



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.*  
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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**

<b><u>Sunday January 12 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Lexi Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Bella Koban & Jakob Czapp
<b><u>Sunday January 19 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Jakob Czapp	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday January 26 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Troitsja:</u></b> Abby Koban	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> 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](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.



### **The Sunday after Theophany**

The celebration of Theophany continues for nine days. This allows for further opportunity to absorb and enter into the meaning of the feast. In particular the Sunday after Theophany features both an Epistle lesson and Gospel reading that offer insight into this feast.

We hear in the Gospel [Matthew 4:12-17] how Our Lord Jesus Christ came to dwell in the region of Galilee, and more specifically the town of Capernaum. Very significantly, Saint Matthew goes on to interpret this as meaning that Jesus came to those territories where the people “*sat in darkness*” and “*in the regions and shadow of death*” [Matthew 4:16]. In this way he demonstrates that his purpose in coming was to bring, or better *to be*, the “*light [which] shines in the darkness, and darkness has not overcome it.*” [John 1:5].

Theophany is called the *Feast of Enlightenment*”. In its origins, it was connected with the winter solstice, the darkest time of the year followed by gradually increasing light. In this way we affirm our faith that it is Christ who is “*the true light that enlightens every man.*” [John 1:9]

### **Annual “Appreciation Dinner”—Sunday, February 9**

The Annual “*Appreciation Dinner*”, usually scheduled in the fall, is scheduled this year for Sunday, February 9, following the Divine Liturgy. Please make note this date and plan to attend.

*The RSVP form for this dinner is included in today's bulletin.*

### **All Souls Commemoration for 2020**

The first *All Souls Commemoration* is Saturday, February 15 [Meatfare Saturday]. There is an envelope provided for the All Souls Commemoration in your packet of offering envelopes.

Please use this envelope to enter names of deceased family members or relatives who are to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays. You may also confirm or renew your list of previous years. *It is helpful if you indicate if the names listed are in addition to previous years' lists or to replace the previous years.*

Returning this envelope at your earliest convenience will be helpful in updating and maintaining the All Souls listing.

### ***Acknowledgments...***

A note of sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the celebration of Christmas and Theophany. To those who decorated the churches; care for the altar and sacristy; to cantors, servers, ushers—our thanks for enhancing the beauty of our worship and celebration at this festive time. Thank you also for your generosity in your contributions to our parish communities with your Christmas offerings.

I am also most grateful for your cards and remembrances at this Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

## Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, February 9

Our annual *Appreciation Dinner* on Sunday, February 9 will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy. As in past years, the *Parish* will provide the main course for this catered dinner.

**Everyone is asked to complete the menu** by bringing either a side dish or dessert:

**Names from A to L: Dessert**

**Names from M thru Z: Side dish** [bread/rolls, salad, vegetable, pasta salad, etc.]

There is no charge for the dinner, but those who wish to do so may offer a donation.

**All of our Parish Family** is most welcome. A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners of Saint Mary's, Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo to attend and bring a side dish or dessert.

### RSVP for Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, February 9

Name of family/individual[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will help with preparations on Sat. Feb. 8: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reply by Sunday, February 2—or at your earliest convenience**

### PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS



#### Coffee Social for January

The January *Coffee and Donut Social* is **TODAY--Sunday--January 12**, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the refreshments.

### Eastern Christian Formation Calendar--Christmas & Theophany

Sunday, January 12 2020.....*ECF Classes Resume*

### Blessing of Homes

To request the blessing of your home by Father Jim, please fill out this form, and place it in the offering basket or return by mailing it. In arranging an appointment, try to make it a convenient time for family members to be at home. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table. Copies of the service for the blessing of the home will be provided for you to participate in this prayer.

**I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"O Lord, be in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, in our tears and in our laughter. O Lord, let your presence be felt in this house, and in those who enter therein, as it was felt by John as You were baptized in the Jordan River."* [From the Prayer for Blessing of Homes]

## **Church Cleaning & Work Party for January**

- The **Church Cleaning** for January is scheduled for **Monday, January 13**, at **9:00 am**. *Please note* this change from the usual first Monday because of the Feast of Theophany on Monday, January 6.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

### ***This Week...***

Father Jim is scheduled for cataract surgery on Tuesday January 14 and again on Tuesday, January 21. Adjustments in schedule for the weekday Divine Liturgy and appointments may be made during this time. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

## **Statements of Parishioners' Offerings**

Statements of 2019 parishioner offerings for parishioners are being prepared for distribution by the end of January. If you have need of your 2019 offerings sooner, call the rectory [814-736-9780] or send request to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

### ***"Question and Answer" Box***

There are several questions that have been submitted to the "Question and Answer" box for which a response has not yet appeared. As space allows in coming weeks, I hope to respond to these. I appreciate your questions, interest, and the concerns of these various topics present.

Thanks again for your patience.

## **Church Music Day for Cantors**

On Saturday, February 22, the Archeparchy will hold a **Church Music Day** for Cantors at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall:. This event will consist of the following:

The morning session [9:00 am-Noon] will be a **Meeting of Archieparchial Cantors and Assistant Cantors**, the first since 1997, to discuss the state of our church music and ways we can foster the singing in our parishes.

In the afternoon [2:00 pm-4:00 pm] there will be a **Presentation and Sing-Along for All Clergy, Cantors, And Faithful**, covering the Lenten and Holy Week hymns in the proposed comprehensive hymnal for our church, and teaching basic harmonization of our plain chant.

## **Church Offering Envelopes for 2020**

In using your 2020 **Offering Envelopes**, remember that envelope numbers change; please **write your name and address** on your envelope and continue to **write your name on your envelope each week** to ensure proper credit. A line for writing your name is printed on the 2020 envelopes.

If you are not registered to receive envelopes, contact the parish office.

## **Remember In Prayer**

Please pray for the health of **Rita Thornton** [Maple Winds]; **Ella Hoffman**; **Marian Simala**; **Jennifer Crum Bailey**; **Michael Barelick**; **Kennady Grace Spaid**; **Joseph Lysic**; **Rose Single**; **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.

### **Congratulations...**

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Marty Slanoc**, husband of Alisha Slanoc, who was named the new *Portage High School Varsity Football Coach* this past week. *Go Mustangs!*

### **Liturgical Chant—Sundays after Pentecost**

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts for Sunday, January 19, Resurrection Troparion Tone 7, may be found on p. 156-158.
- The *Our Father* in Tone 7 may be found on p. 72.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## **OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Tony Melendez Concert**

On Tuesday, January 21, world renowned Catholic Musician and Speaker **Tony Melendez** will be performing a concert at 7:00 PM at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg. Tony was born with no arms, but learned to play the guitar with his feet from a young age. In 1987 in Los Angeles, he famously performed in front of Pope John Paul II.

The concert is free, but a free will offering will be taken for the parish and then for Tony.

### **Holy Name in Hawaii**

Holy Name Home and School Association is sponsoring **Holy Name in Hawaii** on Saturday, January 25, starting at 5:00 PM in the Holy Name Church Hall, Ebensburg.

Tickets are on sale at Holy Name School at a cost of \$25.00 per person (advance tickets only). For tickets or for more information, please call Holy Name School at 814-472-8817. *Aloha!*

### **Catholic Counselors of America LLC**

**Catholic Counselors of America LLC** has an office at St. Aloysius Faith Education and Community Center, located at 7911 Admiral Peary Highway in Cresson.

For information contact Leorosie “Rose” Trexler, M.S., Counselor. 814-505-7178.

### **Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer**

**At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; 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];
- **Maple Winds:** Rita Thornton;
- **Autumn View:** June Nezneski;
- **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 January 12, *Carol Goral* 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 Sunday after Theophany—January 12, 2020**

### **Sunday after Theophany**

#### **Saturday January 11**

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

[+Edward Andrykovitch, by Michael Blazosky-40th Day Commemoration]

#### **Sunday January 12**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

#### **Monday, January 13**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Tuesday, January 14**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Wednesday, January 15**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Thursday, January 16**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### **Friday, January 17**

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Patrick Aungst, by Andrew & Ann Raptosh Children]

#### **Saturday, January 18**

Portage **3:00 PM**

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo **4:30 PM**

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### **Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Saturday January 18**

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

#### **Sunday January 19**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

[For the *Protection of Human Life* on the occasion of the Annual March for Life, by Julie Brenna]