

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-Ninth Week after Pentecost— December 5, 2021

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Saturday December 4

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 5

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Elena and +Pasquale Pieraccini]

Feast of our Holy Father Nicholas Archbishop of Myra and Wonderworker

Sunday, December 5

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija

Monday, December 6

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna

Tuesday, December 7

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Vespers with the Divine Liturgy [+Alex Afton, by Helen Gdula]

Wednesday, December 8

Portage 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 11

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

Sunday of the Forefathers

Saturday December 11

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 12

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy
[+Margaret Fleck, by Ed & Paulette Fedorko—40th Day Commemoration]

Parish Saint Nicholas Celebration—Sunday, December 12: Please come and enjoy our Parish ***Saint Nicholas Celebration*** on Sunday, December 12, following the Divine Liturgy. There will be a ***Coffee Social*** with treats and refreshments. We look forward to a visit from ***Saint Nicholas of Myra***, with some treats for our children and youth.

We hope that you can be present to enjoy the celebration and refreshments that will be provided.

2022 Church Calendars are available. Please take only one calendar per family until everyone has received a calendar. We thank our sponsors for the 2022 Calendars:

Serenko-Claar Funeral Home (Ss. Peter and Paul, Portage)

Jean Kinley Funeral Home (Beaverdale and Dunlo)

This Week: On Monday, December 6 is the ***Feast of Saint Nicholas Archbishop of Myra and Wonderworker***. A world-wide symbol of gift-giving and love, Saint Nicholas (270- 343) is more revered by the church as a wonderworker, both in life and in death. On Wednesday December 8 is the ***Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna***. In the womb of Anne, a new heaven is created at the hand of God the Creator. From it will shine forth the Sun which knows no setting, illuminating the whole world with His divine rays in His love for mankind and His abundant mercy.

Philip's Fast: In preparation for Christmas is from November 15—December 24.

Please remember the needs of the local food pantries and of our communities during this season. 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

Church Cleaning & Work Party for December

- The **Church Cleaning** for December is scheduled for **Monday, December 13**, at **9:00 am**. *Please note this change in schedule* because of the Feast of Saint Nicholas on December 6.
- *Thank You* to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Many, Happy Years! Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla will ordain **Deacon Michael Kunitz** to the Priesthood; and **Seminarian Luke Iyengar** to Minor Orders on Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Cathedral, Munhall. Please remember them in your prayers.

From David Mayernik, Editor of the Byzantine Catholic World: Please consider writing a few sentences or paragraphs about a special memory connected with food at Christmas for a BCW feature. *“Did you help your mother, Baba make a special treat? Was there competition in the family about who made the best? Did you teach your children to carry on a tradition?”* Please send by December 8; include any photos, to: bcw@archpitt.org.”

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.

Eternal Memory: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Father Christopher Petruska**, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday November 28.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of *Margaret Prudhoe; Maureen Hutzell*, Deacon Dan Perich's sister; *Larry Sasek; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick*; and all the ill, homebound. 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** [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.