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Liturgical Schedule 6th Week after Pentecost July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. July 4	Dunlo	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Pauline Valko; by Rich & Pauline Barelick]
Sun. July 5	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy

<u>Tues. July 7</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Betty Tutsock, by Mary Ann Zakrzwski]
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<u>Thurs. July 9</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Patrick Aungst, by Uncles and Aunts]
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<u>Sat. July 11</u>	Portage	<u>3:00 pm</u>	Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
	Beaverdale	<u>4:30 pm</u>	Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

<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]

Congratulations—Graduates—Class of 2020!

Today we recognize those from our parish family who have graduated or earned degrees. We offer them prayerful support as they pursue future goals:



Alex Hook graduated with Bachelors of Business Management from University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

Arielle Miller, graduated with a Masters of Business Administration from Saint Francis University.

Please let Father Jim know of any additions or corrections to this list. Thank you.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July

- The *Church Cleaning* for July is scheduled for **Monday, July 6**, at 9:00 am.
- Thanks once again to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Welcome...

We extend a cordial welcome to **Very Reverend Robert Pipta** who is with us for the Divine Liturgy today as part of a July 4th Holiday visit to Saints Peter and Paul, Portage. Father Robert Pipta is the Rector of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Please extend the hospitality of the parish a warm welcome to Father Robert today on this holiday weekend.

Many, Happy Years.

We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Bob** and **Holly Koban** on their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on July 1, 2020.

Scripture Reflections—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

This Gospel episode [[Mathew 8:28-9:1](#)] of Jesus encountering two men possessed by demons [*demoniacs*] deals with an essential component of Christ' work. Christ's power over demons and casting them out is indeed an important element of his work of demonstrating that the Kingdom of God is among us. It is a part of his work to uproot and destroy the devil's hold on humanity. The scene is notably peculiar, as the demoniac men live out among the tombs, something which reflects how their lives have been stripped of dignity, emptied of vitality, purpose, and meaning. To our modern sensibilities, the whole matter is unattractive, unappealing, and somewhat distasteful or even offensive. But it is a scene worthy of our attention and consideration. Here it becomes evident what is symptomatic of evil's grip on the human race, of the devil's impact. The influence of evil ultimately dehumanizes, and it robs men and women of their God-given dignity and prevents us from attaining our ultimate destiny of sharing God's life and glory.

Though the malice of the evil one is great, he can do nothing against the will of God. At the word of command of Jesus, "Go", the demons depart from these men, and only upon his word are they able to enter the swine.

2020 Ethnic Festival

This year our annual festival will not be held, due to the restrictions and social distance required because of the Coronavirus. 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. We look forward to continuing the festival in 2021.

2020 Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina Cancelled

The Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Mount Saint Macrina newsletter *In Touch* has indicated plans to work on providing a series of internet services which pilgrims can watch from their own homes, "a pilgrimage of the "heart" rather than a pilgrimage of the "feet".

Seminarian Ordinations...

Next Sunday, two seminarians of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary will advance in their journey of preparation for the priesthood. **Lector Kyprian Wojciechowski** will be ordained Subdeacon; and **Lector Robert Jones** will be ordained Subdeacon and Deacon. Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla will ordain both seminarians at Saint John's Cathedral on Sunday, July 12.

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.**

Byzantine Worship & Spirituality

Byzantine Daily Worship, was published by Most Reverend Joseph Raya, Melkite Greek Catholic Archbishop of Nazareth and all Galilee; and Baron Jose De Vinck in 1969. It is a valuable compendium of liturgical prayer and reflections on Byzantine worship, spirituality, and feasts. From time to time, I would like to offer some excerpts from *Byzantine Daily Worship* for instruction and insight on aspects of our Byzantine Catholic spirituality, prayer and practice.

In *Byzantine Daily Worship* the characteristics of Byzantine spirituality are summarized under four qualifications: **Universal; Traditional; Popular; and Mystical.**

I. Universal:

"The Church is Christ continuing to live in his Mystical Body. The sacrifice and prayer of the Church are the sacrifice and prayer of Christ, Prototype of the Cosmos. The Greek Fathers are so clearly aware of this doctrine that all their prayers bear its stamp. This universal, or Catholic, largeness of the Fathers' views faithfully rendered in the prayers of the Byzantine Church is a reason why this Church is both so attractive and so modern in its theology. When St. Thomas speaks of the single universe, he does not limit it to the material creation, since everything outside the inner activity of the Blessed Trinity proceeds from the single will of God. In this sense, the Kingdom of God contains everything that participates in his being. The only thing that is outside this Kingdom is darkness, non-being, evil, sin. The frequent use of the supplication, "Lord, have mercy", is an application of this universalism.

"The word *Kyrie Eleison*, properly understood, should be rendered as 'Lord, have mercy', and not as 'Lord, have mercy on us'. The mercy of God is the transforming presence of God Himself; it is this awesome presence made conscious, respected and loved. The mercy of God is the life-giving perpetuation of that divine energy of the supreme act of the Redeemer's love. *'The Kyrie Eleison asks the divine mercy upon the whole creation rather than merely on those who are at the moment supplicating it; upon the whole world of men, thought of as gathered under the feet of God; upon the spiritual invisible creation as well as on the visible even upon the unborn generations of mankind, as well as on those now on earth and 'those whose life here has ended; upon all that makes up the Cosmos, subhuman, human and angelic.'* [Austin Oakley, *The Orthodox Liturgy*, p. 36].

The above is from Byzantine Daily Worship, pages 7-8. These reflections will be continued next week...

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. 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.

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