# Liturgical Schedule Fourteenth Week after Pentecost—August 29, 2021

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
## Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

**Saturday August 28**

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

**Sunday August 29**

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

**Wednesday, September 1** — **Beginning of the Church Year**

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| Portage | 7:45 AM | The Third Hour |
| | 8:00 AM | Divine Liturgy [+Helen Duray Balog, by Pat and Joan Ditko] |

**Thursday, September 2**

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| Portage | 7:45 AM | The Third Hour |
| | 8:00 AM | Divine Liturgy [+Mike Mazur, by Tim & Pam Gagen] |

**Saturday September 4**

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

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Saturday September 4**

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| Beaverdale | **5:00 PM** | **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Alex & Tekla Krenisky, by John Krenisky] |

**Sunday September 5**

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

**This Week:** Today the ***Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John*** is observed with a certain solemnity. As the Forerunner, John the Baptist prepared a path for Jesus not only in the early event of his life, at his birth and Baptism. But here also, in the details and manner of his death, there is also a *foreshadowing* in anticipation of the death of Jesus.

On Wednesday, September 1 is the beginning of the new Church year. As the cycle of feasts and calendar of saints begins anew we are reminded too of the meaning and value of time. Our salvation is worked out through the passing of time, and in the midst of the seasons and years of our life: *"O Word of the Father who is before all time, by nature You are divine. You have brought all creation from nothingness into being, and You subject the times and seasons to your power. Now bless the crown of this year which You have allowed us to begin through your goodness."* [Matins, September 1 Beginning of the Church Year]

**Eastern Christian Formation:** A meeting with Catechists for the 2021-2022 ***Eastern Christian Formation Program*** is being scheduled for Saturday September 4 [September 11 is the alternate date]. Parents and Catechists area encouraged to explore the *on-line resources* provided by ***God With Us Publications.*** These resources include Webinars and weekly materials.

A webinar, **Rethinking Sunday School: The Problem and Practical Solutions**, will be offered Monday, September 20. For more information: **info@easterncatholic.org.**

**87th Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina** in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sisters is Sunday, September 5, with the theme, ***"Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress"***. The Pilgrimage 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.

## Work Party & Church Cleaning for September

- The **Work Party** will be on **Saturday, September 4**, at 9:00 am**.**
- **Church Cleaning** *for September* will be **Monday, September 13**, at 9:00 am. This change is due to Labor Day Holiday on September 6, the first Monday of September.

**Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church Assembly 2021:** ***"One Body in Christ: Re-Emerging from the Pandemic"*** is the theme of this event on November 5 & 6, 2021 at Saini John's Cathedral in Munhall. Further information and details will be published in coming weeks.

## Offerings for July

| | July 4 | July 11 | July 18 | July 25 |
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| **Portage:** | $1,592.42 | $1,635.00 | $1,605.55 | $1.5080.00 |
| **Beaverdale**: | $ 260.00 | $558.00 | $ 205.00 | $411.00 |
| **Dunlo:** | $ 87.00 | $ 22.00 | $ 83.00 | $152.00 |

## 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;* 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 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.