



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
 St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
 Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
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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.

Epistle Readers Schedule

<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>	<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>
<u>Sunday, July 2</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>	<u>Sunday, July 9</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	Troitsja: <i>Evan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Hunter Whitcomb & Christina Goral</i>
<u>Sunday, July 2</u>	Troitsja: <i>Sydney Leturgey</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Evan Lenz & Bella Crum</i>
<u>Sunday, July 9</u>	Troitsja: <i>Ryan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Ryan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey</i>



The Feast of the Holy Pre-eminent Apostles Peter and Paul

This week, on **Thursday, June 29**, is the ***Feast of the Holy Pre-eminent Apostles Peter and Paul***. This *Feast of Obligation* holds particular significance for us, as the parish patronal feast of both **Ss. Peter & Paul** parish in both Portage and Dunlo. The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19) After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem he went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch (Gal. 2: 11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22: 3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings

The Icon of Peter and Paul [*bulletin cover*] is simple and direct striving only to present the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, Peter with the keys, and Paul with the Scriptures, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus.

The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "***rock of faith***" and Paul "***pride of the universe***." Together they are celebrated as "***luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ***."

[*Matins Hymn*]

[Above text from "*Come Bless the Lord*" icon packet, God with Us Publications.]

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.

Eparchy of Parma Apostolic Administrator

In a letter dated June 21, 2017, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, announced that Holy Father Pope Francis is relieving Archbishop William C. Skurla from the pastoral governance of the Eparchy of Parma.

He is naming **Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.**, currently the Auxiliary Bishop of Presov, Slovakia, as Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Parma.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

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!*

Tues. Jun 27: **8:00 am** *Make Holubki*

Wed. June 28: **10:00 am** *Make holubki [if necessary]*

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.*

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 in the Portage area and neighboring communities this Wednesday, June 28 at 1:00 pm. We will plan to meet at the *Chatterbox* on Main Street. Please call the rectory [736-9780] for details or arrangements if you need transportation. Families may select a neighborhood or community to deliver posters. Please let Father Jim know to avoid duplicating efforts.

Parish 100th Anniversary

During 2017 Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, observes the 100th Anniversary of its founding. The celebration of the 100th 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.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July

- There will be a **Work Party** on Sat. July 1 at 9:00 am, including outdoor tasks to prepare the festival grounds. Please bring lawn tools [rakes, trimmers, gloves, etc.] that might be helpful.
- The Church Cleaning for July is scheduled for Monday, July 3, at 9:00 am.

Acknowledgements...

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo from **Katherine Sabol** of Concord, Ohio.

We gratefully acknowledge donations in memory of **+Helen Vrabel** to Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage from **Kathryn Hillard** of Willoughby, Ohio; and also from **George T. Vrabel** of Ponte Verde, Florida of Concord, Ohio. *Eternal Memory!*

Offerings for May

	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
Portage:	\$1,668.00	\$1,931.00	\$1,349.00	\$1,872.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 195.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 418.00	\$ 372.00
Dunlo:	\$ 85.00	\$ 141.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 153.00

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Mike Zaher** [Conemaugh Memorial]; **John Mazur**; **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** [Forbes Hospital]; and all the ill & homebound.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- For Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul**, the *Vigil Divine Liturgy* is in the Divine Liturgy book on p. 104; Vesper stichera will be in a separate handout.
- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for the [the **Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul—Thursday, June 29**, on page 338-340.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost [July 2]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 3, may be found on p. 135-137.
- The “*Our Father*”, in **Tone 3** may be found on p.68
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park

The 97th *GCU & Byzantine Catholic Family Day* at Kennywood Park will be Thursday, July 27, 2017. Discounted admission and ride tickets for Kennywood Park: \$24 for ages 3-54; \$14 for ages 55+. \$9.99: 70+--Super Senior. Tickets for the Lunch Buffet are \$15. For tickets contact the parish office.

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.

Used Magazines Needed...

A *note of thanks* for the response to the request for *used magazines or merchandise catalogues* with photos. A family with a member with special needs requests your used magazines, catalogues. Please bring them to the ushers' room and place in the box designated for this purpose.

"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. *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 Ebsburg: Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- John Paul II Manor, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak

Eternal Memory

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of *Sister Leona Trudich, OSBM* of Mount Saint Macrina who fell asleep in the Lord on June 20 in the 81st year of her monastic life.

Liturgical Schedule 4th Week After Pentecost —June 25, 2017

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]

Monday June 26

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Jerry Kinback—40th Day, by Diane, Nick, Ryan & Cody]

Tuesday June 27

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Feast of the Holy Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

Wednesday, June 28

Dunlo **6:00 PM** *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy*

Thursday, June 29

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
 9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
Portage **7:00 PM** **Divine Liturgy**

Friday June 30

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, July 1

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 1

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 2

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Terlingo, by Kathy Sekerak]