

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Week after Pentecost-- June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 22, 2024

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy--[+Edward Andrykovitch, by Michele Zanella]

Sunday June 23, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy:

Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist, John

Monday, June 24

Portage **6:00 PM**

Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Holy Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

Friday June 28

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vespers with the Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 29

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy [+Fred Vrabel, by John Vrabel]

Saturday, June 29

Portage **2:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 29, 2024

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[Theresa and Bill Garanich—55th Wedding Anniversary by Marilyn Jenkins

Sunday June 30, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy:

This Week: Two feasts of our church are celebrated: The **Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John** is on Monday, June 24. The Gospel of Saint Luke [1:5-25, 57-76, 80] describes this event. John was “filled with the Holy Spirit”, as Mary greeted his mother Elizabeth.

The feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is the patronal feast of our Portage and Dunlo parish communities. The Fast of the Holy Apostles ends on Friday June 28. Following the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to carry Christ's message to the far corners of the world. Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero in the year 67--Peter crucified head down, at his own request; Paul, was beheaded. The Church unites them in a common celebration and gives them identical honor.

Festival Planning--Annual Festival—Sunday, July 14:

- **Raffle Tickets:** We expect to have the tickets this week. Please plan to pick them up next Sunday [June 30]. We regret any inconvenience by this delay. Additional tickets are available from the ushers.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer;** and for the **Basket Raffle** are needed and greatly appreciated.
- **Thanks** to those who helped with making Gobs this Wednesday, June 19!

Picnic/Festival Grounds Project: Volunteers are needed to clear leaves, trim shrubs, and other outdoor projects at the picnic grounds, Wednesday, June 26, 6 p.m. *Please come to lend a hand.*

Celebration of Marriage to honor married couples observing *Wedding Anniversaries* of **10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years in multiples of five** in 2024; **Sunday, September 15.** A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm; followed by a dinner. Please inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2024 by Sunday, July 21 so that we may commemorate your jubilee.

Ordination: Today: Metropolitan William will ordain *Deacon Tyler Wisniewski*, who was with us for a Pastoral Practicum program in 2023, at Saint John's Cathedral today. *Many, happy years!*

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July:

- The *Church Cleaning* for July is scheduled for Monday, July 1, at 9:00 am.
- The *Work Party* for July is scheduled for Saturday, July 6, at 9:00 am.

Bible Training Workshop: July 12-13, 2024 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Deacon John Harden and Dr. Sandra Collins will provide sessions on Catholic Bible Study. Accommodations off-campus are available. Registration forms will be in the narthex.

100th Anniversary—Byzantine Ruthenian Church: The appointment of Bishop Basil Takach as the first Bishop for the Ruthenians in the United States in 1924 and other historic events are being commemorated at a *Jubilee Weekend* at the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Details of this observance will be given in the coming weeks.

Fatima Family Festival: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R. from Loretto *Fatima Family Festival*, Saturday July 13, 2pm to 6pm. Food Trucks, Sweet Treats, Bouncy House, Lawn Games, Property Tours. Confessions will be available, ending with rosary and an outdoor Mass in the Gardens at 5 pm.

The Peter's Pence Collection...supports the Holy Father with the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. There is an envelope for this offering in your packet of envelopes dated June 2.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday June 23 Candle: Easton Slanoc **Sunday June 30:** Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: *Carol Goral; Mary and Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; David & Sandy Spontak; and all the ill, homebound.*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart;. **Saint Mary, Beavertdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak.

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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: 2:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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