

**Glory to Jesus Christ.**

Our schedule for returning to public worship is as follows:

<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>			
<b><u>Sat. May 30</u></b>	<b>Beaverdale</b>	<b><u>5:00 pm</u></b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
<b><u>Sun. May 31</u></b>	<b>Portage</b>	<b><u>9:00 am</u></b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
<b><u>Pentecost Monday</u></b>			
<b><u>Mon. June 1</u></b>	<b>Portage</b>	<b><u>9:00 am</u></b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
<b><u>Sunday of All Saints</u></b>			
<b><u>Sat. June 6</u></b>	<b>Dunlo</b>	<b><u>5:00 pm</u></b>	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
<b><u>Sun. June 7</u></b>	<b>Portage</b>	<b><u>9:00 am</u></b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

Please note the following details and procedures based upon the Guidelines from May 15, 2020 from Archbishop William Skurla for resuming public worship. These Guidelines begin with the following:

***“People who are not in good health, have other medical risks, or have serious fear of infection by the virus are relieved of their obligation to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy until further notice. They are encouraged to attend Divine Liturgy by one of the internet live stream or radio liturgies and programs and to support and pray for their church, family, and community during this time of pandemic.”***

It is recommended that persons age 70 and above exercise particular caution so as not to expose themselves to unnecessary risk. Father Jim expects to resume visits to the homebound for those who would desire to be visited. Others not on the list of those routinely visited and who may wish to be visited may contact the rectory.

Please observe these following Guidelines for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy:

- There is to be an empty pew between people attending the Divine Liturgy to permit six feet between non-related persons. Families that live together may sit and pray together.
- Parishioners are encouraged to wear masks. As you enter church, hand sanitizers and masks will be available, and you are also encouraged to use these.
- A box will be used at the entrance to receive donations instead of the normal collection of envelopes.
- For the ***Distribution of Holy communion:***
  1. The Priest and Deacon will wear a mask when distributing communion.
  2. Maintain the six foot distance between people in line to communion and to wait in pew until there is room in the line to receive communion. The ushers will assist with this.
  3. The faithful are to remove and hold their mask. As always, be especially careful to ***tilt your head, open widely your mouth, and do not close your mouth on the spoon.***
  4. Infants or people who are unable to keep their mouths open, should refrain from receiving communion during the time of the virus.
- Reception of holy bread, kissing of the cross or hands, or kissing of icons should be discontinued during the time of the pandemic.
- Gatherings for coffee after services are cancelled. People can speak outside maintaining social distance.
- Baptisms, confessions, weddings and funerals may be celebrated with the practices listed.

The schedule for Confessions [Mystery of Repentance] will be listed in Sunday’s bulletin. It will include the customary times on Saturdays; also, on Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 pm.

Please continue to exercise caution as is appropriate during the present circumstance of the pandemic. Be especially considerate of others, their safety and well-being, as well as your own.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to the opportunity to worship together.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father James Spontak*