

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]

Tuesday, November 23

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Helen Valko, by Mary Pucul]

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

Saturday November 27

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost-

Saturday November 27

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
+Ronald and +Carole Chuckalovcak, by Michael & Pauline Barelick]

Sunday November 28

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy

The Season of Philip's Fast, in preparation for Christmas is from November 15—December 24. As with all the Church's Fasts we are called during these days to make a concerted effort to put God first in our lives through increased prayer. We seek to serve our neighbor through more intense almsgiving, sharing our time as well as our resources. Through fasting we try to distance ourselves from self-indulgence and open more of ourselves to God and to others.

Donations of *canned goods, non-perishable food, and cash* may be made for the **Portage Food Pantry** and **Forest Hills Food Pantry** [Beaverdale and Dunlo]. Containers are in the narthex.

The Entrance of the Mother of God: In the Icon of this feast [bulletin cover], Mary is shown as a young girl being escorted to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna, accompanied by the holy virgins carrying candles. The High Priest greets the holy family at the entrance of the Temple. The Church honors the Virgin Mary as the Theotokos, the one who, in God's plan of salvation, would give birth to God the Word. In the upper left corner the Virgin Mary is seen already seated in the Temple, and being cared for by the Angels. Thus, Mary, the young girl, is not only presented but also participates in the very task of her temple life.

Parish Advisory Council Minutes for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage from the meeting of September 9, are inserted in today's bulletin.

Thanksgiving Day: *Thanksgiving Day* is an occasion of grateful and prayerful remembrance, especially of God the source of all of our gifts. We seek to be faithful stewards of all that has been given to us. May we do so by sharing generously what we have received with all whom we meet, especially the less fortunate in our midst.

We celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am in Portage on Thanksgiving Day.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving as you enjoy the day in gratitude for God's gifts.

Portage Area Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving Service today Sunday, November 21 **at First Lutheran Church**, Caldwell Ave., 7:00 pm. The ***Community Thanksgiving Service*** gathers together the Portage community to worship together in Christian unity, giving thanks for God's blessings on our nation, our communities, and our families.

You are encouraged to attend.

First Lutheran Church is requesting that participants mask while in the building.

Eastern Christian Formation: ECF Safe Environment Presentation for Junior High and High School Students on internet safety for teens is *today Sunday, November 21*. George F. 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.

There are no ECF classes next Sunday, November 28 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Offerings for October

	<u>Oct 3</u>	<u>Oct 10</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Oct 31</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,382.00	\$1,142.00	\$1,635.00	\$1,732.00	\$1,275.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 296.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 230.00	\$897.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 202.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 246.00	212.00

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.

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.

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. **Synod of Bishops:** *The Catholic Church prepares for the 2023 Synod of Bishops, "For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."*

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 [Holidaysburg] *Charles Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael

[Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **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.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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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.