



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

<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
<u>Sunday March 22 2020</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Jakob Czapp	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Lexi 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.



Second Sunday of the Great Fast—Lessons from Scripture

The Great Fast has a sequence of lessons from Scripture to help convey the meaning of this season. They provide instruction in our faith. And these scripture lessons also serve another purpose. They are a source of nourishment, encouraging us in our efforts and offering examples, inspiration, and motivation over these weeks of the Great Fast.

As mentioned last week, daily readings from Genesis and Proverbs are listed on the church calendar. We hear these at the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday and Friday. During this coming week, we hear the story of the *Great Flood* and the salvation of *Noah in the Ark* [Genesis 6:9-8:21]. “This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.” [Father David Petras, Typicon, p. 18].

At the Divine Liturgy on Sundays selections from the Letter to the Hebrews refer to the “pilgrimage” of our path to salvation, the promise it holds and the need for faith in the things to come. In today’s Gospel [Mark 2:1-12] the Paralytic who is carried through the roof to be brought to Jesus, remind us of the effort and desire needed in the observance of the Great Fast.

Lenten Adult Education and Enrichment Series

Adult Education and Enrichment sessions continue the Sundays of March, 4:00-5:30pm, on ***The Mystery of Repentance*** or Confession. Topics to be discussed include *sin and reconciliation; guilt and repentance; identifying sin today; and examination of conscience*. Our sessions will be developed from the program, ***“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.

Sisters of Saint Basil Celebrate A Century of Ministry 1921-2021

The Sisters of Saint Basil invite you to come and celebrate ***National Catholic Sisters Week Open House***, Sunday, March 8, 2-4 p.m. at Mt. St. Macrina, 500 W. Main St., Uniontown. There will be refreshments; displays; *Meet & Greet*; Gift Baskets; and a Prayer Service at 2 p.m.

This year the Sisters of Saint Basil are “*Celebrating A Century of Ministry 1921-2021*”.

RSVP: 724.438.7149.

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 14, the third ***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 Dunlo on Saturday, March 14.

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]

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

Eternal Memory: +Father Paul Tigyer

+Father Paul Tigyer a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic fell asleep in the Lord Monday, March 2, in Jessup, Pennsylvania. His funeral will be on Monday, March 9 at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, Jessup; followed by burial in the Jessup parish cemetery.

Father Paul Tigyer was a vocation from Saints Peter and Paul parish, Portage and was ordained on May 31, 1954. We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to Father Paul's surviving relatives and family members.

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 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.

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.

Also, please continue to pray for *those who suffering from the Coronavirus; for the blessed repose of those who have died from this disease; and for those working to halt the spread of this disease.*

Byzantine Catholic Convention: A Vibrant Byzantine Church

The National Byzantine Catholic Convention at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, November 12-14, is for leaders and members of the Byzantine Catholic Church for *prayer, fellowship, formation and mission*. The theme is **Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church**. Speakers and workshops on becoming missionary disciples, to cultivate vibrant eparchies, parishes, monasteries, missions, where Christ is encountered and worshipped. byzantineconvention.com

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of March 8 *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 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 **Third All Souls Saturday** [March 14] 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 7 on p. 156-158; and for the **Third Sunday of the Great Fast** on page 223-225.
- 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

Easter Paska and Nut & Poppysed Rolls Bake Sale in Windber

Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Windber is having an *Easter Paska and Nut & Poppysed Rolls Bake Sale*. *Paska Bread* is \$7/each; *Nut Roll* and *Poppysed Roll* are \$10 each.

If interested, there are order forms in the back of church or call Elaine [467-8647]; Shirley [467-8816] or Fr. Ivan Rusyn [467-6309]. Deadline for order baked goods is March 22.

Spring Open House at Penn Highlands Community College

Penn Highlands Community College is hosting a *Spring Open House* on Monday, March 23, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Visit any of our locations: *Richland Campus* [101 Community College Way]; *Ebensburg Center* [881 Hills Plaza Drive]. Pennhighlands.edu/openhouse.

Discover more about what we have to offer: learn about more than 335 academic programs; discuss career and educational goals; review financial aid & scholarship options.].

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 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 at Saint Mary's in Windber

Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Windber is having a **Basket Party** on Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10/each and include a *Spaghetti Dinner* and 25 Basket Chances.

For questions, or to purchase tickets, call *Patti* [4677-8445] or *Theresa* [266-3717]. 22.

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

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].

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Schedule of Events

"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.

Spring Basket Auction in Northern Cambria

GCU Lodge 93 annual **Spring Basket Auction**, Sunday, April 19, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue in Northern Cambria. The drawing begins at 3:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall.

A light lunch will be served. The event benefits the church outside wall that has collapsed and other church expenses. Contact: Connie Strittmatter, 724-422-7703; cstrittmatter@comcast.net.

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

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for the *Health of Jennifer Crum-Bailey*, by Ken and Connie Crum/.

Liturgical Schedule 3rd Week of the Great Fast March 8, 2020

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]

Monday, March 9

No Lenten services scheduled

Tuesday, March 10

No Lenten services scheduled

Wednesday, March 11

Portage 6:30 PM *Simple abstinence and fasting required*
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 12

No Lenten services scheduled

Friday, March 13

Portage 6:30 PM *Simple abstinence and fasting required*
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Third All Souls Saturday

Saturday March 14

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Third Sunday of Great Fast—Veneration of the Holy Cross

Saturday March 14

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+George Jason, & Robert Yatsky, by Nancy Yatsky & Family]
Followed by **Panachida** and Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Sunday March 15

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