

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost November 1, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost		
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
Tuesday, November 3		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+Alice & +Michael Mazur, by Elaine Barton]
Wednesday, November 4		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+ Mary Slonka, by David Oleksa]
Friday, November 6		
Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
Portage	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy--[+Albert & +Mary Lesko, by Mary Ann & Walt Hoberney]
Sat. November 7		
Portage	3:00 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
Dunlo	4:30 pm	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost		
Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers		
Sat. November 7		
Dunlo	5:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy]
Sun. November 8		
Portage	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Julie Brenna

Pastor's Notebook: Impressions and reactions to the Gospel episode of the healing of the demoniac [Luke 8:26-39] are varied. Some features are curious, such as the extreme and violent behavior the man. One might be puzzled by the unusual or even disturbing moment of the pigs perishing over the cliff, into the lake. But these aspects ought not to distract us from the focal point of Jesus expelling the demons from this man. In doing so, he restores him to human dignity.

Even more, the man has assumed the posture of a disciple "sitting at the feet of Jesus" [Luke 8:35]. He asks to remain with Jesus as one of his followers. Instead, Jesus directs him to return home, and there be a witness among his own, of *how much Jesus had done for him*" [Luke 8:39].

This closing moment is the keynote for ourselves. The same "commission" is ours to be vital witnesses of Christ. Wherever we live we are to witness to God's presence, his work on our behalf.

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, November 4; 8-9 p.m. Register at info@easterncatholic.org.

Election Day: *Election* Day is Tuesday, November 3

May we approach this day and opportunity prayerfully, and mindful of church teaching, and of our responsibilities and commitments as Byzantine Catholics. Please also remember in your prayers the needs of our country at this particular moment in our nation's history.

Cemetery Trees: In recent years, trees on the border of Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portage, have been a cause of concern. Dying and deterioration of these trees have presented a serious risk to safety of visitors and damage to monuments. It seems prudent to have the trees removed to prevent further risk and damage. The trees overlap the cemetery boundaries. We are working with the owner of the adjacent property to have the trees removed.

Your donations and generosity for the parish cemetery are appreciated. These offerings allow this work and other necessary and ongoing cemetery maintenance to be done. Thank you.

Homemade Pirohi and Sauerkraut Available: Following the Divine Liturgy **TODAY**, *Frozen homemade Pirohi [potato and cheese]* for \$8/dozen; and *Frozen homemade sauerkraut* [\$4/quart] are available in the church kitchen.

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*.

National Byzantine Catholic Convention: The *National Byzantine Catholic Convention* on the theme "**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.

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: *Rita Thornton* [Memorial Hospital]; *Joan Plishka*; *Donna Block*; *Rochelle Berzansky*; *Marge Fleck*; *Joseph Lysic*; 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 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 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.