

## Liturgical Schedule Thirteenth Week after Pentecost—August 15, 2021

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

#### Saturday August 14

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy *Followed by Blessing of Flowers*

#### Sunday August 15

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]  
*Followed by Blessing of Flowers*

#### Thursday August 19

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Ann Krisko, by Moose & Jane Pyo]

#### Friday, August 20

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Helen Spontak, by Family--*rescheduled*]

#### Saturday August 21

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Postfestive Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos

#### Saturday August 21

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

#### Sunday August 22

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy]

**Feast of the Dormition of Mary the Theotokos:** Today commemorates the death of Mary the Theotokos which is called the *Dormition of our Lady*. The most important feast of the Virgin, it holds a two-fold significance identified by a stichera sung at Vespers:

*“The source of life is laid in the grave and her tomb becomes a ladder to heaven.”*

That “the source of life is laid in the grave” indicates that we commemorate the death of the Virgin Mary. As we reverently commemorate the death of John the Baptist, the apostles, the martyrs, the celebration of the death of the Mother of God an event of paramount meaning for us.

But on this day we do more than commemorate Mary’s death. That “her tomb becomes a ladder to heaven” holds for us the promise that the tomb of anyone who has died in Christ becomes a ladder which leads to heaven. Mary’s death and burial also involves something further: the term “*Assumption*” expresses belief in the bodily assumption of Mary. This reflects the belief that Mary’s body did not suffer the corruption which follows death, but she was carried to heaven by the angels

***The Blessing Flowers and Herbs*** on this feast may have its origin in the tradition that after Mary’s glorious assumption into heaven, her tomb was filled with a ‘heavenly fragrance’ and flowers.

{Above from Year of Grace of the Lord, pages 243-244}

**Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina:** The Sisters of St. Basil the Great 87th annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held Sunday, September 5 at Mount St. Macrina, with the theme, "***Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress***", the Pilgrimage will be an in-person event and streamed live at [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org).

In consultation with local county CDC/health department officials, this year's Pilgrimage will have the following guidelines and limitations:

- *All liturgical services will take place at the Shrine Altar. Due to the inability to accommodate large numbers indoors, the potential for postponement or cancellation of a liturgical service exists with the presence of severe weather conditions.*
- *Boxed lunches/snacks will be available for purchase during this year's Pilgrimage.*
- *Pilgrims will be asked to wear masks when entering indoor shrines, as well as buildings.*
- *There will be no shuttle service on the property.*

**Charter Bus to Annual Pilgrimage** *Please note* that there will not be a charter bus to the Pilgrimage to Mount Saint Macrina this year. The limits and contingencies involved in the arrangements for the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage might limit participants this year. Upon further deliberation and consultation it seemed more prudent not to reserve the bus for Sunday September 5 as was announced last week. We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused by this cancellation and appreciate your consideration. It is our hope to provide transportation by bus in the future.

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of ***+Father Joseph Jugan***, retired priest of the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, August 9.

Also, for the repose of the soul of ***+David Rozansky***, the brother of Paul Rozansky; and also ***Helen Duray Balog*** the sister of Joan Ditko. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to their families.

**Obligation for Sunday Worship and Covid Restrictions:** Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla announced that the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy in person on Sundays and Holy Days will be reinstated beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. The spacing restrictions and special communion practices are also discontinued as of August 15. This announcement with further details is posted on the parish bulletin board.

### **Remember in Prayer**

**For the Health of:** *Carol Slifko* [Memorial Hospital]; *Catherine McGough* [Transitional Care]; *Alice Ference*; *Deacon Daniel Perich*; *Donna Block*; *Marge Fleck*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; *Father Robert Stash* of the Eparchy of Parma; 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 (Beaverdale):** Catherine McGough;

**NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Presbyterian Home** [Hollidaysburg] *Charles* and *Joan Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **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; **Forest Hills Personal Care,** *Sidman:* Kathryn Malley.

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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.