

Liturgical Schedule Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross September 13, 2020

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
Sat. September 12		
Dunlo	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy--]
Sun. September 13		
Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy [Fred & Elaine Vrabel—68 th Wedding Anniversary]
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
Sun. September 13		
Beaverdale	6:00 PM	Great Vespers with Litija
Monday, September 14		
Portage	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, September 16		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+Thomas Spontak, by Mary Ann Smoley]
Friday, September 18		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+ Margaret Timura, by John & Barb Havrilla]
Sat. September 19		
	Portage	3:00 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
	Beaverdale	4:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
Sat. September 19		
Beaverdale	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy--]
Sun. September 20		
Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy [+Vaughn George, by Grandchildren Lexi, Easton, Owen & Alejandra]

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is Monday, September 14. In the fourth century, Saint Helen the mother of Emperor Constantine rediscovered the three crosses which served to execute Christ and the two thieves. The healing of a dying woman permitted Bishop Makarios to recognize as being the Lord's Cross the one whose contact effected the miracle. Following an attack in Jerusalem and the removal of the Cross by the Persians [614], in 628 AD the Cross was carried back to Calvary by Emperor Heraclius.

The Cross is *"the instrument of the passion, the stool upon which the Lord rested His feet, the trophy of victory, the rampart of the Church, the cure of all ills, the honor of Christians. Yet the texts of the Divine Liturgy maintain still more the spirit of the sorrowful Passion of the Lord, abandoned by His Father on the Cross, 'a scandal for Jews and a folly for the Greeks'."* [Synaxarion, p, 12-13].

Thank you for your cooperation with guidelines posted in the narthex. Face masks are required to protect one another. After each person has received, the Communion spoon is sanitized in a vessel containing an alcohol product of 75% alcohol, which is drinkable should any remain on the spoon. This adjustment is to encourage participation in the Eucharist.

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechists met on Sunday, September 6 to consider the 2020-2021 Eastern Christian Formation along with the requirements and cautions involved due to the Corona Virus. A Webinar *Catechesis in the Pandemic—A Roundtable Discussion for Parents, Catechists and Pastors* is being offered on Tuesday, September 15 at 8:00 pm. The Webinar will present practical discussion with experienced catechists. You may register at: <https://godwithusonline.org/events/catechesis-in-the-pandemic/>

Catechetical Sunday is planned for October 4, 2020. Following the Webinar on September 15 Father Jim plans to be in contact with parents of our students to inquire about preferences regarding this year's program and alternatives to in-person class sessions

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

Noon-3 pm for till 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 the next several Sundays in the parish office after Divine Liturgy.
- A meeting to plan details of preparation of food items, pick-up of the meals etc. will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm in the social room of the church hall. All are welcome.
- The **9" X 13" sheet cake** [sign-up list is in narthex] are to be brought to church kitchen Thursday, September 24 or Friday, September 25 [until Noon].
- **Volunteers** are needed to prepare cole-slaw, baked beans and to cut the sheet cakes Friday, September 25 [time to be announced]. **Volunteers** also needed on Saturday, September 26.
- More details for volunteers, etc. in next Sunday's bulletin.

A Celebration of Marriage: The Archeparchy's celebration to honor married couples observing *Wedding Anniversaries* of **10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, etc.-Sunday, September 13,** 3:00 p.m. at St. John Cathedral is live-streamed on stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com.

Congratulations to those from our parishes celebrating Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries in 2020:

Saints Peter and Paul, Portage

<i>Edward & Paulette Fedorko</i>	50 Years	<i>Gary & Debby Krisko</i>	45 Years
<i>Stephen and Margaret Fleck</i>	65 Years	<i>George & Ilona Letzo</i>	55 Years
<i>Brad & Molly Harrington</i>	10 Years	<i>Ernest & Andrea Podrasky</i>	50 Years
<i>Robert & Holly Koban</i>	25 Years	<i>Tony & Carol Pyo</i>	35 Years

Saints Mary's, Beaverdale

<i>Martin & Marie Johnson</i>	45 Years	<i>Michael & Pauline Barelick</i>	55 Years
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Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo

Many, Happy Years! If there are others we are not aware of please inform Father Jim.

Remember in Prayer: *Rochelle Schlemmer; Marge Fleck* [UPMC< Altoona]; and all the ill, homebound of our parish communities. We also remember those who are ill with the Coronavirus and the needs of parish family and one another at this time of pandemic

Also, *Deacon Robert Jones; Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski;* and all of the seminarians and seminary community; and all of those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life

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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**. Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. 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**.

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.

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.