

**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 5th Week after Pentecost June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

<u>Sat. June 27</u>	Beaverdale <u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+John & +Margaret "Peg" Slifko; +Andrew Slifko; by Jack and Annie Slifko]
<u>Sun. June 28</u>	Portage <u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Holy Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

<u>Sunday June 28</u>		
Portage	<u>5:00 PM</u>	Great Vespers with Litija
<u>Monday June 29</u>		
Portage	<u>9:00 AM</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Peter Bulinsky, by Robert Bulinsky]
Dunlo	<u>7:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy
<u>Tues. June 30</u>		
Portage	<u>10:00 am</u>	Funeral Divine Liturgy of +Robert Bulinsky
<u>Fri. July 3</u>		
Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Susan Timo, by Cathy and Maria Silvestri]
<u>Sat. July 4</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>
<u>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
<u>Sat. July 4</u>	Dunlo <u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Pauline Valko; by Rich & Pauline Barelick]
<u>Sun. July 5</u>	Portage <u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy

Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Charles Crum**, the husband of Luni Crum, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 21. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Luni; Arielle and Branden; Siarra; Issabella; and John and Sylvia Mandichak; and to all of his family.

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Robert Bulinsky** who fell asleep in the Lord on June 23. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his sisters, Dolores Wilson and Frances Clapper; and to all of his family

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.

Thursday, July 2, 2020 - 3PM ET: A lecture and discussion by Professor Nick Kupensky (United States Air Force Academy) about the Carpatho-Rusyn American writer **Emil Kubek**. Moderated by Maria Silvestri (Timo Foundation).

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** who is a patient at Select Specialty [Lee Campus]; 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

Feast of the Holy Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on Monday, June 29 is observed with particular solemnity in the church throughout the world. It also holds added significance for us as being the patronal feast of both the Dunlo and Portage parish communities. The observance of these two apostles is combined into a single feast because of the very ancient tradition that they were both martyred in Rome on the same day. Their martyrdom occurred about the year 67 during the persecution of the Emperor Nero.

This feast is also closely linked to Pentecost, for the witness of the Apostles was the fruit of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. In our celebration of these two *preeminent apostles* praise seems to be shared equally. This is evident in the liturgical hymns composed for this day. We address ourselves to them by turn, and in doing so recognized their distinct and even diverse yet complimentary characteristics. The stichera and other hymns sung at Vespers and Matins have ample examples of these dual apostles of Christ who in their unique talents, gifts, and dispositions give harmonious witness to the Gospel:

“With what beautiful hymns shall we praise Peter and Paul? They are wings of divine knowledge, spreading out to the far ends of the earth and soaring aloft to heaven. They are two heads of the Gospel of grace, two feet of the preaching of the truth, two rivers of wisdom and two arms of the Cross, through which the merciful Christ casts down the pride of demons.”

[Vesper Hymns, Feast of Saints Peter and Paul]

The Divine Liturgy for this feast of obligation will be on Monday at 9:00 am in Portage; and at 7:00 pm in Dunlo. Great Vespers are in Portage at 5:00 pm on Sunday.

Happy Independence Day—July 4

This week our nations celebrates the 244th anniversary of the Independence of the United States on Saturday, July 4th. Each era in our nation’s history has faced its own challenges and accomplishments. We have much to celebrate and for which to be grateful, even as we face the sometimes trying circumstances of own day.

The July 4th Holiday is a highlight of the summer season. Do enjoy this celebration of Independence Day, as we remember in prayer our nation, its leaders and all its people and recommit ourselves to fulfilling its ideals of *“liberty and justice for all”*.

2019 Income and Expense Report

Enclosed in today’s bulletin are the statements of *Parish Income and Expense* for 2019, accompanied by a comparison with the 2018 Expenses and Income. Thank you for your generous commitment in giving of your time, contributions and other resources for our parish communities, which are reflected in these statements.

We express our gratitude to those who prepared these statements and who also volunteer throughout the year in maintaining the parish financial accounting:

- *Rochelle Berzanksy* for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage;

- *Mary Lou Perich* for Saint Mary, Beaverdale; and Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo

Many, Happy Years.

We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Ernest** and **Andrea Podrasky** on their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 27, 2020.

Scripture Reflections—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Gospel highlights the faith of the centurion who approaches Jesus [[Matthew 8:5-13](#)]. An active faith involves turning one's heart, and thoughts, over to the Lord. And by turning to the Lord often with prayer, and embracing the good thoughts and ignoring the evil thoughts, we might "*take command*" of the unruly body with its passions. Just as the Lord performs miracles by the command of His Word, and the centurion commands his soldiers and servants with his word, likewise, we offer our bodies and our whole life to bear the fruit of sanctification and holiness. In the accompanying lesson from [romans 6:18-23](#) Saint Paul presents the choices of being slaves to sin and receive "*the wages of sin, which is death,*"; or by faith and repentance becoming "*slaves to righteousness,*" and receive God's gift of eternal life.

[From [God With Us Online](#)]

The Fathers on Scripture: *There is no coercion with God. He has a good will toward us continually. He gives reliable counsel to humans and angels (who also are rational beings), to whom he has given the power of choice. Those who yield obedience therefore possess what is good freely and justly. It is given by God but preserved by themselves.... The human spirit is possessed of free will from the beginning, and God is possessed of free will, in whose likeness humanity was created.*" [St. Irenaeus, Against Heresies]

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**.

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.

Graduates 2020

Please submit the names of parishioners who have graduated in 2020 from high school, college, etc. and include degrees earned. Please place information in an envelope in the offering basket, or call [736-9780] or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net, by June 28st.

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