

Liturgical Schedule Eleventh Week after Pentecost—August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 31

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 1

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Mary Lou Moffitt]

Tuesday August 3

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Mary Bulinsky, by John & Sara Jane Latoche]

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Thursday, August 5

Dunlo 6:00 PM Vespers with the Divine Liturgy [+John Kovalich, by Mark & Robin Yakicic]
*Followed by **Blessing of Grapes & Fruit***

Friday, August 6

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy *Followed by **Blessing of Grapes & Fruit***

Saturday August 7

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

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Saturday August 7

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 8

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy
[+Frank Yetsko, by Great Grandchildren Christiania, Anastasia, & Parker Miller]

The Fast of the Dormition [August 1-14] has a place of particular importance. This Fast includes the *Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ* [August 6]. The Transfiguration celebrates Christ as the radiant Light of the Father's glory. And in the Dormition we see Christ, who trampled down Death by His death, take His Mother into the light of His resurrection. This period is so rich in opportunities for prayer and worship that it has traditionally been called our "Summer Pascha."

During the fasts of the Church Year we make a concerted effort to put God first in our lives through increased prayer; almsgiving, and fasting. At home displaying an icon of the Theotokos with a candle and flowers helps to keep the season in our minds. Family meal times may present an opportunity for prayer and perhaps reading from the Scriptures.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for August

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

Blessing of Grapes and Fruit: On Friday, August 6 we celebrate the *Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord*. The blessing *grapes and other fruit* takes place with this Feast, as we give thanks to God for the harvest of the summer fruits.

You are encouraged to bring grapes and other fruit for this blessing following *Vespers with Divine Liturgy* in Dunlo on Thursday evening; and the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Friday morning

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.

Festival: A summary of the income and expenses of the *Annual Festival* on July 11 will be published after receiving and payment of all invoices from all the vendors. Thank you once again for all your cooperation and generosity which allowed us to host this year's annual event.

We also acknowledge gratefully donation of the chicken for the chicken barbeque by Tony Pyo and the Pyo family.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate in celebrating Fatima Devotions, Friday August 13 in the gardens at Mount Assisi, 6:30pm. In case of inclement weather, they will be held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Francis University. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

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.

Webinar: Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy: Free 90-Minute Webinar: *How to Attend a Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy*, Sunday, August 1 7 pm. For Catholics or others not familiar with Byzantine Catholic Worship. Byzantine Catholics will also find helpful insights and information. The presenters include: *Fr. Deacon Anthony Dragani, PhD*; Robert Klesko, Fr. Daniel Dozier. For more information or to register: catholicmasses.org/vineyard-of-the-lord.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: Catherine McGough [*Transitional Care*]; 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 (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 Hulls 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.