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**Liturgical Schedule 7<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost July 12, 2020**

<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
<u>Sat. July 11</u>	Beaverdale	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy
<u>Sun. July 12</u>	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [The miners killed in the <i>Sonman Mine Explosion</i> of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak]
<u>Thursday, July 16</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Ann & +Andrew Malchesky, by Paul Malchesky]
<u>Friday July 17</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+William Garanich, by Caroline Cornell]
<u>Sat. July 18</u>	Portage	<u>3:00 pm</u>	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
	Dunlo	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
<b>Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils</b>			
<u>Sat. July 18</u>	Dunlo	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Jo Ann Tiller, by Joanne Serre]
<u>Sun. July 19</u>	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy <b>Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Luke Anthony Harrington</b>

**2020 Ethnic Festival**

Today was the date originally scheduled for the 2020 Annual Ethnic Festival hosted by Saints Peter and Paul Church. This year our annual festival is not being held, due to the restrictions and social distance required because of the Coronavirus. Along with so many other occasions this year, this event will be missed by parishioners as well as the many patrons and friends from the community who have supported us over the years.

The Festival Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 22 to consider a possible alternative event for later this year. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Social Room of the church hall. It is our hope to continue the festival in 2021.

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## Scripture Reflections—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

At times, our impressions upon hearing the Gospel, or other portions of the Scriptures, fasten upon one feature or another that claims our attention. Today the Gospel account of the healing of the paralytic [Mathew 9:1-8] includes a feature which can work in this way. The order of the events which take place is that Jesus first announces forgiveness of sins to the paralytic who is carried into his presence. Then at the conclusion of the story and as a proof of his authority to forgive sins, the man is healed. Upon Jesus' command, "Arise and walk" [Mathew 9:6] this man indeed gets up and begins to walk home.

Clearly the first mission of our Lord Jesus Christ is preaching repentance and the forgiveness of sins. As Jesus begins his mission, his first words publically are "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" [Mathew 4:17]. This is also demonstrated in the preaching of the Apostles, particularly Peter and Paul, in the Acts of the Apostles.

Physical healing is indeed also an essential part of the ministry of Jesus. At the beginning of this work, the activity of Jesus is summarized in this way: "He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people" [Mathew 4:23].

Healing serves to demonstrate that Jesus has come to restore humanity wholly. The physical healings he performs are a concrete representation and demonstration of the nature of his work. They make visible to an even more wonderful work of interior renewal, and wholeness effected by the forgiveness of sins.

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### Protopresbyter of the Johnstown Protopresbyterate.

Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla has appointed Father James Spontak Protopresbyter [Dean] of the Johnstown Protopresbyterate effective July 27, 2020. The Johnstown Protopresbyterate district consists of the Byzantine Catholic parishes in Cambria and Somerset Counties and several in Indiana County. The Protopresbyter is to fulfill certain duties in relation to these parishes as described in church Canon Law. These include installation of new pastors; visiting the parishes; and meeting with the priests and deacons of this region.

I am grateful to Metropolitan Archbishop William for his confidence in appointing me to this role. Your prayerful support and cooperation are appreciated as I assume this responsibility.

A word of grateful acknowledgment to **Very Reverend Vasyl Polyak** who has served as Protopresbyter for the Johnstown Protopresbyterate these past several years as well as serving our parishes in Patton and Northern Cambria. We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Father Vasyl and his family in his new assignment as Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Tarentum, Pennsylvania and as Chancellor of the Archeparchy.

Our prayerful best wishes to **Reverend Edward J. Pyo** appointed for the liturgical services and spiritual needs of the faithful of Saints. Peter and Paul Church, Patton, and St. John Church, Northern Cambria; and to **Deacon Raymond J. Zadzilko** appointed administrator of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Patton, and St. John Church, Northern Cambria.

### **Seminarian Ordinations...**

Today at Saint John's Cathedral, two seminarians of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary will advance in their journey of preparation for the priesthood. Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla will ordain **Lector Kyprian Wojciechowski** Subdeacon; and **Lector Robert Jones** Subdeacon and Deacon. Please remember in your prayers Lectors Kyprian and Robert on this occasion, as well as all of the Seminarians and the Seminary staff. **Many, Happy Years.**

### **Saint Michael's, South Fork Memorial Monument**

Over several years and in particular in the past year, a monument at the site of the Saint Michael's Cemetery and the former Saint Michael's Church in South Fork has been planned.

A preliminary to providing this monument is mitigation of a severe drainage situation in the area in the front of the cemetery. This is necessary, as the drainage and retention of water has increased and prevents access to the cemetery.

This work is about to proceed this week. A first part of it is installation of pipe and a catch basin along Memory Lane. This work is being done with the cooperation of Croyle Township, which is to install the pipe and catch basin. We are grateful for the cooperation and assistance of Croyle Township and its Supervisors in this project.

A drainage system in the area in the front of the cemetery is then to be installed by a contractor. It includes a French drain to carry the water to the pipe and catch basin on Memory Lane. Once this drainage work has been installed and completed, the memorial monument can be erected. Because of the additional expense with the necessary drainage work, a modified monument, rather than the original granite stone marker, is to be placed at the front of the cemetery. Our thanks once again to the donors who have responded to the appeal to help provide this memorial monument.

A list acknowledging names of these donors will appear in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

### **Byzantine Worship & Spirituality**

Below is a continuation of reflections from **Byzantine Daily Worship** by Most Reverend Joseph Raya, on the characteristics of Byzantine spirituality

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"Every act of the liturgy is ordained ultimately, not only to our own fruition in the vision of God in heaven, but also to the transformation and glorification and consummation of all things in Christ. The Kyrie Eleison ['Lord Have Mercy'] asks that God may make Himself recognized, respected, and loved as the Master and King of the whole universe. It is repeated throughout the acts of worship to constitute an eager and anxious cry of love, and thus increase the fervor of the worshiper for the realization and manifestation of this Kingdom of God. Frequent repetition is a way of the Spirit: it is an act of dedication both active and passive; it is the gift of oneself and of all the Cosmos. But it is perhaps even more a welcome and an unstinting opening of one's whole being to God: a word of love, an act of love, always repeated, ever new." *The above is from Byzantine Daily Worship, pages 7-8. These reflections will be continued*

## A Celebration of Marriage

Each year, the Archeparchy hosts a celebration to honor married couples observing their **Wedding Anniversaries of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years that are multiples of five.** The date for this event is **Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

It has not been determined as of the present time if this celebration can be held. However, we are requesting names of those having any of these wedding anniversaries in 2020, so that they may be honored appropriately. Please inform Father Jim by Sunday, July 26 if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2020.

## Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars

The *Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars*, presented by the John and Helen Timo Foundation, feature interactive presentations with Carpatho-Rusyn American scholars. Six seminars are in two groups: *Great Carpatho-Rusyn Americans*; and *Being Carpatho-Rusyn American*. The live events include the opportunity to ask questions in real time. The seminars are free, but registration and a free Zoom account are required. For questions, or to register please email [orders@c-rrc.org](mailto:orders@c-rrc.org). You will receive an email with a link unique to you to join the webinar.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 7PM ET: A lecture and discussion by Professor Elaine Rusinko (University of Maryland — Baltimore County) about the Carpatho-Rusyn American artists **Andy Warhol and Julia Warhola**. Moderated by Maria Silvestri (Timo Foundation). [Register here.](#)

## A Note of Thanks...

Thank you for your cooperation in accommodating the various adjustments for worship at this present time. Please continue to be attentive to the guidelines and provisions of distance, etc., as posted in the narthex. Let us continue to remember in prayer those who are ill with the Coronavirus; and the needs of parish family and of one another at this time of pandemic.

A note of thanks also to Diane Kinback and Carol Goral for the white ribbon for marking the pews.

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

Please remember in your prayers **Marge Fleck; Joseph Mandichak**; and all of the ill and homebound.

**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 Nezeski;
- **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