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Liturgical Schedule 8th Week after Pentecost July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

<u>Sat. July 18</u>	Dunlo	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Jo Ann Tiller, by Joanne Serre]
<u>Sun. July 19</u>	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Luke Anthony Harrington

Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Prophet Elijah

Sunday, July 19

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija-- Followed by Blessing of Autos

Monday, July 20

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy-- Followed by Blessing of Autos

Wednesday July 22 Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy
[+Ethel Gagan, by x Kathy Sekerak & Mary Miterko]

Sat. July 25 Portage 3:00 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
Beaverdale 4:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. July 25 Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sun. July 26 Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
[+Barry Krisko, by Ed and Carol Goral & Family]

Mysteries of Christian Initiation

Luke Anthony Harrington receives the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist at today's Divine Liturgy. He is the son of Brad and Molly Harrington.

Many happy years!

"O Lord, our Master and God, call your servant to Your holy enlightenment, and count him worthy of this great gift of Your holy baptism. Wash away his old self, and give him a new birth into everlasting life. Fill him with the power of Your Holy Spirit that he may be one with Your Christ..." [Service of Holy Baptism and Chrismation]

The Fathers of the First Six Councils

On the Sunday between July 13 and 19 is the commemoration of the *Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils*. From these earliest Councils derives the Creed which we profess as the core of our faith. What we affirm and honor in this commemoration is not the personal holiness or individual gifts or achievements of these bishops who participated in these assemblies. Rather, it is their witness to the *orthodox faith*, the faith which correctly and fully establishes and teaches the beliefs most central to the Church.

The Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah

On Monday, July 20 we celebrate the feast of the *Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah*. The prophets had a role of importance in the Old Testament. Indeed a large portion of the Old Testament consists of the record of the sayings of the prophets.

The prophets were chosen by God to speak in his name, on his behalf. Indeed, the word “prophet” actually means in its root, “to speak for”. They received certain gifts and authority to fulfill their mission. The common identification of a prophet emphasizes foretelling the future. This role or capacity, however, flows from this more primary role of preaching and exhortation. Their predictions of the future were a seal of authenticity of their message.

The Prophets are sometimes referred to as the “*conscience of Israel*”, of God’s people. In reminding people of God’s faithfulness, they exhorted them to be faithful. One event from the Prophet Elijah illustrates this well. When King Ahab, noted to be a leader who acted contrary to God’s law, met the Prophet Elijah he said to the prophet, “*Is it you, you disturber of Israel*” [[I Kings 18:16](#)]. By constant reminders to both king and people to be faithful to God’s commandments and covenant, Elijah in a sense “disturbs” their consciences, trying to awaken them to their responsibilities.

At the end of Elijah’s life, a flaming chariot and flaming horses lifts Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind [[II Kings 2:11](#)]. Reference to this event is made in the *Blessing Automobiles and Other Vehicles* which has become a custom on the Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah.

[From [Light for Life I](#), page 39]

This *Blessing Automobiles and Other Vehicles* follows Vespers on Sunday evening [Beaverdale]; and the Divine Liturgy on Monday morning [Portage]. To participate in this, go to your vehicle after the *Dismissal* and wait there for the priest to approach and bless each vehicle.

2020 Ethnic Festival

This year our annual festival is not being held, due to the restrictions and social distance required because of the Coronavirus. The Festival Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 22 to consider a possible alternative event for later this year. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Social Room of the church hall.

It is our hope to resume the festival in 2021.

+Most Reverend +Milan Šašik, of the Eparchy of Mukachevo

Kindly remember in your prayers **Most Reverend +Milan Šašik, CM**, 67, Bishop of the Eparchy of Mukachevo [Ukraine], who unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord yesterday, Tuesday 14 July 2020. Bishop +Milan visited here several times, the last time for the anniversary celebrations of Pittsburgh and Parma last year.

He was also the bishop of the eight priests from his Eparchy who are serving in our Archeparchy as well as the ones who are serving in other Eparchies in the United States. We are most grateful for his kindness and generosity in sending them to us. Please pray for them and for the Church of Mukachevo.

In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant, Bishop +Milan, and remember him forever. ***Eternal memory! Vicnaja Pamjat!***

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Michael Gagan** the son of +Michael and +Mary Gagan and brother of +Ethel Gagan.

Please continue to remember in your prayers: **Deacon Robert Jones; Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski**; and all of the seminarians and seminary community; and all of those discerning a call to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life.

Saint Michael's, South Fork Memorial Monument

Over several years and in particular in the past year, a monument at the site of the Saint Michael's Cemetery and the former Saint Michael's Church in South Fork has been planned.

A preliminary to providing this monument is mitigation of a severe drainage situation in the area in the front of the cemetery. Installation of pipe and a catch basin along Memory Lane, is being done with the cooperation of Croyle Township. This work to install the pipe and catch basin is in progress. We are grateful for the cooperation of Croyle Township and its Supervisors in this project.

A drainage system in the area in the front of the cemetery is then to be installed by a contractor. It includes a French drain to carry the water to the pipe and catch basin on Memory Lane. Once this drainage work has been installed and completed, the memorial monument can be erected. Because of the additional expense with the necessary drainage work, a modified monument is to be placed at the front of the cemetery. Our thanks once again to the donors who have responded to this appeal. A list acknowledging names of these donors will appear in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Light Bulbs Available...

There are a number of light bulbs on the table in the front of the kitchen in the church hall. These are unused bulbs etc. which remain and are now not needed after converting our lights to LED lights earlier this year. With the exception of the 8' fluorescent tubes, these light tubes are free and available for you to take for your own use. Please leave the 8' fluorescent tubes, as these are designated for use at the picnic grounds.

A Celebration of Marriage

Each year, the Archeparchy hosts a celebration to honor married couples observing their **Wedding Anniversaries of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years that are multiples of five.** The date for this event is **Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

It has not been determined as of the present time if this celebration can be held. However, we are requesting names of those having any of these wedding anniversaries in 2020, so that they may be honored appropriately. Please inform Father Jim by Sunday, July 26 if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2020.

Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars

The *Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars*, presented by the John and Helen Timo Foundation, feature interactive presentations with Carpatho-Rusyn American scholars. Six seminars are in two groups: *Great Carpatho-Rusyn Americans*; and *Being Carpatho-Rusyn American*. The seminars are free, but registration and a free Zoom account are required. To register: <https://www.c-rrc.org/2020-summer-seminars/>. You will receive an email with a link unique to you to join the webinar. For questions, information email orders@c-rrc.org.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 7PM ET: A lecture and discussion by Professor Elaine Rusinko (University of Maryland — Baltimore County) about the Carpatho-Rusyn American artists **Andy Warhol and Julia Warhola**. Moderated by Maria Silvestri (Timo Foundation). [Register here.](#)

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you for your cooperation in accommodating the various adjustments for worship at this present time. Please be attentive to the guidelines and provisions of distance, etc., as posted in the narthex. Let us continue to remember in prayer those who are ill with the Coronavirus; and the needs of parish family and of one another at this time of pandemic.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

Please remember in your prayers **Marge Fleck; Joseph Mandichak**; and all of the ill and homebound.

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher;

St. Mary (Beaverdale): Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough;

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo];
- **Maple Winds:** Rita Thornton;
- **Autumn View:** June Nezeski;
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Father Ronald Borsuk
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich
- **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** Dorothy Resconich