

## Liturgical Schedule Twelfth Week after Pentecost— August 8, 2021

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

#### 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]

#### Thursday August 12

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Albert Lesko, by Mary Ann & Walt Hoberney]

#### Friday, August 13

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

#### Saturday August 14

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

### 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*

**Blessing of Flowers:** There is a custom of blessing flowers and herbs after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition. There is a tradition that after Mary's glorious assumption into heaven, her tomb was filled with a 'heavenly fragrance' and flowers. This is perhaps the origin of this custom. The herbs, used by people as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and extraordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrims at Mary's tomb. Flowers and herbs brought to church for this feast will be blessed following each of the services

### Work Party for August

- The **Work Party** for August has been rescheduled for **Saturday, August 14**, at 9:00 am.
- *Thank You* to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

**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.

**Charter Bus to Annual Pilgrimage** We have reserved a 27 passenger charter bus for transportation to the Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina for **Sunday, September 5**. The bus departs from our parking lot at **7:00 am**. Departure from Mount Saint Macrina will be at about **8:00 pm**

A sign-up list is in the back of church where you may sign up to reserve a seat on the bus. Please do so by **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. An invitation is extended to families who have never attended the pilgrimage to take advantage of this opportunity to attend the Pilgrimage. ***Those planning to attend are asked to take note of the Guidelines and Limitations for this year's Pilgrimage*** [below].

**The Fast of the Dormition:** During this week our Church celebrates the *Postfestive days* of the Feast of the ***Holy Transfiguration of Christ***. We also continue the ***Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos***, [August 1-14], a period of *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.

**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.*

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of + ***Father Jody Baran***, a priest of the Eparchy of Passaic, from Saint Mary Church, Hazleton Pennsylvania, who fell asleep in the Lord this past week.

**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.

### **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 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.