

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost— November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 13

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[Pauline Valko, by Jay, Kathy, Avery, Luke, Matthew Yanez]

Sunday November 14

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 16

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Julia & +Michael Mendick, by Dr. Lawrence & June Kerkow]

Wednesday, November 19

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Nick Yetsko, by Bob & Sandra Cehelnik & Family]

Saturday November 20

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost- Feast of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Saturday November 20

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 21

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [Audrey Pyo, by Ron Skupien]

The Season of Philip's Fast, the period of preparation for Christmas in the Byzantine Catholic Church, begins on Monday, November 15. We are encouraged to prepare for this feast by increasing our involvement with the things of God. The Nativity Fast is a joyous one, celebrating the immanent coming of Christ. As St Simeon of Thessalonica explained, "The Nativity Forty-day Fast represents the fast undertaken by Moses, who—having fasted for forty days and forty nights—received the Commandments of God." As Moses received the Law after his forty-day fast, we will welcome the living Word incarnate at the end of this Fast

During the Philip's Fast donations of canned goods and non-perishable food will be collected for the **Portage Food Pantry** and the **Forest Hills Food Pantry** [from Beaverdale and Dunlo]. *Donations of cash may also be made and will be forwarded.* This year we are not able to provide the *Giving Tree* opportunity as in previous years.

We Welcome *Joseph Hancharik* from Saint Nicholas Church, Nanty Glo and ***Michael Yewcic*** from Holy Trinity Church, Conemaugh, both candidates in the Deacon Formation program. They are in the altar today as part of their formation program, to observe Deacon Daniel Perich and to become more familiar with the ministry of the deacon at the Divine Liturgy.

We offer our prayerful support and encouragement in their preparation for the diaconate.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is being rescheduled for Thursday, November 18, at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. Minutes from the previous meeting of September 9, 2021 will be in next Sunday's bulletin

ECF Safe Environment Presentations: During each Parish ECF Program year, we are required by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh to present age-appropriate lessons that complies with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Our ***Junior High and High School Students Safe Environment*** presentation on internet safety for teens is rescheduled for Sunday, November 21. George F. Pyo will offer this presentation. George Pyo will draw from his many years of experience as Director of IT for Saint Francis University in Loretto. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this session on Sunday, November 21.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of ***+Carole M. Chuckalovcak***, the sister of Michael Barelick of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 6. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Michael and Pauline Barelick; and to all of their family.

Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot Rolls are available from Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Windber. Deadline for ordering is December 5. Call Thresa Valko [814 266 3117]. If no answer provide name, phone number, items ordered. There are order forms in the narthex.

Joyful Light the newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is included in today's bulletin. ***Joyful Light*** features faculty, seminarians and events of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

The Newsletter is also available also at www.bcs.edu.

64th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration, Sunday, December 5 at Saint John Cathedral and Center. Banquet tickets are \$45/adult; \$20/children. ***.Saint Nicholas Celebration Raffle [\$10]*** prize of \$2,000; based on the PA Lottery on Monday, December 6. For tickets contact Father Jim.

A study of Genesis guided by Saints Ephrem, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nyssa, November 17. Register at <https://godwithusononline.org/events/genesis/>.

Prayers for Synod of Bishops: The entire Catholic Church worldwide is preparing to work over the next few years for the Synod of Bishops to meet "***For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.***" Metropolitan William asks that we include petitions for this 2023 Synod in the Divine Liturgy in the Litany of Supplication after the Gospel.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: Larry Sasek; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; 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.

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: **Richland Health & Rehabilitation** Catherine McGough [Beaverdale]; **Presbyterian Home** [Hollidaysburg] Charles 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; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg; 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 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.