

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2020

<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]
Wednesday, October 28		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+Mario Pieraccini, by John & Barbara Havrilla]
Thursday, October 29		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+John Sekerak, by Neznieski Family]
Sat. October 31		
Portage	3:00 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
Beaverdale	4:30 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
<u>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
Sat. October 31		
Beaverdale	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Agnes Kuska, by Peter & Ruth Ann Gerko]
Sun. November 1		
Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy]

Pastor's Notebook: The Gospel parable of *The Rich Man and Lazarus* [Luke 16:19-31] which is read today marks a tone of warning. Its meaning in one respect is so clear, so simple. Of itself it almost needs no explanation. What is helpful is to be attentive to some details of the story.

The opening scene of "a poor man named Lazarus" at the gate of the rich man's house suggests that misery, suffering is not a distant, unreal world. It comes at my door, within my scope of vision. It is an actual person in need, real and present in my life. The rich man sheltered and insulated by his comfort and self-indulgent life, does not notice. His failure is his negligence, that he does not even notice the beggar at his door. This self-centered existence is a malady to which we are also susceptible. It is this upon which the judgment against the rich man depends. It is a manner of living for which we also are responsible before God's judgment.

[Year of the Grace of the Lord, p. 26-28]

Election Day: Remember to **Vote** on *Election Day—November 3*, if you have not already done so. Please do so prayerfully and in good conscience, mindful of church teaching, and of our responsibilities and commitments as Byzantine Catholics.

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

Homemade Pirohi and Sauerkraut Available: Following the Divine Liturgy **TODAY** and next Sunday, November 1, these items are available in the church kitchen:

- **Frozen homemade Pirohi** [potato and cheese] for \$8/dozen;
- **Frozen homemade sauerkraut** [\$4/quart]

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.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for November

- The **Church Cleaning** for November is scheduled for **Monday, November 2**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** for November is scheduled for **Saturday, November 7**, at 9:00 am.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

"Come and See" Weekend of Discovery: A **"Come and See"** Weekend of Discovery, Retreat for discerning Byzantine Catholic Men, 18 to 35 years old, single or married, hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, will be held virtually online: Friday November 6 (4 PM) to Saturday, November 7, (8 PM). Registration by October 28. 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** for Byzantine Catholic clergy, monastics, religious and laity; *prayer, fellowship, formation and mission* as Eastern Catholics. The theme 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.

Sanctuary Candle: This week the candle is offered for **Angeline** and **+Mario Pieraccini**, requested by John and Barbara Havrilla.

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*; *Joseph Lysic*, brother of Jane Pyo; 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 Deacon Robert Jones, Deacon Brian Norrell, Subdeacon. Kyprian Wojciechowski, John Welch, Luke Iyengar, Nate Tapsak, Ryan Black, Tyler Wisniewski; and all the seminary community.

Saint Nicholas Celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is canceled this year. 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 to 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.