



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 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

<u>Sunday March 1 2020</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Bella Koban & Kaleb Castel
<u>Sunday March 8 2020</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Jakob Czapp
<u>Sunday March 15 2020</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Lexi Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & 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.



The Path of the Great Fast Journey

Our Lenten journey is charted by a series of lessons from Scriptures and other themes. These in turn are often highlighted by the hymns and prayers of the Liturgy [troparia, vesper stichera, etc.]. The weekdays have lessons from *Genesis* and *Proverbs* [from the Old Testament]. These readings are listed on the church calendars for each day. We hear the particular readings for Wednesdays and Fridays at the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

Last week the stories of *creation, Adam and Eve in Paradise*, and their *fall* were read. There follows this week the stories of *Cain and Abel*; on Friday we begin the story of *Noah*. *Proverbs* offers us collections of sayings which contain the ethical teachings of the Old Testament, its moral law and wisdom. These help us to realize how distant we have grown from God and ready us for the good news of forgiveness and grace.

Each Sunday there are significant themes and lessons. Today, the *Sunday of Orthodoxy* commemorates an historical event. After the time of *"iconoclasm,"* when icons were forbidden, the veneration of icons was restored in 843. This happened on the first Sunday of Lent.

The Epistle lesson today features the righteous men and women of the Old Testament, who lived by faith in a promise yet to be fulfilled. Each week in the Lenten journey leads us with lessons and themes to guide us as people who also live by faith in God's promise

Lenten Adult Education and Enrichment Series

Adult Education and Enrichment sessions begins TODAY and continue the Sundays of March, from 4:00-5:30pm. These sessions will be on ***The Mystery of Repentance*** or Confession. Some of the topics to be discussed will be *sin and reconciliation; guilt and repentance; identifying sin today; and examination of conscience*. Our sessions will be developed from a program titled, ***"The Kiss of Christ: The Mystery of Repentance."*** It includes a DVD presentation along with a study guide. The study guide is available for \$11.

We hope that this will be both an enlightening and edifying occasion to gather in study, prayer and reflection, both to deepen our understanding and strengthen our faith.

The Great Fast

The Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast are days of *simple abstinence* on which we abstain from meat. The ***Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts*** is on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent.

On Saturday, March 7, the second ***All Souls Saturday*** the ***Divine Liturgy*** and ***Panachida*** at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is at 9:00 am. The ***Panachida*** and Reading of the Names of the Deceased follow the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Beaverdale on Saturday, March 7.

Also, please continue to remember *Prayer Partner* daily: **"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."** [Philippians 1:9-11]

Prayerful Awareness and Concern for Coronavirus

Mindful of the awareness and concern regarding the Coronavirus, Metropolitan Archbishop William ask that we join in prayer: *for the healing of those who are suffering in the current outbreak of sickness; for the blessed repose of those who have died because of this sickness; and for all those who are working for the means to halt the spread of this disease.*

These prayers will be included in the Litany at the liturgical services.

Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast - 2020

Simple abstinence

- The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits the use of eggs and dairy products.
- All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Strict abstinence

- The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe strict abstinence when prescribed; and **is to be observed in 2020 on Great and Holy Friday, April 10.**

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS



Coffee Social for March – *TODAY*

Coffee and Donut Social TODAY--Sunday, March 1 following the Divine Liturgy.

Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the coffee and refreshments.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March

- The **Church Cleaning** for March is scheduled for **Monday, March 2**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** for March will be on **Saturday, March 7**, at 10:30 am. Please note this *change in time* due to the second **All Souls Saturday** on Saturday, March 7.
- Thanks once again to those who volunteer for these monthly projects.

Liturgical Chant—The Great Fast

- **2009 Edition of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** includes propers for the first day; Wednesdays, and Fridays for all weeks of the Fast. Pages are given before the service.
- On the **Sundays of the Great Fast**, the *Typical Psalms* [p. 16-17] replace the First and Second Antiphons; the *Beatitudes* [p. 23-24] are sung in place of the Third Antiphon. The responses for the Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great are on p. 96-100.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Second All Souls Saturday** [March 7] are on p. 428; and for the Panachida on p. 432.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, March 8**, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 6 on p. 152-153; and for the **Second Sunday of the Great Fast** pages 222-223.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 6 may be found on p. 71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Great Lent: A Spiritual Journey to Pascha

God With Us Online live webinar, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events:

Great Lent: A Spiritual Journey to Pascha, Father David Anderson Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Using Rev. Alexander Schmemmann's Great Lent, this series examine the liturgies of the Great Fast to help us experience them more deeply and make the most out of this season of preparation for Pascha.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for the *Health of Shawn Crum*, requested by Ken and Connie Crum/

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Katie Czapp; Ella Hoffman; Marian Simala; Jennifer Crum Bailey; Michael Barelick; Kennady Grace Spaid; Joseph Lysic; Rose Single; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel & Mary 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.

Byzantine Catholic Convention: A Vibrant Byzantine Church

The National Byzantine Catholic Convention will be at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, November 12-14. The event is primarily for leaders and members of the Byzantine Catholic Church for the purpose of *prayer, fellowship, formation and mission* as a national body of Eastern Catholics. The theme is *Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church*. Talks and workshops will be offered on becoming missionary disciples, to cultivate vibrant eparchies, parishes, monasteries, missions, where Christ is encountered and worshipped. Registration begins March 1. byzantineconvention.com

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of March 1 *Carol* and *Ed 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.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Portage Area Ministerial Association Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches sponsored by the *Portage Area Ministerial Association*, Wednesdays of Lent, Noon to 1:00 PM, at Hammer Street Church of God. Lunch, followed by a talk by one of the local clergy.

Speaker for March 4:-- *Pastor Ryan Legg, Martindale Christian Missionary Alliance Church*

Speaker for March 11:-- *Pastor Melia Lewis, 123 Main Healing Center*

Speaker for March 18:-- *Pastor Art Black, Trinity United Methodist Church*

Speaker for March 25:-- *Pastor Mark Fischer, First Lutheran Church*

Speaker for April 1:-- *Father Tom Stabile, Holy Family Church*

Basket Party

Basket Party benefits *Relay for Life of Cambria County*, Saturday, March 14, at New Germany Grove Hall, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner - Assorted Homemade Soups, Rolls, Desserts, Beverages. Admission: \$20.00 (25 basket chances, door prize chance, and dinner). Door Prize: 40 inch TV. Sponsored by "**TEAM RAYSING HOPE**". Tickets at Ray's Lawnmower 495-4495].

2020 Senior Expo

Senator Wayne Langerholc invites you to his **2020 Senior Expo**, Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the East Hills Recreation Center, Johnstown101 Community College Way, Johnstown.

The event promises something for everyone. *Free admission*, door prizes, health screenings, educational seminars and light refreshments too! Exhibitors from government agencies and senior citizen organizations will be on hand. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship and light refreshments

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Schedule of Events

Lenten Prayer Morning, presented by Father Valerian Michlik, "*O Lord, I Cry Out To You, Hear Me!*" Saturday, March 7, 9:15 am-1: 00 pm. Includes Lunch Offering: \$35. Registration Due: March 3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered along with a conference and a prayer service.

Lenten Thursday, Bible Study, presented by Sr. Melita Marie, OSBM, March 5 to April 2, 2020. 9:30 to 11:30 am; Free will offering. Bring your favorite Bible.

"There Is No Time Limit On Grieving", presented by Patty Clemmer, LPN, a retired Volunteer Hospice Coordinator. Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am- to 1:00 pm. Includes Lunch Offering: \$35.00 Registration: March 10. Dealing with the loss of a loved one before, during and after their passing

To register for above programs, call 724-438-7149; or email hpmsm@verizon.net.

Grane Hospice Volunteers

Grane Hospice Care needs of volunteers. Compassionate persons, available for hospice environment. Volunteers needed in a variety of roles. Previous volunteer or hospice experience not needed; training provided. Any amount of time in which you are willing to visit with the patients and families. If interested or need information, contact Kami Nolan at 814-418-8087. Thank you

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; 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

Spring Ahead--Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday 8 March

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday 8 March 2020 at 2 AM.

Move clocks *ahead one hour* before going to bed on Saturday 7 March 2020.

Liturgical Schedule 2nd Week of the Great Fast March 1, 2020

First Sunday of the Great Fast

Sunday of Orthodoxy—Memory of the Holy Prophets

Saturday February 29

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Carolyn Garanich, by Robert Podrebarac Family]

Sunday March 1

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

Monday, March 2

No Lenten services scheduled

Tuesday, March 3

No Lenten services scheduled

Wednesday, March 4

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 5

No Lenten services scheduled

Friday, March 6

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Second All Souls Saturday

Saturday March 7

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 7

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
Followed by Panachida and Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Sunday March 8

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Barry Krisko, by Diane Kinback]