

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost— October 31, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 30

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [Anna Andrykovitch, by Marty & Marie Johnson]

Sunday October 31

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 2

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
[+Joan Plishka, by Fred and Elaine Vrabel—40th Day commemoration]

Thursday November 4

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Dorothy Novak, by Ann Novak]

Saturday November 6

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

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Sunday November 7

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [Pauline Yetsko—90th Birthday, by her family]

ECF Safe Environment Presentations: During each Parish ECF Program year, we are required by the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and Archbishop William C. Skurla to present or otherwise make available to the children in the Parish ECF Program an age-appropriate lesson that complies with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

On Sunday, November 14 our ECF Program will offer these presentations. This will be done during the regular ECF class sessions. Parents may exercise their right to decline their child's participation in this presentation. They are asked to sign a form which indicates they are exercising their right for their child not to participate in this presentation.

Junior High and High School Students Safe Environment presentation highlights internet safety for teens. George F. Pyo will offer a presentation on this topic on Sunday, November 14. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this session on Sunday, November 14. George Pyo will draw from his many years of experience as Director of IT for Saint Francis University in Loretto.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for November: The ***Church Cleaning*** is scheduled for **Monday, November 1**, 9:00 am. The ***Work Party*** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 6**, 9:00 am.

Thank You to those who volunteer for the monthly ***Work Party*** and ***Church Cleaning***.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is **Thursday, November 4**, 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

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Marge Fleck** who fell asleep in the Lord on October 26.

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her husband Steve; to Steve and Janie; Connie and Ken; Sherry and Dave; Tom and Laura; and to all of her family.

Bishop-Martyr Theodore Romzha, the Byzantine Catholic Bishop of Mukachevo, was tireless in his care for his flock during the era of Soviet Occupation. His feast is observed October 31.

On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned and died.

Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church Assembly: "One Body in Christ: Re-Emerging from the Pandemic", November 5 & 6, Saint John's Cathedral.

Please Note: There will not be a Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 6. Father Jim and Deacon Dan are attending the Assembly 2021 which continues through Saturday afternoon.

Thank you for your consideration with this adjustment in our schedule.

Thank You for your participation and presence at the brunch on this occasion of Deacon Daniel Perich's tenth anniversary of ordination on Sunday, October 24.

A note of thanks to the volunteers who prepared and served the brunch, and to the high school students for their help in serving the cake for this celebration.

64th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is Sunday, December 5 at Saint John Cathedral and Center in Munhall.

Vespers for the Feast of Saint Nicholas in the Cathedral; at 3:00 pm. Dinner follows at 5:00 pm. Banquet tickets are \$45/adult; \$20/children 12 and under. For reservations contact Father Jim.

Saint Nicholas Celebration Raffle: prize of \$2,000; based on the PA Lottery Pick 3 drawn Monday, December 6. Tickets: **\$10** contact Father Jim. **St. Nicholas Virtualthon Fundraiser** [Matching Funds]: www.GCUusa.com; checks to: *St. Nicholas Charity Dinner*; mail to: GCU St. Nicholas Virtualthon, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009

Eastern Christian Formation Catechetical Program: A study of Genesis guided by Saints Ephrem, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nyssa begins November 3. The course will be presented by Andrew Hayes, Ph.D.

Register at <https://godwithusonline.org/events/genesis/>.

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 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.