



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.

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions):** **Saturdays: 3:00 pm (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.

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### Epistle Readers Schedule

Sunday, June 18

*Alex Bisaha*

Sunday, June 25

*Maddy Single*

Sunday, July 2

*Alex Bisaha*

Sunday, July 9

*Maddy Single*

### Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

Sunday, June 25

Troitsja: *Evan Lenz*

Bulletins: *Hunter Whitcomb & Christina Goral*

Sunday, July 2

Troitsja: *Sydney Leturgey*

Bulletins: *Evan Lenz & Bella Crum*

Sunday, July 9

Troitsja: *Ryan Lenz*

Bulletins: *Ryan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey*



## ***Gospel Reflection...Call of the Disciples***

Our Sunday Gospels begin today reading the *Gospel of Saint Mathew*. The *Call of the First Disciples* [Matthew 4:18-23] is the first of these readings. It describes the call of Jesus, "Follow me" to which these four fishermen respond immediately. We are left to wonder at their response, abandoning livelihood and family ties. The presence and invitation of Jesus also beckons us as we assemble before him each Sunday at the Divine Liturgy.

## **Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist**

The *Birth of the Holy Precursor and Forerunner John the Baptist* is celebrated this week, on Saturday, June 24. The importance of John the Baptist is always in relation to our Lord Jesus Christ. John is the immediate herald of Christ, preparing his way as the precursor. John would say of the Lord, "He must increase but I must decrease" [John 3:30].

## ***Happy Father's Day***

We set aside this Sunday to honor our Father. We take this time to show our appreciation, affection, and esteem for Dad. In today's Divine Liturgy, we pray especially for our fathers and remember as well the repose of the souls of the fathers of our parish communities and of our families who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

A most pleasant and enjoyable Father's Day to all the fathers of our parish. ***Happy Father's Day!***

### **A Father's Prayer...**

*O Lord, I pray for manly virtue, that I may fulfill my vocation: to be an anchor of strength and love for my wife and children, overcoming impulses of pride and selfishness; to guide and form my children well, first of all by my own example, finding the right balance between tender affection and firmness; to be a man of principle and charity in the work-place, quick to smile and always diligent in my responsibilities; to be a man of prayer and the sacraments, a faithful follower of Your Gospel in the midst of my parish. In all these things and more, O Lord, may I be a good steward of the countless blessings You have bestowed on me. Amen.*

## **The Fast of the Holy Apostles**

The Fast of the Holy Apostles is observed from the Sunday of All Saints to June 28 to prepare the faithful with prayer and fasting for the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29]. The Apostles' Fast is one of five penitential seasons in the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church, and may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. It holds particular significance for us, as *Ss. Peter & Paul* in both Portage and Dunlo, for whom this great Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast.

**Annual Festival – Sunday, July 9, 2017**

- **Festival Tickets** for the prize drawings are in the narthex. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors, relatives not present today
- **Fliers/posters** for the Festival are in the narthex. Please pick up some posters, and distribute them at locations throughout town, businesses you frequent, or at work.
- **Bake Sale**—*Bring Baked Goods to the picnic grounds after the Divine Liturgy the day of the festival.*
- **Sign-up Lists** for the annual Ethnic Festival are posted in the narthex. Please sign-up for one of the baskets for the **Basket Raffle** and to volunteer for the various areas listed.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex—**by Sunday, July 2.**
- Please contact Fr. Jim if you know of a business or an individual who may be willing to be a sponsor for the *large tent* set up for our patrons to enjoy the live music and for dancing. .
- On **Saturday, July 1** and on **Saturday, July 8** [the day before the Festival] help is needed to prepare the grounds and the picnic area, beginning at about 9:00 am.

**Cooking and Kitchen Tasks for the Festival**

Please note **this schedule for tasks** in the kitchen. **You are most welcome** to volunteer for any of these times when you may be available to assist with the food preparations. *Thank You!*

<b>Tues. Jun 20:</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Core &amp; Freeze cabbage [for holubki]</i>
<b>Tues. June 27:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Make holubki</i>
<b>Wed. June 28:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<i>Make holubki [if necessary]</i>

Schedules for week of **Monday, July 3-Saturday, July 8** will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.

**Request for Baked Goods for Bake Sale at Festival...**

The **Bake Sale** is a popular feature at the Festival. Please make an extra effort to donate baked goods, other homemade treats. Your generous donation of baked good items will help us have a nice display for the Bake Sale and will contribute to the success of the Festival. *Thank you.*

**Work Party at Festival Grounds**

There will be a *Work Party* on **Sat. July 1** at 9:00 am, to help with some of the outdoor tasks to prepare the festival grounds. If you are available to help, please come and bring lawn tools [rakes, trimmers, gloves, etc.] that might be helpful with the work.

**Welcome...**

We extend a warm welcome to Saints Peter and Paul Parish to **Rachael Cain**. We also offer congratulations on her recent graduation from Mount Aloysius College in Cresson with a *Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies: Pre-law.*

Please take the opportunity to get acquainted and extend the welcome and hospitality of our parish family to Rachel.

## Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

During 2017 Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, observes the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. A meeting was held on June 10 to plan for this observance. The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is scheduled for Sunday, November 5. The *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy* with Metropolitan Archbishop William will be at 3:00 pm. There will be a festive Anniversary Banquet following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

The next meeting to plan for this observance is scheduled for Monday, June 26 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. Anyone who is willing to take part in the planning and to assist with the various details of this celebration is welcome to attend this meeting.

## High School & Jr. High Activity

Students in high School and junior high are invited to help deliver posters for the Annual Festival to merchants and stores. Families may select a neighborhood or community to deliver posters. Please let Father Jim know to avoid duplicating efforts.

If possible, a day will be selected during the week of June 26 for students to deliver posters in the Portage area and neighboring communities Please call the rectory [736-9780] if you are available to help with this and for details.

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Mike Zaher** [Conemaugh Memorial]; **John Mazur** [UPMC-Altoona]; **Steve Mazur**; **Frank Yetsko**; **Kathryn Mackovyak**; **Pauline Barelich**; **George Yatsky**; **Ruby Moore**; **Charles** and **Joan Plishka**; **Charles Martin Plishka Tom Goncher**; **Joan Ditko**; **Cliff Inman**; **Shawn Crum**; infant **Basil**; **Ellen Colwell**, Fr. Jim's sister; **Father Edward Lucas**,; and all the ill & homebound

## Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Third Sunday after Pentecost [June 25]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 2, may be found on p. 131-132.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 2 may be found on p.67.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park

The **97<sup>th</sup> GCU & Byzantine Catholic Family Day** at Kennywood Park will be Thursday, July 27, 2017. Discounted admission and ride tickets for Kennywood Park are \$24 for ages 3-54; and \$14 for ages 55+. Super Senior FunDay Tickets [age 70+] are \$9.99. Tickets for the Lunch Buffet are \$15.

For tickets or more information, contact the parish office.

### Young Adult Retreat

Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer invites young adults to the annual retreat for men and women, 18-35, June 23-25, [7pm Friday to 11am Sunday]. Offering: \$105; to register call 724-438-7149 or [hpsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpsm@verizon.net). Sisters of St. Basil Facebook page has more information.

## Iconography Workshop—Icon of Saint Nicholas

An *Iconography Workshop--Saint Nicholas* for all levels of experience will be offered September 29--October 1, 2017 at Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church 217 Fourth Street Conemaugh, PA.

The Instructor, Marylyn Barone, has written icons since 1997. She gives workshops in parishes across Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey and is able to teach people of all ages and abilities, Marylyn has written icons for many parishes and individuals. The workshop is sponsored by GCU Lodge 625; for more information, call Georgia Lehman 814 242-2083.

The cost of \$ 125.00; Includes all supplies [10 x 12 Gesso covered birch board, paint, brushes and 23 karat gold leaf; lunch. Times: Friday 6:00 pm-9:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-6:30pm; Sunday 12:00 until finished.

## Questionnaire for the Upcoming Synod of Bishops

Metropolitan William asks for your participation in a questionnaire to gather information for the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome, October, 2018. For the Questionnaire for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on *“Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment”* go to [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org), the <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/archpitt>. Printed copies are in the narthex.

## Used Magazines Needed...

A family with a family member with special needs requests *used magazines or merchandise catalogues* with photos. If you have used magazines, catalogues, please bring them to the ushers' room and place in the box designated for this purpose. A note of thanks to those who responded.

## “Groovin at the Grove”

Resurrection parish is sponsoring *“Groovin at the Grove”* at their grove in Tanneryville Each Groovin will start with an Outdoor Mass at 5:30 PM, food will be available after Mass. Music from 7 PM to 10 PM. —June 17: *Boomer*; July 22: *Ground Zero*; August 19: *Flood City Brass*.

## Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

**At Home: *SS Peter & Paul (Portage)*:** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura **St. Michael (South Fork)**: Michelle Maskal; Anna Garanich; Catherine Czapp **St. Mary (Beaverdale)**: Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough; **SS Peter & Paul (Dunlo)**: Mary Louise Cimba.

### Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown**, Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Forest Hills Personal Care, Sidman**: Pauline Valko [Dunlo]
- **Meadow View Nursing Center [Berlin]**: Margaret Timura
- **Arbutus Park Manor**: Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]
- **Maple Winds**: June Nezeski; Mary Yetsko; Fred Tutsock
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville**: Mary Vrabel
- **Brookside Manor, Portage**: Andrew Majer
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg**: Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson**: Kathryn Mackovyak

**Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day**

**Saturday June 17**

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

*We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased*

**Sunday June 18**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

*We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased*

**Monday June 19**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Tuesday June 20**

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Nick Yetsko, by John & Greta Hurley & Family]

**Wednesday June 21**

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

**Thursday, June 22**

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** [+Agnes Colwell, by Bob & Ellen Colwell]

**Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist, John**

**Friday, June 23**

Beaverdale **6:00 PM**

**Great Vespers with Litija**

**Saturday, June 24**

Portage 8:40 AM

The Third Hour

**9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday, June 24**

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday June 24**

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday June 25**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

[+George & +Helen Vrabel, by Fred & Elaine Vrabel]