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Liturgical Schedule 10th Week after Pentecost August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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| <u>Sat. August 1</u> | Dunlo | <u>5:00 pm</u> | Vigil Divine Liturgy |
| <u>Sun. August 2</u> | Portage | <u>9:00 am</u> | Divine Liturgy |

[Special Intention—Steve Fleck, requested by Julie Brenna—Lenten Prayer Partner]

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Wednesday, August 5
 Dunlo **6:00 PM** **Vespers with the Divine Liturgy**
*Followed by **Blessing of Grapes & Fruit***

Thursday, August 6
 Portage **9:00 AM** **Divine Liturgy** [+Timothy Hanna, by Parents]
*Followed by **Blessing of Grapes & Fruit***

Friday August 7
 Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Helen Spontak, by Family]

Sat. August 8 Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
 Beaverdale 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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| <u>Sat. August 8</u> | Beaverdale | <u>5:00 pm</u> | Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Frank Albert, by Elaine Kachmar |
| <u>Sun. August 9</u> | Portage | <u>9:00 am</u> | Divine Liturgy |

The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord:
Blessing of Grapes and Fruit

On Thursday, August 6 we celebrate the ***Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord***. The custom of blessing *grapes and other fruit* takes place in conjunction with this Feast, as we give thanks to God for the harvest of the summer fruits. You are encouraged to bring grapes and other fruit on this occasion. This blessing will follow *Vespers with Divine Liturgy* at Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo [Wednesday evening]; and the Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter & Paul, Portage [Thursday morning].

Distribution of the Eucharist—Holy Communion.

In the Guidelines from May 15, 2020, for resuming worship, from Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla are several provisions regarding the distribution of the Eucharist.

At the Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday, August 1-2, we will begin also to sanitize the Communion spoon after each person has received the Body and Blood of the Lord. After each person has received, the Communion spoon will be placed into a second vessel. This vessel will contain a high percentage alcohol product that would be safe to consume. The percentage of alcohol is 75%, an adequate percentage to sanitize the spoon. The alcohol used will not be the type typically purchased in a pharmacy for sterilizing or health purposes. It is from a beverage that would be drinkable and safe should any drops remain on the spoon.

This adjustment is to encourage participation in receiving 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. Please be attentive to the guidelines and provisions 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.

The Dormition Fast

The *Dormition of the Theotokos* [[August 15](#)] is preceded by a two week fast or period of preparation, from [August 1-14](#). Our Metropolitan Church identifies this as one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year. Its observance is voluntary.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

A singular moment in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated on the *Feast of the Transfiguration* [August 6]. The importance of this event has been highlighted in the Theology of the Byzantine Church. The dual nature of Jesus Christ, as God who became fully human, is manifest clearly in the event of the Transfiguration. In the event of the Transfiguration [[Matthew 17:1-8](#); [Mark 9:1-8](#); [Luke 9:28-36](#)], human nature is revealed as glorified and filled with the light of God.

This offers to us, as human beings, the prospect of being “*deified*”, of our human nature being made able to be filled with the Divine light and glory. God’s plan in Christ’s becoming man was precisely to offer us this possibility. So we see clearly in this feast the mission of Christ and the meaning of our participation in this work.

[[Light for Life](#), I pages 50-51; II, page 46

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]. **Please note this change in date** from the date announced last week [due to another event in the community on the earlier date].

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 will be available over the next several Sundays. The pre-sale of tickets will be helpful in planning for the amount of chicken, etc. to be purchased and prepared.

Parishioners are invited to make and donate a **9" X 13" sheet cake** for the bar-b-que. There will be a sign-up list in the narthex in the coming weeks for those willing to make sheet cakes.

Since our annual festival could not be held due to the restrictions required because of the Coronavirus, this year we are hosting this alternative event.

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

Church Cleaning & Work Party for August

- The **Church Cleaning** for August is scheduled for **Monday, August 3**, at **9:00 am**.
- The **Work Party** for August is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8**, at **9:00 am**. *Please note this change* from the usual first Saturday of the month.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is scheduled for **Thursday, August 13**. Minutes from the meeting of **Wednesday, May 20** will be in the bulletin

Remember in Prayer...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+James Lenz**, the brother of Paul Lenz, who fell asleep in the Lord on July 26. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Paul and Sandy and to all of their family. Also, for the repose of the soul of **+Elizabeth Russak** the sister of Patrick Ditko, who fell asleep in the Lord on July 30. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Patrick and Joan and to all of their family.

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.

Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars

The *Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars*, presented by the John and Helen Timo Foundation. 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, information email orders@c-rrc.org.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 - 10am ET A roundtable discussion with Michael Bolds, Ifetayo Bolds-Jacob, Bethany Sromoski, and Maria Silvestri about **Growing up as a Carpatho-Rusyn American**. Moderated by Professor Nick Kupensky (United States Air Force Academy).

Saint Michael's, South Fork Memorial Monument Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for the proposed Memorial Marker at the site of the former Saint Michael's Church and Saint Michael's parish cemetery in South Fork.

Please let Father Jim know of any omissions or errors in this list.

The listing will be updated with the acknowledgment of future additional donations.

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