

Liturgical Schedule Ninth Week after Pentecost—July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Saturday July 17

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 18

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [Steve and Marge Fleck, by Julie Brenna]

Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Prophet Elijah

Monday, July 19

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

Tuesday, July 20

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

Thursday, July xx

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezeski, by Bruce Slonac]

Saturday July 17

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 24

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ben & +Mary Zaremba, by Eugene & Loretta Estok]

Sunday July 25

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

We Welcome! *Very Reverend Robert Pipta*, the Rector of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, who is visiting here at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage this weekend.

The Annual Celebration of Marriage to honor married couples observing their ***Wedding Anniversaries of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years in multiples of five*** in 2021 is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12**. A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm; followed by a dinner. *Although it is still uncertain if the actual celebration can be held*, please inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2021. Please do so by **Sunday, July 25** so that we may commemorate your jubilee.

Many, Happy Years! Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to ***Ken*** and ***Connie Crum*** on their ***40th Wedding Anniversary***, on August 22, 2021. At today's Divine Liturgy an anniversary blessing will be bestowed on Ken and Connie in observance of their Wedding Anniversary Jubilee.

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week for ***Steve and Marge Fleck***, by Julie Brenna.

Covid Obligations – Restrictions Lifted

We have all known and felt the impact of COVID-19 in so many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. It has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Now, as life returns to normalcy in so many ways, it is also time for us to return to Sunday Divine Liturgy. In our Archeparchy, we will reinstate the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, the Mother of God. As your Archbishop, I had dispensed you from this obligation in the Spring of 2020 as the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Liturgy.

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as, those who have significant fear or anxiety of being in a part of large group at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend the Divine Liturgy in person. Those excused from participation in the Divine Liturgy are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to listen to the radio broadcast of the Divine Liturgy, or to participate through one of the computer or face book live stream offerings from one of our churches.

The spacing restrictions and special communion practices are also discontinued as of August 15 2021.

Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Martin Block**, the husband of Donna Block of Saint Mary's, Beavertdale, who fell asleep in the Lord on July 12. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Donna; to their daughter Diane and Thomas McFadden; and to all of his family. Also, for the repose of the soul of **+Father Myron Badnerosky**, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic who fell asleep in the Lord on July 5.

Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be an in-person event on Sunday, September 5, 2021 with guidelines and limitations in consultation with health department. Services will be live streamed at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Helen Zaher; Stella Raptosh; Phil Walters; Alice Ference; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound.*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher.

St. Mary (Beavertdale): Catherine McGough;

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: **Presbyterian Home** [Hollidaysburg] *Charles and Joan Plishka* [Beavertdale]; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezeski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk;* **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor,** *Cresson:* Kathryn Mackovyak; **Just Like Home Personal Care,** Cresson: Dorothy Resconich;

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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.