

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020

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Sat. November 14

Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ed Andrykovitch, by Frank S. Hribar]

Sun. November 15

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy--[+Ann Krisko, by Vince, Kathy & Vincie Kalicky]

Feast of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Friday, November 20

Dunlo 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy
[+Walter Prozialeck, by Charlie & Michele House]

Saturday, November 21

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sat. November 21

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

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Sat. November 21

Dunlo 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sun. November 22

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Noel & Jason Miller]

Philips Fast—Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord: Our season of preparation for the Feast of the Birth of our Lord begins in the Byzantine Church November 15. It follows one day after the feast of the Holy Apostle Philip [November 14.] Thus, it is called ***“Philip’s Fast”***. It also lasts forty days, but does not have the same liturgical restrictions or intensity as the Great Fast.

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is Saturday, November 21. Mary is a model of Christian life. Her dwelling in the Temple as a young girl teaches us the truth that the one who would give birth to Christ had become herself a temple of God from infancy. Mary went into the Temple, but she herself is the temple of God. This is also the “pattern” or model for us--to become a *living temple*, “*living stones*”, the place where God Holy Spirit abides.

Eastern Christian Formation classes following Divine Liturgy [10:15-11:15 am].

Online resources are provided weekly from ***God With Us Publications***; and classes, ***Seven Ages of the Kingdom: A Study of Salvation History***, on Mondays, November 30-December 14, 8-9 p.m. ET.

Register for either of the above at info@easterncatholic.org.

Giving Tree Project: Our *Giving Tree* provides gifts at Christmas for children in need. The *Giving Tree* with tags listing gifts, is delayed one week and will be in the back of church next Sunday. When selecting a decoration, sign the list at the tree, to keep track of the Christmas wish requests.

This year there are a limited number of requests. The *Portage Area School District Secret Santa* program provides gifts for children in school district families and includes a holiday dinner. As an option for those for whom a *Giving Tree* name is not available, you may consider a donation to this program. Mail donations to: *Portage Area High School Secret Santa Project*; % Mary Ann George; 85 Mountain Avenue; Portage, PA 15946. For questions, call Ms. George at 736-9636, extension #1310.

Food Pantry Donations: During *Philip's Fast* donations of canned goods and non-perishable food will be collected for the *Portage Food Pantry* or for the *Forest Hills Food Pantry* [Beaverdale and Dunlo]. *Please do not bring food past the expiration dates.* Containers are in the narthex.

Parish Advisory Council Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, August 13 of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage are included in today's Sunday's bulletin.

Offerings for October

	<u>Oct 4</u>	<u>Oct 11</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Oct 25</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,651.00	\$1,843.60	\$2,207.00	\$1,569.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 594.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 805.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 41.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 444.00

Homemade Sauerkraut Available: All of the *frozen homemade Pirohi* have been sold. There are containers of *frozen homemade sauerkraut* [\$4/quart] are available in the church kitchen. You may call the rectory [814-736-9780] to arrange to purchase some.

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: *Bishop Gerald Dino*, retired Bishop of the Phoenix Eparchy; *Joan Plishka*; *Donna Block*; *Rochelle Berzansky*; *Marge Fleck*; *Andy Deskevich*, father of Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich; the ill, homebound of our parishes; those ill with the Coronavirus and all the needs of parish family at this time of pandemic; **+Father Julian Gnall**, who had been a member of Holy Trinity Monastery and served in the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 7.

Also Deacons Robert Jones and 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.