

**Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--Dunlo**

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Liturgical Schedule 13th Week after Pentecost August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Leave-taking [Final Day] of the Feast of the Dormition

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| <u>Sat. August 22</u> | Beaverdale | <u>5:00 pm</u> | Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie & Doug Roxby] |
| <u>Sun. August 23</u> | Portage | <u>9:00 am</u> | Divine Liturgy |
| <u>Wednesday August 26</u> | | | |
| Portage | 7:45 AM | The Third Hour | |
| Portage | 8:00 am | Divine Liturgy | [+Alick Prudhoe, by Paul & Susan Snyder] |
| <u>Thursday August 27</u> | | | |
| Portage | 7:45 AM | The Third Hour | |
| Portage | 8:00 am | Divine Liturgy | [+Janet Spaid, by Deb & Joe Babiak] |

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

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| <u>Friday, August 28</u> | | | |
| Beaverdale | <u>6:00 PM</u> | <i>Great Vespers with Litija</i> | |
| <u>Saturday, August 29</u> | | | |
| Portage | 8:45 AM | The Third Hour | |
| | <u>9:00 AM</u> | Divine Liturgy | |

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| <u>Sat. August 29</u> | Portage | <u>3:00 pm</u> | <i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i> |
| | Dunlo | <u>4:30 pm</u> | <i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i> |

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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| <u>Sat. August 29</u> | Dunlo | <u>5:00 pm</u> | Vigil Divine Liturgy |
| <u>Sun. August 30</u> | Portage | <u>9:00 am</u> | Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Frank Jr. & Lynne & Clayton] |

Work Party & Church Cleaning for September

- **Church Cleaning for September** will be **Monday, August 31**, at 9:00 am. This change is due to Labor Day Holiday on September 7, the first Monday of September.
- The **Work Party** will be on **Saturday, September 5**, at 9:00 am.

“Leave-taking”--Final Day of the Feast of the Dormition

Today is called the “*Leave-taking*” of the Feast of the Dormition of Mary. On this the final day of this feast, the prayers and hymns of the Dormition are celebrated again. We commemorate the death and glorification of Mary. And we also recognize the importance and the meaning of this event in our own life. She is the first to participate fully in the Resurrection of our Lord. This event of her Dormition, and the other events we commemorate throughout the liturgical year, have a saving value for us. They provide for us models of Christian life. Our own hope of transformation in the resurrection is strengthened on this feast as we remember and honor Mary’s Dormition.

Beheading of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist

During the summer months a number of significant feasts of the church are observed, including two of Saint John the Baptist. On June 24 was the Feast of his birth. This week, on Saturday August 29 we observe his martyrdom, the ***Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist***. This day especially remembers John the Baptist as a prophet who spoke with courage to uphold the moral law of God. The extreme and shocking cruelty of Herod the king in ordering the execution of John is recorded in the Gospel for this day [Mark 6:14-29]. John’s courageous defense of God’s law may also serve to awaken our conscience. Perhaps on a more humble level, our response to our immediate surroundings may become more alert and faithful to the commandments and commitments of Church teaching and Christian life.

“With songs of praise, let us crown the Forerunner who is known to be greater than the prophets, and he became the foremost of the apostles. His head was cut off for the sake of the law of the Lord.” [Hymn of Light, Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist]

Although this is a great feast, the Byzantine Church prescribes this as a day of fast to reflect our distaste and aversion for the luxurious banquet of King Herod.

This day also brings us to the close of our liturgical year, our pilgrimage of faith through the events of the life of the Lord and the memory of the saints. The new church year begins on September 1.

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***. Because of the pandemic, the celebration cannot be held as usual this year. Instead, each couple received in the mail a personal letter of congratulations from Archbishop William and a certificate commemorating their anniversary. *If you submitted your name for a jubilee anniversary this year, and did not receive the letter, please inform Father Jim.*

On the day scheduled for the event, Sunday, September 13, at 3:00 p.m., Archbishop William will celebrate a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving for them at St. John Cathedral. They are invited to watch the live-stream of that liturgy on stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com.

Chicken Bar-B-Que--Saturday, September 26 2020

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, is planning a take-out *Chicken Bar-B-Que* for **Saturday, September 26**, from Noon-3 pm [*or until sold out*].

- The *Chicken-Bar-B-Que* will feature *Tony Pyo's bacon-wrapped chicken; homemade cole slaw; baked beans; and sheet cake*. The cost will be **\$9.00**.
- *Tickets are available today* and over the next several Sundays. Please come to the parish office after Divine Liturgy. The pre-sale of tickets will be helpful in planning for the amount of chicken, etc. to be purchased and prepared.
- Please consider taking some tickets to sell family members, friends and neighbors to help publicize and support this event.
- Parishioners are invited to make and donate a **9" X 13" sheet cake** for the bar-b-que. A sign-up list is in the narthex next Sunday, August 16 for those willing to make sheet cakes.

Plan to come and invite others to come and support this event.

Meeting for Proposed Pavilion at Picnic Grounds

A meeting to review proposed plans for a pavilion on the picnic grounds was held on Wednesday, August 19. Members of the Parish Advisory Council and those involved on the Festival/Picnic Committee reviewed the plans and location site for the proposed pavilion. Suggestions for adjustments and modifications will now be incorporated into the drawings and plans.

Remember in Prayer...

Please 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.

Thank You for Your Cooperation...

- After each person has received, the Communion spoon is sanitized in a second vessel containing an alcohol product of 75% alcohol, adequate to sanitize. The alcohol is drinkable should any drops remain on the spoon. This adjustment is to encourage participation in the Eucharist. It is understood and respected that some elect to exercise a greater measure of caution because of the virus.

- *Thank you for your cooperation* in accommodating the various adjustments for worship at this present time and be attentive to the guidelines of distance, etc., as posted in the narthex.

- *Face masks* are provided in the narthex. Using the face masks is asked of us for the sake of protecting one another.

- 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.

Coming Events in the Byzantine Catholic Church...

National Byzantine Catholic Convention (NBCC) has been rescheduled as a *Virtual event* for the original dates of **November 13 and 14, 2020**. More info to come. Mark your calendar!

The **ByzanTEEN Youth Rally-- July 1-4 2021** at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Keynote Address by *Super bowl Champion Matt Birk*. More information to follow.

Parish Life---Guidelines and Practices

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**. It is desirable that Christian Initiation be celebrated together with the Sunday Divine Liturgy, as the entire faith community welcomes its newest member. 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**. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and other facilities do not always notify the pastor; and it is best for the family to notify 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. Confessions are in the priest's sacristy area, before an icon of Christ, before whom we are confessing our sinfulness

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties** are scheduled the first Saturday of each month, and **Church Cleaning** is scheduled the first Monday, unless a Church Feast Day falls on the same date.

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