



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 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
<u>Sunday October 20</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Abby 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.



Annual Clergy Retreat This Week

Father Jim and Deacon Dan Perich are attending the Clergy Retreat this week, from October 6-10 at Antiochian Village in Ligonier. The Retreat Director is **Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B.** of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. The retreat is a time for prayer and reflection. It is also an opportunity to strengthen fraternal bonds among the priests and deacons together with Metropolitan William throughout the week. The Liturgical services, prayer and camaraderie is devoted to renewing the priests and deacons in the in faith, spirituality and ministry.

Today's bulletin includes among the events listed an online course for Byzantine Catholics the next three Wednesday. Please consider availing yourself to this program, and others like it offered in the coming months. Each of us has need of occasions to strengthen our faith and our commitment, and this is a timely way of proving for this need.

Please remember in your prayers the priests and deacons taking part in the retreat. You will be remembered in our prayers during this time. In the event of an emergency for the anointing of the sick this week you may contact any of the local Catholic priests. Thank you for your prayers during the annual clergy retreat]



Coffee Social – TODAY, October 6

Our **Coffee & Donut Social** for October will be **TODAY--Sunday, October 6.**

Please plan to come and enjoy this opportunity for conversation and refreshments with fellow parishioners

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.

Online Adult Education Course for Byzantine Catholics

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

Have you felt the desire to share your faith but are not sure how to go about that? Effective evangelization is more of an art than a science. Join us NEXT WEDNESDAY, October 9th, for this practical 3-week series as Fr. Alex guides us to understand the process of conversion and demonstrates the art of creating room in our communities for growth into mature and life-giving faith. This webinar is free, but registration is required. . Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo Postponed

The **Covered Dish Social** 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 dated.



PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Work Party & Church Cleaning for October

- **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 **today--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 **Catherine Czapp** [Memorial]; **Katie Eckenrode** [Memorial]; **Michael Barelick**; **Michael Mazur**, [Cambria Care]; **Kennady Grace Spaid**; **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.

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 13**, **Resurrection Troparion Tone 1**, may be found on **p. 125-127**; and for the **Sunday of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council** on **p. 263-264**
- The **"Our Father"**, in **Tone 1** may be found on p. 66.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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.

GCU Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

GCU will be accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards from October 1 to December 31. Scholarships are available for GCU members who are college students or those studying in any secondary education program.

There are also two athletic scholarships (1 female and 1 male) available for high school students.

For complete details and online application please visit: www.GCUusa.com/pages/scholarships.

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

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!

"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.

Byzantine Spirituality Conference

The annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, November 9 9:30 AM to 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

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.

"Night at the Races" in Gallitzin

St. Demetrius Church in Gallitzin is sponsoring a *"Night at the Races"* on October 19 in the Parish Social Hall, 714 Foster Street, Gallitzin [accessible from Church and Convent Streets]. Doors open at 5:00 pm and races will start at 6:00 pm.). \$25.00 donation will get you a horse (while they last) for one race and admission for you and a guest. Individual betting on races and various small games of chance will be available throughout the evening. Meal and refreshments available to patrons. PA SGO # 19-31. To reserve your horse, please call Brenda Smithmyer at 207-5894.

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
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Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of October 6, **Kathy Sekerak** 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**; also, candidates in the Diaconate Studies; and all of the Seminary community.

Feast of the Holy Apostle Thomas [October 6]: *“O Lord, the wondrous Thomas opened a fountain of teachings for your faithful, when, in touching your side, he was initiated by your two natures in your two energies, and cried out, ‘You are my Lord and my God.’”*

Liturgical Schedule 18th Week After Pentecost—October 6, 2019

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]

Monday October 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, October 8

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, October 9

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, October 10

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, October 11

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday October 12

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

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