



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 p.m. (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

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| <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.



Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

On Friday, November 8 we celebrate the ***Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers***. This is the greatest of the feast of angels. We remember and honor the angels for their role in salvation and their constant protection and solicitude for the sake of the human race.

One aspect of the role of the angels concerns our worship. Our early Liturgy is offered in union with the heavenly worship of the angelic choirs. The “*Hymn of Victory*” or “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” sung at the beginning of the Anaphora refers to the “holy, holy, holy” sung by the angels in Isaiah 6:1-4. As we sing tis hymn, we come into the presence f the Trinity, knowing that the angels continually stand before the throne of God, giving him glory.

With immaterial lips and spiritual mouths, * the angelic ranks offer hymns to your unapproachable divinity, O Lord. * Both the pure spirits and the ministers of your glory, * together with the incorporeal Michael and Gabriel, praise You, O Lord. * The leaders of the heavenly powers, * and the chiefs of the angels welcome us today. * They invite us to sing to your unapproachable glory. * O Lover of Mankind, * they pray unceasingly for our souls

[Vespers, Feast of Saint Michael and the Angelic Powers]



Coffee Social – TODAY--Sunday, November 3

Our ***Coffee & Donut Social*** for November is **TODAY-- Sunday, November 3**.

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

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 3-9. This an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States is dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations

Remembrance of Homebound Parishioners for Christmas

A Christmas remembrance is being prepared for our homebound parishioners. To help us prepare gift bags for homebound parishioners, please consider donating suggested gift items: *Seasonal/non-seasonal door decorations; tissues [dollar store boxes]; light scent body spray; word search books; lotions; lap blankets; shampoo*. You may also have ideas of your own. There will be a box in the narthex of each church to collect these items.

Please bring gift items by **Sunday, December 1**.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5 is ***Election Day***. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5, and do so in a conscientious and prayerful way.

“Gob” Baking Project

“Gobs” will be made here in our church kitchen on Wednesday, November 13 beginning at 8:30 am. Gobs will be available for sale on the following Sunday, November 17, in the church kitchen following the Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$1.25/gob; \$15/dozen. Gobs will also be sold the following Sunday, November 24.

The *Gob Baking Project* will provide for those who would like to have them for the Thanksgiving holiday and also for Christmas. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort and very much appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Thank you for your cooperation and effort and your support for this project. .

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.

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

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

- The *Parish Advisory Council*, Saints Peter & Paul, Portage meeting is Monday, November 11, 7:00pm in the conference room of the rectory.
- The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saint Mary’s, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the rectory.

Annual Appreciation Dinner

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

Please make note of this date for the *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 *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

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. for parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo concerning the financial circumstances of the parish is being rescheduled for later in November. Parishioners will be informed of the rescheduled date next week.

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 this next meeting. The meeting later in November will consider the developments since our meeting in April.

Festival Meeting—Review & Planning

A note of thanks for those who attended the meeting to review and evaluate the 2019 Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the social room of the church hall. We also began preparations for the 2020 Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Jennifer Crum Bailey; Michael Mazur* [UPMC, Altoona]; *Michael Barelick; Kennady Grace Spaid; Joseph Lysic; Rose Single; Dorothy Majer; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zalznock; 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

- For Vespers with Divine Liturgy for *Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers* the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera are in a handout.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the *Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers* Friday, November 8 may be found on p. 265-266.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for Sunday, November 10, Resurrection Troparion Tone 5, may be found on p. 141-142.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 45 may be found on p. 70.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Turkey Dinner in Northern Cambria

A Traditional Turkey Dinner, Prince of Peace Church Hall, 811 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria Sunday, November 3, 11:00 AM to 3:00 P.M. consisting of Turkey, homemade stuffing, "real" mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll & butter and dessert. Adults: \$10; Children under 10: \$5.00. Children under 4: free. Take outs available beginning at 10:30 AM. Also, basket auction, 50/50 chances and a chance on a Cuisinart® Stainless Steel grill. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Online Adult Education Course for Byzantine Catholics

Do you want to understand the Bible more deeply? We're surrounded by the scriptures as Eastern Christians, and yet, sometimes we still find the Bible to be a bit of a mystery and are unsure of how to make it a more prominent part of our life. Two-part webinar--Unlocking the Mystery: An Introduction to Eastern Christian Bible Study, with Joshua Mangels; Wednesdays, November 16 and 13, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Webinar is free; registration required at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Ham & Halupki Dinner Today:

In Nanty-Glo: GCU Lodge 401 Ham & Halupki Dinner on Sunday, November 3, 11:30 AM-2:30 P.M. 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 P.M. Keynote speaker is Bishop Nicholas Samra of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, Registration fee: \$35; includes lunch. 412-322-8773. Brochures are 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 p.m. Dinner follows at 5:00 p.m.

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

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 1:00 P.M. 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 provides 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 November 3, *Maxine Olshavsky* 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 22nd Week After Pentecost—November 3, 2019

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

Monday November 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, November 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, November 6

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Steve Mazur, by Helen Cameletti]

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

Thursday, November 7

Beaverdale **6:00 PM** **Vespers with Divine Liturgy**
[+Charles Potchak, by M/M Ronald Heinlein]

Friday, November 8

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

Saturday November 9

Portage ***Please note: No Mystery of Repentance [Confessions] scheduled today***
Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 9

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

Sunday November 10

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Mae Haschak, by Patty Haschak]