</u></b>	<b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Lexie Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Lexie Slanoc & Bella Koban
<b><u>Sunday October 20</u></b>	<b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Ryan Lenz	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Ryan Lenz & Abby Koban
<b><u>Sunday October 27</u></b>	<b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Easton Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Evan Lenz & Kaleb Castel

### **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 at Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church**. 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.



## **Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Today we observe the memory of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [787]. This Council defended and upheld the proper use of icons in Christian faith and worship. Bishop Kallistos Ware offers this explanation of why the rejection of icons by the “*iconoclasts*” was indeed harmful to the Christian faith and our salvation:

*“The Iconoclasts, by repudiating all representations of God failed to take full account of the Incarnation. They fell as so many puritans have done, into a kind of dualism. Regarding matter as a defilement, they wanted a religion freed from all contact with what is material; for they thought that what is spiritual must be non-material. But this is to betray the Incarnation, by allowing no place to Christ's humanity, to His body; it is to forget that our body as well as our soul must be saved and transfigured. The Iconoclast controversy is thus closely linked to the earlier disputes about Christ's person. It was not merely a controversy about religious art, but about the Incarnation, human salvation, the salvation of the entire material cosmos.”*

## **Canonization of John Henry Cardinal Newman**

On Sunday, October 13, **John Henry Cardinal Newman** is to be canonized as a Saint of the Catholic Church by Pope Francis. A Bishop and Theologian in England [1801-1890], his writings and his pastoral work have been influential and inspirational. The following quotation of Cardinal Newman is one that has offered encouragement and insight to the faith of many:

*“God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission — I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep his commandments.*

*“Therefore, I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me--still He knows what He is about.”*

## **Eastern Christian Formation program**

- Eastern Christian Formation classes are following the Divine Liturgy, 10:15-11:15 am. *Safe Environment Sessions* are scheduled for Junior High and High School on Sunday, October 13.
- Parents are asked to consider volunteering to bring a snack item [baked item, fruit snack, etc.] for one of the Sunday sessions, and also donating a juice beverage. *Thank you.*
- A meeting for Catechists is being scheduled for Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 am in the social room of the church hall.

Please remember in your prayers our Catechists, ECF students, and their families.

## ***Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday—Michael Mazur***

***Happy Birthday*** to Michael Mazur, who celebrated his **92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday** on Saturday, October 12, 2019. *Many, happy years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

To send a Birthday card and greetings to Mike, you may address the card to:

**Michael Mazur**

**Cambria Care Center –Room 210**

**429 Manor Drive**

**Ebensburg, PA 15931**

## **PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS**

### **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. 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 ***Catherine McGough*** Saint Mary's, Beavertdale [Memorial]; ***Katie Eckenrode*** [Memorial]; ***Michael Mazur*** [Cambria Care]; ***Michael Barelick***; ***Kennady Grace Spaid***; ***Joseph Lysic***; ***Rose Single***; ***Dorothy Majer***; ***Mary Donnelly***; ***George Pyo Jr.***; ***Daniel Zaliznock***; ***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.

### **Saint Michael's South Fork Memorial Project**

The next meeting for the Committee planning a memorial monument for the site of Saint Michael's cemetery in South Fork, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 5:00 pm in the Rectory at Saints Peter and Paul in Portage. Attention at the present time is focused on concerns with the drainage on the land adjacent to and also in the cemetery.

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 most recent meeting in September.

### **Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost**

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, October 20, 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.

## Covered Dish Social in Dunlo Postponed

The **Covered Dish Social** that was scheduled for **Saturday, October 12**, following the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul, Dunlo is being postponed.

Parishioners will be informed of the rescheduled date.



<b>Offerings for September</b>					
	<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>	<b>Sept 22</b>	<b>Sept 29</b>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$1,329.00	\$1,486.00	\$1,547.00	\$1,517.00	\$1,329.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 195.00	\$ 434.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 305.00
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 85.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 107.00	\$241.00	\$ 337.00

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in the **Fatima Devotions** Sunday October 13, 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by Holy Name's Men choir from Ebensburg and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Jonathan St. Andre, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

### Online Adult Education Course for Byzantine Catholics

**Making Disciples: The Art of Bringing Others to Christ**, by Rev. Alexander Wroblicky. Wednesdays, October 16 and 23 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET. In this series, Father Alex describes the process of conversion and demonstrates the art of creating room in our communities for growth into mature and life-giving faith. Webinar is free; registration required at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

### Ham & Halupki Dinners:

**In Ernest: 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 information: Patty Yamrick at 724-349-7489 or [pyam@comcast.net](mailto:pyam@comcast.net).

**In Nanty-Glo: GCU Lodge 401 Ham & Halupki Dinner** on Sunday, November 3, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church Hall, 1191 Second Street, Nanty Glo. Adults: \$10 Children 6-12: \$5 Children 5 and under are FREE. Take Out Available!

### Byzantine Spirituality Conference

Annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, November 9 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, on the topic: **"The Journey to Emmaus Continued"**. The Conference will focus on the baptismal commitment of parishioners to be part of the Body of Christ and to appreciate more fully their role as active evangelizers. Keynote speaker Bishop Nicholas Samra of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, will speak on parish life, leadership and collaboration.

**Breakout Sessions** on: **"God With Us Curriculum: A Non-traditional Approach"** by Sister Marion Dobos, Director of Religious Education for the Archeparchy; and on **"Strength for the Journey"** by Chris Singel MAT, presenting ten books than can deepen the faith of Byzantine Catholics.

The registration fee [\$35] includes lunch. Call 412-322-8773. There are brochures in the narthex

## **GCU Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted**

GCU will be accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards October 1 to December 31. Scholarships are available for GCU members who are college students or studying in any secondary education program. There are also two athletic scholarships (1 female and 1 male) available for high school students. For details and application visit: [www.GCUusa.com/pages/scholarships](http://www.GCUusa.com/pages/scholarships).

## **63rd Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration**

The **63rd Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration** benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is Sunday, December 8 at Saint John Cathedral and Center in Munhall. Moleben to St. Nicholas will be celebrated in the Cathedral; at 3:00 pm. Dinner follows at 5:00 pm.

Banquet tickets are \$40/adult; \$18/children 12 and under. For reservations contact Father Jim.

## **38th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration**

**38th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown, Sunday, October 27, Noon to 6:00 p.m. Ethnic foods (holubki, halushki, pirohi, pagach, potato pancakes, kolbasi & kraut), baked goods, entertainment which includes the Slavjane Folk Ensemble from McKees Rocks @ 3 PM and a Rusyn Folk musical group @ 12:30 and 4 PM. Also a speaker and/or video presentation on Rusyn culture/customs (1PM and 4 PM), Carpatho-Rusyn Society display and sales, demonstrations, and videos about the Carpatho-Rusyn people and children's activities will be featured. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

## **Event Cancelled "Night at the Races" in Gallitzin—**

***Please note*** that the St. Demetrius Church, Gallitzin, "***Night at the Races***" scheduled for October 19 has been cancelled.

### **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;
  - **Cambria Care [Ebensburg]:** Michael Mazur
  - **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
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### **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**

During the week of October 13, **Paulette & Ed Fedorko** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. The list to sign up for the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and monastic religious life is in the narthex. Please remember seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Lector Kyprian Wojciechowski; Lector Robert Jones; Seminarians John Welch; Luke Iyengar Nathaniel Tapsak**; Diaconate Studies candidates; and all of the Seminary community.

## **Liturgical Schedule 19<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost—October 13, 2019**

### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Sunday of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

##### **Saturday October 12**

Dunlo            **5:00 PM**            **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Mary Louise Cimba, by Mickey Kovalsky]

##### **Sunday October 13**

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

##### **Monday October 14**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### **Tuesday, October 15**

Portage            7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                         8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [+Anna Pristas, by George, Jackie, Allie Pristas]

##### **Wednesday, October 16**

Portage            7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                         8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy** [+Josephine Miterko, by Mrs. Angeline Speacht]

##### **Thursday,, October 17**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### **Friday, October 18**

Portage            7:45 AM            The Third Hour  
                         8:00 AM            **Divine Liturgy**  
   [+Barbara Raptosh, by Stella Raptosh; Larry & Dawn; Jessica, Eric, Gianna & Ethan]

##### **Saturday October 19**

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

### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

##### **Saturday October 19**

Beaverdale       **5:00 PM**            **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Elaine Kachmar, by Matt McTish]

##### **Sunday October 20**

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