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Liturgical Schedule 11th Week after Pentecost August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Dormition of the Transfiguration of our Lord

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

Monday August 10

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Albert Lesko, by Mary Ann & Walt Hoberney]

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Friday, August 14

Beaverdale **6:00 PM** *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy,*
Followed by Blessing of Flowers
[+Mary & +Mike Estok, by Gene & Loretta Estok]

Saturday, August 15

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
 9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy,** *Followed by Blessing of Flowers*

Sat. August 15 Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
 Dunlo 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sat. August 15 Dunlo 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. August 16 Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

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 Dormition of Mary, the Theotokos

This week we celebrate the *Feast of the Dormition of Mary, the Theotokos* [August 15]. On this day we remember her “falling asleep in the Lord” at the end of her life and her bodily ascent into heaven [Assumption]. Accounts of this event have their origins in very early traditions from apostolic times. The various traditions concerning the death and assumption of Mary are found in two written works, the “Assumption of Mary” written at the beginning of the fifth century; and the *Dormition of Mary*” written by John of Thessalonica [from the seventh century].

The meaning of this feast derives from Mary’s unique place in salvation. By her own free will she bore the Son of God in her womb. Because of this, she is the first to be saved through the Incarnation of her son. This reality is especially venerated in the feast of her Dormition. As we celebrate her being taken into heaven, we recognize her as the first of all the human race to participate fully in the resurrection of our Lord.

This also allows us to recognize her as representing a *new creation*. We sing in the Divine Liturgy that she is “higher in honor than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim”. This feast of Mary’s Dormition, and her Assumption into heaven, is a feast of all human nature. What is realized, fulfilled in Mary on this occasion is the goal, the fullest development of human nature when it is entirely faithful to God. This is to be the outcome and flowering of all the gifts of God offered and made available to us in our journey of faith. [Light for Life, I pages 91-93; II, page 50-51]

Blessing of Flowers: There is a custom of blessing flowers and herbs after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition. This custom most probably originated from the traditional belief that after Mary’s glorious assumption into heaven, her holy tomb was filled with a ‘heavenly fragrance’ and flowers. The herbs, used by people as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and extraordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrims at Mary’s tomb. Flowers and herbs brought to church for this feast will be blessed following each of the services

For the *Feast of the Dormition* [a *feast of obligation*], there will be *Vespers with Divine Liturgy* on Friday, August 14, at 6:00 pm at Saint Mary, Beaverdale; and the *Divine Liturgy* on Saturday, August 15, at 9:00 am at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Additional Handicapped Parking Spaces

Two additional handicapped parking spaces have been identified in the front of the parking lot. These are the first two spaces in the parking lot across from the entrance to church. These spaces are in addition to the handicapped parking spaces in front of the rectory.

Thank you for your cooperation in reserving these spaces for those who are eligible for handicapped parking and have need of this accommodation to access more easily and safely entering the church.

Distribution of the Eucharist—Holy Communion.

At the Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday the Communion spoon is sanitized 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 containing an alcohol product of 75% alcohol, an adequate percentage to sanitize the spoon. The alcohol is not the type typically purchased 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.

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.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - 11am ET: A conversation with Bogdan Horbal (New York Public Library) about his professional successes as a Lemko Rusyn in the United States. Moderated by Professor Nick Kupensky (United States Air Force Academy). [Register here.](#)

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 Neznieski;
- **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

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 originally announced [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 hopefully next Sunday, August 16 and 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. A sign-up list will be placed in the narthex next Sunday, August 16 for those willing to make sheet cakes.
- Please consider selling tickets to family members, friends and neighbors to help publicize and support this event.

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.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting

There is a meeting of the ***Parish Advisory Council*** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage *this week--* **Thursday, August 13** at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be in the social room of the church hall.

Minutes from the **Wednesday, May 20** meeting will be in the bulletin next Sunday, August 16.

Remember in Prayer...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of + ***Monsignor George Vida***, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Phoenix, who fell asleep in the Lord, on August 4. Prior to the establishment of the Eparchy of Phoenix in 1983 Monsignor George Vida served as a priest of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh as Pastor of Saint Elias Church in Munhall, Pennsylvania. ***Eternal Memory!***

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.

National Byzantine Catholic Convention (NBCC)

National Byzantine Catholic Convention (NBCC) has been rescheduled as a *Virtual event* for the original dates of **November 13 and 14, 2020**.

More info coming soon! Mark your calendar!