

## Liturgical Schedule Fifteenth Week after Pentecost September 11, 2022

### Sunday Before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

#### Saturday September 10

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday September 11

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

[Health of **Fred** and **Elaine Vrabel** on the Occasion of their **70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**]

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### Tuesday September 13

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy

[+Anna Andrykovitch, by Kathy & George Pettorini]

#### Wednesday, September 14

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, September 16

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy [+Thomas Spontak, by Family]

#### Saturday September 17

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Sunday After the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

#### Saturday September 17

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday September 18

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Michael Blazosky, by Jon and Irene Gindlesperger]

**Many Happy Years:** Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Fred** and **Elaine Vrabel** who celebrate their **70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**, September 13, 2022.

**Catechetical Sunday:** Today we celebrate the beginning of the catechetical school year. The theme this year is **“The Gift of Christ: Poured Out for the Life of the World.”** We ask God to grant our students, their parents, and their teachers, many years in health and happiness! Next Sunday—September 18, the children, and the Catechists, receive a blessing for this new catechetical year.

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** Today’s Gospel in preparation for this Feast refers to Jesus being *“lifted up so that whoever believes in him...would have eternal life”* [John 3:14-15]. Our Lord Jesus Christ being *raised up on the Cross* is understood as his *exaltation*. On the feast we celebrate the Cross as the triumph and victory of the Cross—over sin, the devil and death.

***“Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord, invincible triumph of the true faith. You are the gate to Paradise, the strength of the faithful, the stronghold of the Church.”*** [Aposticha of Vespers]

**Celebration:** to honor married couples' **Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries** today, Saint Elias, Munhall. Congratulations to parishioners Jubilee Anniversaries in 2022. **Many, Happy Years!**

**Brian & Billie Bisaha**—40 Years

**Alan & Valerie Pcola**—30 Years

**Thomas & Mary Jane Goncher**—50 Years

**Edward & Kim Rocker**—40 Years

**Jonathan & Deborah Mackovyak**—50 Years

**Frederick & Elaine Vrabel**—70 Years

**David & Sherry Minor**—35 Years

**Remembrance of the Acts of Terrorism of September 11:** Today we remember in prayer all the victims of the violence of September 11, 2001 and their families. Please continue to pray for peace in the world and respect and cooperation among nations and peoples.

**Church Cleaning for September:** On **Monday, September 12**, at 9:00 am.

Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

**On-line Access to Bulletin...** is available at the parish website: [www.ByzantineCatholic.net](http://www.ByzantineCatholic.net). Our thanks to John Havrilla for managing the website and posting the weekly bulletins. We are working on arrangements for a means to resume sending the bulletins to parishioners directly.

**Opening Liturgy & Dinner...** for the **Campus Ministry Program** [Carnegie Mellon University; University of Pittsburgh and all colleges in the region] on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Wednesday, September 14 6:00 PM; followed by dinner. **Please RSVP at: <https://rebrand.ly/>**.

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**Saint Demetrius Church BBQ Chicken Dinner:** Sunday, September 25, Take-Out Dinner only. \$13.00/dinner includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken, 2-Sides and Dessert. Dinners available from 11:00 am until sold out. Theme Baskets, Flea Market, and small games of chance will be available as well. Location: Parish Activity Center at 714 Foster Street [enter below 616 Church St.]

**Fatima Devotions:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions** Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 pm in the Sunken Gardens at Mount Assisi. In case of inclement weather, at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

**Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

**Sunday September 11**

**Candle:** Lexie Slanoc

**Bulletins:**

Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

**Sunday September 18**

**Candle:** Easton Slanoc

**Bulletins:**

Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

**Sunday September 25**

**Candle:** Lexie Slanoc

**Bulletins:**

Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer: The Health of:** Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; 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;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Homewood**, Martinsburg: Charles Plishka [Beaverdale]; **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: 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.