

Liturgical Schedule 15th Week after Pentecost September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. September 5

Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy-- [+Alex & Tekla Krenisky, by John Krenisky]

Sun. September 6

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 8

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour

9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

Dunlo 6:00 PM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ronald Garanich, by M/M William Garanich]

Friday, September 11

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy-- [+Mike Mazur, by Alice Ference]

Sat. September 12

Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Dunlo 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

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—68th Wedding Anniversary]

The Feast of the Birth of Mary the Theotokos is observed on Tuesday, September 8. This is the first of the feasts in the New Church Year which began on September 1. The feasts honoring Mary began to appear on the liturgical calendar after the Council of Ephesus. It was at this council, in the fourth century, that Mary was recognized and honored as the Mother of God, the “*Theotokos*”, She is the one who gave birth to God in the birth of her son, Jesus Christ,

In the *Synaxarion* a book explaining the feasts of the church we read, “*The Divine Liturgy this day considers the participation of Mary in the redemptive work. Mary is the collaborator of her Son, by the very fact that she conceived and begot Him. She is the one who gives the Sun of Justice to humanity. Saint John Damascene says to her parents, ‘Blessed pair, all creation is indebted to you. It is by you that she could offer to the creator a gift above all gifts the chaste Mother, who alone was worthy of this Creator. Rejoice, Joachim and Anna, as the Son is born to us by your daughter.’*”

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.** on Sunday, September 13, 3:00 p.m. at St. John Cathedral will be live-streamed on stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com.

Sanctuary Candle is offered today for the blessed repose of **+those who have died from the Coronavirus**, by Valerie Pcola. *Eternal Memory.*

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

Chicken Bar-B-Que Diner on **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 the next several Sundays in the parish office after Divine Liturgy.
- Parishioners are invited to make a **9" X 13" sheet cake**. A sign-up list is in the narthex.
- **Volunteers** are needed to prepare cole-slaw, baked beans and to cut the sheet cakes **Friday, September 25** [time to be announced]. Help is also needed on **Saturday, September 26**.

Eastern Christian Formation: A meeting with Catechists for the 2020-2021 *Eastern Christian Formation Program* is scheduled for *today*, following the Divine Liturgy. To assist with the accommodations made necessary by the Corona virus, *God With Us Publications*, publishers of our ECF texts, is providing resources for alternatives to class sessions for use by parents and Catechists. A **Webinar, Catechesis in the Pandemic—A Roundtable Discussion for Parents, Catechists and Pastors** on **Tuesday, September 15** at 8:00 pm. The Webinar will present practical discussion with experienced catechists. Parents and Catechists may also register and find out more at <https://godwithusonline.org/events/catechesis-in-the-pandemic/>

From the Sisters of Saint Basil: 86th Pilgrimage at Mount St. Macrina:

86th Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on September 5 & 6 *services and programs on Facebook and at www.sistersofstbasil.org*. *Virtual Pilgrimage includes: Sr. Ruth's Welcome; Marian Hymns Akathist to Mother of God; Panachida for Deceased Pilgrims; Children, Teen Programs.*

"Please note that we will not be permitting groups of any size to gather on the grounds of Mount St. Macrina over the Labor Day weekend. The Religious Gift Shop and the Shrine which will be closed. No buildings and/or restrooms will be open for visitors since we do not have the means to assure proper sanitizing. Although we are disappointed that we cannot provide a welcoming hospitality, we are also mindful of our responsibility to foster the health and wellbeing of all. Thank you and God bless you for your understanding and cooperation."

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, which is drinkable should any drops remain on the spoon. This adjustment is to encourage participation in the Eucharist.

- *Thank you for your cooperation* in these adjustments. Be attentive to the guidelines posted in the narthex. Using the face masks is required of us to protecting one another.

- We 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.

Remember in Prayer: *Rochelle Schlemmer; Marge Fleck; Marie & Marty Johnson [Beaverdale] and all the ill, homebound of our parish communities. Also, 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*

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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.