

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-Eighth Week after Pentecost— November 28, 2021

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

Tuesday, November 30

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+George Rachael, by Larry & Carol Ronan]

Thursday, December 2

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Mike Mazur, by Petney Family]

Saturday December 4

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Elena and +Pasquale Pieraccini]

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

Christmas is a time for gift-giving; focus is often more on gift-getting. Advertisements barrage us with images of things, which advertisers tell us we must have in order to live the good life. It leads us to believe that if we have all this stuff we will be happy.

Our seasonal Fasts teach us to refrain from satisfying every whim through *fasting* and *almsgiving*. We are reminded that, if we have been blessed with more than we need, it is so that we may use it for doing good. *Almsgiving* is the dedication of our "abundance" for good works. Rather than spending inordinate amounts on decorations, parties and gifts, consider devoting some of that money to almsgiving in the spirit of the Nativity Fast. "*Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like.*" [Humorist Will Rogers]

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.

Festival Review & Planning Meeting: A meeting to review and evaluate the **2021 Annual Festival** and planning for 2022, will be held on Thursday, December 2, 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. Everyone is welcome. If you have suggestions or comments for the festival and cannot attend the meeting you may forward these to Father Jim.

Thanksgiving Holiday: No ECF classes today, November 28 because of Thanksgiving.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for December

- The **Work Party** for December is scheduled for **Saturday, December 4**, at 9:00 am.
- 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**.

Donation from Father Bayusik Estate: We gratefully acknowledge a donation in the amount of \$411.38 from the Estate of **+Father Robert Bayusik**, the 2020 distribution from Father Robert Bayusik's Plant Patent. A word of acknowledgement to Attorney Suzann M. Lehmier, of *Raptosh, Lehmier & Carbonara, Attorneys*, Administrator of the Bayusik Estate. **Eternal Memory!**

From David Mayernik, Editor of the Byzantine Catholic World: *"Last year I asked you to share a Christmas memory for a BCW feature. Could we please do this again, with a little different twist? Everyone loves food, and Christmas traditions include food. Please consider writing a few sentences or paragraphs about a special memory connected with food at Christmas.*

"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 make that favorite food, 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.

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.

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+John Seymour**, requested by Kathy Sekerak.

Eternal Memory: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Lee Brown**, Troy, New York, sister of Father Robert Karl, who fell asleep in the Lord November 22; also, **+Edward S. Myers Jr.** father of Edward P. Myers of Myers Cemetery Services who fell asleep in the Lord November 25.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of *Margaret Prudhoe; Larry Sasek; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound; remember 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 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.