

Liturgical Schedule Fourteenth Week after Pentecost—August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Postfestive Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

Saturday August 21

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

Sunday August 22

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy]

Tuesday August 24

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Emile Billy, Sr., by Nancy Adams]

Friday, August 27

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy
[+Allyson LoGreco, by Cousins in Oregon: Roger & Barbara; Bill; Marcy; Mike & Vickie]

Saturday August 28

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

Saturday August 28

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Tyler Cimba, by Cimba Family]

Sunday August 29

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy]

Gospel Reflection: *Saint John Chrysostom* offers this reflection on today's Gospel, the *Parable of the Vineyard* [Matthew 21:33-42]: "Observe the great care that the owner took with this place and the extraordinary hardness of the people. He himself did the work the tenants should have done. It was he who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it and built a tower. He left little for them to do. All they had to do was take care of what was there and to preserve what was given to them. Nothing was left undone but all accomplished. But they made little effort to be productive, even after they had enjoyed such great blessings from him. Then he 'went into a far country.' He was patient with them. He did not keep a close account of their sins. The meaning of "going into a far country" is God's great patience."

Many Happy Years! We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to:

- ***Nathanael Kline*** who was ordained to the Diaconate at Saint Mary Church Weirton, West Virginia on Saturday August 21.
- ***Deacon Robert L. Jones*** who will be ordained to the priesthood Thursday, August 26 in the chapel of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina: The Sisters of St. Basil the Great 87th annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held Sunday, September 5 at Mount St. Macrina, with the theme, "*Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress*", the Pilgrimage will be an in-person event and streamed live at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

This year's Pilgrimage will have the following guidelines and limitations:

- *All liturgical services will take place at the Shrine Altar. Due to the inability to accommodate large numbers indoors, the potential for postponement or cancellation of a liturgical service exists with the presence of severe weather conditions.*
- *Boxed lunches/snacks will be available for purchase during this year's Pilgrimage.*
- *Pilgrims will be asked to wear masks when entering indoor shrines, as well as buildings.*
- *There will be no shuttle service on the property.*

Transportation to Pilgrimage: There will not be a charter bus to the Pilgrimage to Mount Saint Macrina this year. If you have need of transportation; or, if you are driving to the Pilgrimage and would be willing to offer a ride to someone needing transportation, please call the parish office. We would like to assist those who have need of transportation by facilitating a ride in this way.

Memorial Donation: - We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, in memory of **+Ann Mishock** from:

- *John & Kathy Carey; John Carey II, Kadyne Carey, Jonah Carey; Dustin Rhodes, Elizabeth Rhodes, Andrea Rhodes.*
- *Lori and Andy Reish, State College, Pennsylvania.*

Also, we gratefully acknowledge a donation to Saint Mary Beaverdale Church and Cemetery, from the Estate of **+Charles J. Adams**.

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+Elizabeth Harrigal**, by Marcie and Doug Roxby.

Obligation for Sunday Worship and Covid Restrictions: Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla reinstated the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. The spacing restrictions and special communion practices were discontinued as of August 15.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Larry Sasek [Beaverdale]; Carol Slifko; Catherine McGough [Transitional Care]; Alice Ference; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Michael & Pauline Barelick [UPMC-Passavant]; Father Robert Stash of the Eparchy of Parma; and all the ill, homebound.*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher.

St. Mary (Beaverdale): Catherine McGough;

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: **Presbyterian Home** [Hollidaysburg] *Charles and Joan Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk;* **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Just Like Home Personal Care,** Cresson: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care,** Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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**. Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. 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**.

Mystery of Repentance (Confessions): **Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.