

Liturgical Schedule Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020

<u>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
Sat. October 17		
Beaverdale	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy— [+Alick Prudhoe, by Mike Blazosky
Sun. October 18		
Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy]
Wednesday, October 21		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+Joseph Lazor, by Nick & Tina DePola]
Friday, October 23		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+Ann Koza, by Rose Layo]
Sat. October 24		
Portage	3:00 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
Dunlo	4:30 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
<u>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
Sat. October 24		
Dunlo	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy]
Sun. October 25		
Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy] [+Edward "Moose" Pyo, by Jane Pyo & Family]

Pastor's Notebook: With the beginning of the ECF classes last Sunday, we find some timely points of connection in the Gospel parable of the *"Sower and the Seed"* [Luke 8:5-15]. The parable demonstrates how people will respond differently to the word of Jesus. It assures us that the seed will be fruitful. If even a small percentage of the seed bears fruit, yet the yield is a *"hundredfold."* This measure represents an especially generous yield, beyond normal expectation. The *"good seed"* is to be nurtured, developed within our families, by our daily and patient effort in prayer and practice of our faith. And so we are encouraged to renew and maintain our efforts to nurture the *"good soil"*, ready to accept God's word and the grace made available to us.

Eastern Christian Formation classes following Divine Liturgy [10:15-11:15 am]. *Weekly online resources* from **God With Us Publications**; classes by Fr. David Anderson, **God With Us: The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition**, Wednesdays, October 21, 28, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Register at info@easterncatholic.org.

"Come and See" Weekend of Discovery: A *"Come and See"* Weekend of Discovery, which is a Retreat for discerning Byzantine Catholic Men, 18 to 35 years old, single or married, and hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, will be held virtually online. It begins on Friday evening (4 PM), November 6, 2020 and concludes on Saturday afternoon (8 PM), November 7, 2020.

The deadline for registering is October 28 2020. For details and to register go to www.bcs.edu. You may also contact **Byzantine Catholic Seminary** at 412-321-8383 or rector@bcs.edu

National Byzantine Catholic Convention: The *National Byzantine Catholic Convention* is an event for Catholic clergy, monastics, religious and laity of the Byzantine tradition with the purpose of *prayer, fellowship, formation and mission* as Eastern Catholics. The theme for the 2020 Convention is **Growing A Vibrant Byzantine Church**. Presentations on ways to grow as missionary disciples in Churches where Christ is encountered and worshipped. Virtual Convention Presentations: Available Online Sunday, November 1; Live Panel Discussions Saturday, November 14, 11:00am-3:00pm Zoom Webinar. **Registration** at: byzantineconvention.com.

Offerings for September

	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Portage:	\$2,318.00	\$1,608.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,274.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 310.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 315.00
Dunlo:	\$ 64.00	\$ 287.00	\$ 191.00	\$ 297.00

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: Portage Public Library **Take out Church Dinner Fundraiser--** Thursday, October 22, 3-6 PM. Pick up at the library side door. \$10.00 each Includes *BBQ Chicken leg quarter, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and dessert*. Proceeds support the Portage Public Library. Pre-sales are required. To order, please call 814-736-4340.

Homemade Pirohi and Sauerkraut Available: *Frozen homemade Pirohi [potato and cheese] for \$8/dozen; and frozen homemade sauerkraut [\$4/quart]* are available for sale in the church kitchen. The Pirohi are from Saint John's Church, Conemaugh; the sauerkraut was made and donated by Tony Pyo. Both items were to be for our annual festival, which was not held this year. Next Sunday, October 25 following the Divine Liturgy both items available in the church kitchen.

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.

Remember in Prayer: *Donna Block* of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale; *Rochelle Berzansky; Marge Fleck*; all the ill, homebound of our parish communities; those who are ill with the Coronavirus and all the needs of parish family at this time of pandemic. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of *+Robert Spaid*, the husband of the late *+Janet Spaid*, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 8.

Also Deacon Robert Jones, Deacon Brian Norrell, Subdeacon. Kyprian Wojciechowski, John Welch, Luke Iyengar, Nate Tapsak, Ryan Black, Tyler Wisniewski.; all the seminary community; and all of those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life

Saint Nicholas Celebration: The in-person Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius is canceled this year due to the pandemic. To assist the Seminary, **a Raffle** with an all cash prize of \$2,000 is being held. Each parish has received 17 tickets for this raffle. The winning number will be based on the PA Lottery Pick 3 drawn Sunday, December 6. If you are interested in a ticket for this raffle **[\$10]** contact Father Jim.

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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.