

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

<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
<u>Sunday November 17</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexi Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & 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.



Healing of a Man Possessed by Demons

The power of Jesus over demons and the work of casting them out occurs frequently in the ministry of Jesus. The circumstance of being troubled or afflicted by unclean spirits is portrayed in pointed detail in today's Gospel [Luke 8:26-39]. The description of this man is quite effective in displaying the power and influence of evil which has gripped him, by the demonic presence which holds him captive.

At the conclusion of this scene, the man begs to remain with Jesus, to be among those who follow, who are gathered around Jesus along the path of his journey. Yet the Lord sends him away, directing him, "Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you" [Luke 8:26-39]. He is to bear witness to his transformation by the power of Christ. All the baptized are called in some measure to proclaim by the manner and character of our lives that we have been restored by Christ to our genuine humanity and God's purpose. By being transformed in Christ, we are instruments of his power and presence and by our lives proclaim his Word.

Bishop Theodore Romzha

On Thursday, October 31 we celebrate the memory of the *Holy Priest-Martyr Theodore Romzha*, born in 1911 and ordained a priest in 1937. After serving in a country parish, in 1939 he was called to the seminary at Uzhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army's occupation of the Sub-Carpathian region, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died.

Pope John Paul II, in his historic pilgrimage to Ukraine, beatified Bishop Theodore G. Romzha on June 27, 2001 in L'viv. In the solemn ceremony, twenty-seven Servants of God who were martyred for the Faith were beatified, a step in the process of canonization to be declared a saint of the Church.

"My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen! Upon a cart as upon his throne, Theodore has been carried beyond the sanctuary veil. Let fall, O father, your mantle of prayer, and beseech Christ to save our souls." [Troparion, Bishop Martyr Theodore Romzha]

Eastern Christian Formation program

- Eastern Christian Formation classes are following the Divine Liturgy, 10:15-11:15 am.
 - 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.



Coffee Social – Next Sunday, November 3

Our *Coffee & Donut Social* for November will be next Sunday, November 3. Please plan to come and enjoy this opportunity for conversation and refreshments with fellow parishioners

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

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.

Annual Appreciation Dinner

Our *Appreciation Dinner* is being scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2020. This event has been hosted by the parish during the fall months in recent years. Please note this adjustment in scheduling. The *Appreciation Dinner* will also provide an opportunity for a Pre-Lenten gathering and dinner.

Please make note of this date for the coming *Appreciation Dinner* --Sunday, February 9, 2020. More details on this event will be provided closer to the date of the dinner.

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*.

Saints Peter and Paul--Dunlo

On Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 pm, parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo will meet with Father Jim concerning the financial circumstances of the parish. The meeting will be in the parish social hall, Roberts Street in Dunlo. On Tuesday, April 2 a previous meeting was held on this topic. Parishioners will receive a copy of the minutes from the April meeting prior to next week's gathering. The meeting on November 6 will consider the developments since our meeting in April.

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of *+ Pauline Valko*, of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo who fell asleep in the Lord on October 22. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her sister, Catherine Thrower; and to all of her family. The Funeral Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Dunlo is at 10:00 am on Monday, October 28.

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.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Marion Simala** [UPMC East, Monroeville]; **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**; **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.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, November 3, Resurrection Troparion Tone 4**, may be found on p. 141-142.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 4 may be found on p. 69.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Sanctuary Candle

This week the candle is offered for **Angeline** and **+Mario Pieraccini**, requested by John and Barbara Havrilla.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast--**TODAY**

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. \$10/adults; \$4/children 12 & under.

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.

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.; at Uniontown Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 58 Dunbar St. Uniontown. Ethnic foods; entertainment. 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 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, providing an environment that encourages students to synthesize faith with learning, develop competence with compassion, and put talents and gifts at the service of others.

Penn Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Penn Hospice, a local hospice, is in search of volunteers to help care for and comfort hospice patients. If interested, contact Genette Swank 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; Joseph Raptosh [*St. Michael's, Canonsburg*]; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher; **St. Mary (Beaverdale):** Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough;

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [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 27, **Bob & Holly Koban Family** 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 21st Week After Pentecost—October 27, 2019

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]

Monday October 28

Dunlo **10:00 AM** **Funeral Liturgy**--+Pauline Valko

Tuesday, October 29

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, October 30

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Marge Tigyer, by Earl Sease]

Thursday, October 31

Portage 7:45 AM **Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo**
 8:00 AM The Third Hour
 Divine Liturgy [+Mary Lesko, by Melody Voss]

Friday, November 1

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday November 2

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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 2

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Alek Prudhoe, by Margaret Prudhoe]

Sunday November 3

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