

## Liturgical Schedule—Seventh Paschal Week-- May 21, 2023

### Seventh Paschal Sunday – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

#### Saturday May 20

Beaverdale	<u>5:00 PM</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy
		[+George Raymond Havrilak, by Jim Afton, and Marie & Marty Johnson]]

#### Sunday May 21

Portage	<u>9:00 AM</u>	Sunday Divine Liturgy
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#### Thursday, May 25

Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour
	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy [+Alick Prudhoe by Mark & Larry Sasek— <i>rescheduled</i> ]

### Fifth All Souls Saturday

#### Friday May 26

Beaverdale	<u>5:00 PM</u>	Vespers for the Deceased— <i>Fifth All Souls Saturday</i>
		Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

#### Saturday May 27

Portage	<u>9:00 AM</u>	Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida
		Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Portage	3:00 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Dunlo	4:30 PM	Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Pentecost Sunday

#### Saturday May 27

Dunlo	<u>5:00 PM</u>	Vespers with Divine Liturgy
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#### Sunday May 28

Portage	<u>9:00 AM</u>	Sunday Divine Liturgy
		[+Angeline Pieraccini, by Barbara & John Havrilla— <i>40<sup>th</sup> Day Commemoration</i> ]

**The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council:** A further accent of this joyful Paschal season is the ***Feast of the Ascension*** which we continue to observe. Today we also honor the memory of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, held at Nicea in 325 AD. At this Council the teaching of the Trinity was defined. Arius had taught that the Son was not equal to the Father, nor eternal. Saint Athanasius, the Archbishop of Alexandria, vigorously opposed this heresy. He championed the teaching that was endorsed by the Fathers of this Council. This teaching is formulated in the Nicene Creed, first professed at our Baptism and renewed at each Divine Liturgy.

**“Clergy Days”:** This annual gathering of the clergy of the Archeparchy with our Archbishop, Metropolitan William, is this week at Saint John’s Cathedral Center. The Clergy Days begins on Monday, May 22 with the Divine Liturgy followed by dinner. The meetings will be throughout the day on Tuesday, May 23. Father Jim will be attending this annual event. Your prayers for this this event are sincerely appreciated. Be assured of a remembrance in my prayers at this time.

**The Fifth All Souls Saturday** is observed this week, with Vespers for the Deceased in Beaverdale on Friday, May 26; and at the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Saturday, May 27.

## The Paschal Season

- ***Through the fifty days*** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

**Graduates 2023:** Please submit the names of parishioners who are graduating in 2023 from high school, college, etc. and include degrees earned and special awards. . Place information in an envelope in the offering box, or call [736-9780] or send to: [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net)

**The Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of [***Angeline Pieraccini***, requested by Barbara & John Havrilla—***40<sup>th</sup> Day Commemoration***].

## Church Cleaning & Work Party for June:

- The ***Work Party*** is **Saturday, June 3** at 9:00 am.
- The ***Church Cleaning*** is **Monday, June 5**, at 9:00 am.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for these monthly activities.

## Offerings for April

	<b><u>Apr 2</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 9</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 16</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 23</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 30</u></b>
<b><u>Portage:</u></b>	\$1,791.00	\$4,235.00	\$3,253.00	\$1,977.00	\$1,268.00
<b><u>Beaverdale:</u></b>	\$ 391.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 220.00
<b><u>Dunlo:</u></b>	\$ 88.00	\$ 391.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 403.00

**Forest Hills Community Band Concert Schedule:** May 21, 7:00 pm, *New Germany Grove Hall*; May 28, 7:00 pm, *Dunlo Fire Hall*; June 4, 7:00 pm, *First United Methodist Church*, South Fork.

**Helping Hands Day at Mt. St. Macrina:** Saturday, June 3 9:30 AM-2 PM at Mt. St. Macrina, 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Register to volunteer at [events@gcuusa.com](mailto:events@gcuusa.com). GCU is accepting donations to assist with the purchase of supplies and flowers [at [events@gcuusa.com](mailto:events@gcuusa.com)]; GCU will match total donations made by Tuesday, May 30, up to \$2,000!

## “Troitsja” Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

<b><u>May 21</u></b>	<b><u>Candle &amp; Bells</u></b>	Lexie Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
<b><u>May 28</u></b>	<b><u>Candle &amp; Bells</u></b>	Easton Slanoc	<b><u>Bulletins:</u></b>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** *For **The Health of:** Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini;; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; 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; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters;. **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich. **Quality Life Services:** Catherine McGough, Beaverdale

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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.

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