



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 October 27</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Kaleb Castel
<u>Sunday November 3</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Kaleb Castel	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Jakob Czapp
<u>Sunday November 10</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Jakob Czapp	<u>Bulletins:</u> Lexi Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

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.



A Gospel Parable: Lazarus and the Rich Man

Rich and sharp in its images, today's Parable of "*Lazarus and the Rich Man*" creates vivid and valuable impressions. The contrast of the luxurious excess of the rich man's life with the deprivation and misery of poor Lazarus is striking and engages our imagination. The sumptuous banquets, expensive wardrobe of the rich man are presented alongside the poverty and hunger that mark the life of Lazarus, a poor beggar. The impact of this parable turns on these sharp contrasts.

Through this classic illustration, Jesus would have us learn to use material wealth charitably now, as an investment for eternity and the age to come. The Beatitudes in Saint Luke's Gospel provide the basic pattern that is operative in this Gospel:

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God;

"Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied." [Luke 6:20-21]

The basic insight is offered that those who enjoy good things now will suffer later, and those who suffer now will enjoy happiness in the age to come. This can be oversimplified and easily misunderstood. Yet it clearly affirms that God's estimation or appraisal of situations and persons is so often in contrast to that of the world or of the present age.

The conclusion of the parable highlights a lesson that may surprise us. Abraham contradicts the rich man's assumption that having Lazarus return from the dead will convince his five surviving brothers at home to repent. Abraham replies that if they do not heed the teaching of Moses and the prophets, even a resurrection will not persuade them. For those whose hearts are hardened, even miraculous wonders and signs will be ineffective to bring about conversion and change of heart. [From Father Jack Custer, *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective*, pp. 189-190]

Festival Meeting—Review & Planning

A meeting to review and evaluate the 2019 Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

Everyone is welcome. If you have suggestions or comments for the festival and cannot attend the meeting you may forward these to Father Jim.

Eastern Christian Formation program

- Eastern Christian Formation classes are following the Divine Liturgy, 10:15-11:15 am.
 - Catechists met on Saturday, October 19 to review the 2019-2020 ***Eastern Christian Formation*** program calendar. Our annual *Saint Nicholas Celebration* is scheduled for Sunday, December 15. ECF students will be preparing a presentation that is to be offered at this event.
 - 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.*
- Please remember in your prayers our Catechists, ECF students, and their families.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for November

- The **Work Party** for November is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for November is scheduled for **Monday, November 4**, at 9:00 am.
- *Thank You* 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. 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 **Jennifer Crum Bailey; 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 Committee planning a memorial monument for the site of Saint Michael's cemetery in South Fork, met on Wednesday, October 16 at the site of the cemetery and former church. A plan to control excessive drainage on the land adjacent to and also in the cemetery was formulated. A marble monument to commemorate the church and its years of existence has been designed. An alternate design of a monument with bricks displaying bronze letters has also been proposed.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, October 27, 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.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Online Adult Education Course for Byzantine Catholics

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

Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The *Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast* will be Sunday, October 27, at the Cresson American Legion from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Adult price: \$5.50 in advance, \$6.00 at the Door. Children price: \$4.50 in advance, \$5.00 at the Door. *Please come and enjoy breakfast with us.*

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.

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"*. Keynote speaker Bishop Nicholas Samra of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, will speak on parish life, leadership and collaboration. *Breakout Sessions:* *"God With Us Curriculum: A Non-traditional Approach"* by Sister Marion Dobos, Director of Religious Education for the Archeparchy; *"Strength for the Journey"* by Chris Singel MAT, presenting ten books that 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.

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

Please note a change in the location of the *38th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration*, hosted by St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown, on Sunday, October 27, Noon to 6:00 p.m. This year's event will be held at Uniontown Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 58 Dunbar St. Uniontown. Ethnic foods; entertainment. Also a speaker and/or video presentation on Rusyn culture/customs at 1PM and 4 PM, Carpatho-Rusyn Society display and sales, demonstrations, and videos; and children's activities will be featured. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Mount Aloysius College Vox Nova Concert of Eastern Church Music

Vox Nova of Mount Aloysius College will perform a concert of Eastern Church music on Sunday, November 10, at 1:00PM at the Protection of the BVM Church 560 Cambria Avenue, Revloc.

Come and hear the talented voices perform the beautiful acapella music of Eastern Europe

Mount Aloysius College Autumn Open House

Autumn Open House at Mount Aloysius College on October 27 and November 23. Events begin at 10 a.m. Mount Aloysius College remains dedicated to our mission rooted in the values of the Religious Sisters of Mercy with providing an environment that encourages students to synthesize faith with learning, develop competence with compassion, put talents and gifts at the service of others, and to assume leadership in the world community.

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Programs

Tuesday Reading Series presented by Sr. Barbara Jean, OSBM, on the book *In His Image: Ten Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character* by Jen Wilkin. Program offered on November 5, 12, 19, and 26 at Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer, 510 West Main Street, Uniontown. 724-438-7149 Email: hpmsm@verizon.net; visit: sistersofstbasil.org.

Penn Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Penn Hospice is a local hospice that has been in business for over four years. Currently, they have an exciting opportunity for those who may be looking to volunteer their time. Volunteers are happier and healthier than non- volunteers. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose. Committing even as little as one hour a week can have a profound benefit on your own life.

Penn Hospice is in search of volunteers to help care for and comfort hospice patients. If you are interested, please contact Genette Swank, Volunteer Coordinator at gswank@pemthospice.com. Penn Hospice is located at 313 West High Street Ebensburg. 814-846-4160.

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; Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville:** Mary Vrabel
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Father Ronald Borsuk
- **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 October 20, *Vaughn & Marianne George* 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 20th Week After Pentecost—October 20, 2019

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

Monday October 21

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, October 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, October 23

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday,, October 24

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+John Batche, by Rena Saccol]

Friday, October 25

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
[Health of Joann Dzurek, by Chares and Joan Plishka]

Saturday October 26

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 26

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday October 27

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

[+Mario Pieraccini, by John and Barbara Havrilla]