

**Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--Dunlo**

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Liturgical Schedule 9th Week after Pentecost July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. July 25	Beaverdale	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. July 26	Portage	8:45 AM	The Third Hour
	9:00 am		Divine Liturgy [+Barry Krisko, by Ed and Carol Goral & Family]

Tuesday, July 28

Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Husband, George]

Wednesday July 29

Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy [+Robert Bulinsky—40 th Day Commemoration, by John & Barbara Havrilla]

Sat. August 1

Portage	3:00 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
Dunlo	4:30 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. August 1	Dunlo	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. August 2	Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy

[Special Intention—Steve Fleck, requested by Julie Brenna---Lenten Prayer Partner]

Chicken Bar-B-Que—Saturday, September 12 2020

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, is planning a take-out **Chicken Bar-B-Que** for **Saturday, September 12**, from Noon-3 pm [or until sold out]. The Chicken-Bar-B-Que will feature *Tony Pyo's bacon-wrapped chicken; homemade cole slaw; baked beans; and sheet cake*. The cost will be \$9.00. Tickets will be available over the next several Sundays. The pre-sale of tickets will be helpful in planning for the amount of chicken, etc. to be purchased and prepared.

Parishioners are invited to make and donate a **9: X 13" sheet cake** for the bar-b-que. There will be a sign-up list in the narthex in the coming weeks for those will to make sheet cakes.

Since our annual festival could not be held due to the restrictions required because of the Coronavirus, this year we are hosting this alternative event.

Plan to come and invite others to come and support this event.

Distribution of the Eucharist—Holy Communion.

In the Guidelines from May 15, 2020, for resuming worship, from Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla are several provisions regarding the distribution of the Eucharist.

At the Divine Liturgy next Saturday and Sunday, August 1-2, we will begin also to sanitize the Communion spoon after each person has received the Body and Blood of the Lord. After each person has received, the Communion spoon will be placed into a second vessel. This vessel will contain a high percentage alcohol product that would be safe to consume. The percentage of alcohol is 75%, an adequate percentage to sanitize the spoon. The alcohol used will not be the type typically purchased in a pharmacy for sterilizing or health purposes. It is from a beverage that would be drinkable and safe should any drops remain on the spoon.

This adjustment is to encourage participation in receiving in the Eucharist. It is understood and respected that some elect to exercise a greater measure of caution because of the virus.

The Dormition Fast

The *Dormition of the Theotokos* [August 15] is preceded by a two week fast or period of preparation, from August 1-14. Our Metropolitan Church identifies this as one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year. Its observance is voluntary.

Sunday Gospel

The multiplication of loaves and fish heard as today's Gospel [Matthew 14:14-22] is one that once again engages our imagination. It also provides a wealth of instruction. The peculiar circumstances of a great crowd of people assembling in the wilderness, an "out of the way" place, to hear Jesus must reflect an eagerness, or at least a curiosity, to be in the presence of the Lord. They are there at a later hour of the day, as dusk is drawing near, at a place where food in quantity is not conveniently available. And this brings about the events upon which the Gospel develops. The five loaves and two fish presented to Jesus at his request is not a plentiful supply for such a large group. But here we learn that it is important to share, even when there is not an abundance.

Most importantly, the multiplication of loaves demonstrates that Jesus himself is the living bread, our spiritual food. This is now given to us in the Eucharist. The words which describe Jesus' actions in this scene are: "*taking the five loaves and two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves*" [Matthew 14:19]. And these will be the very same words to describe what he does at the Last Supper when he first gave us the Eucharist. Moreover, we hear much the same words in the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy, as the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and become for us the Body and Blood of the Lord—*Christ, the living bread come down from heaven*.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for August

- The **Church Cleaning** for August is scheduled for **Monday, August 3**, at **9:00 am**.
- *Thank You* to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.
- The **Work Party** for August is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8**, at **9:00 am**. *Please note this change* from the usual first Saturday of the month.

<u>Offerings for March, April and May: Cumulative Total for Each Month</u>			
<u>Month</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$4,945.00	\$6,424.00	\$7,895.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$1,456.00	\$1,735.00	\$2,108.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 974.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 840.00

<u>Offerings for June</u>				
	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$3,724.00	\$1,636.00	\$2,008.00	\$2,945.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$435.00	\$749.00	\$525.00	\$595.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$420.00	\$275.00	\$260.00	\$51.00

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Louis (Ludvik) Rafaj** the father Rev. Father Elias Rafaj, Pastor of Saint John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Houston, Texas.

Please continue to remember in your prayers: *Deacon Robert Jones; Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski;* and all of the seminarians and seminary community; and all of those discerning a call to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life.

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.

Installation of pipe and a catch basin along Memory Lane, done with the cooperation of Croyle Township, is in progress. We are grateful for the cooperation 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, which 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. Our thanks once again to the donors who have responded to this appeal. A list acknowledging names of these donors will appear in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Light Bulbs Available...

There are a number of light bulbs on the table in the front of the kitchen in the church hall. These are unused bulbs etc. which remain and are now not needed after converting our lights to LED lights earlier this year. All light bulbs, fixtures on this table are available for you to take—no exceptions. All of these light bulbs and fixtures are free and available for you to take for your own use.

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 seminars are free, but registration and a free Zoom account are required. To register: <https://www.c-rrc.org/2020-summer-seminars/>. You will receive an email with a link unique to you to join the webinar. For questions, information email orders@c-rrc.org.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 – 1 PM ET: A lecture and discussion by Professor Pat Krafcik (The Evergreen State College) about the Carpatho-Rusyn children's book "**In the Seventy-Seventh Kingdom": Carpatho-Rusyn Folktales.**" Moderated by Professor Nick Kupensky (United States Air Force Academy). [Register here](#).

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you for your cooperation in accommodating the various adjustments for worship at this present time. Please 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.

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