

Liturgical Schedule Eighth Week after Pentecost-- July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 6, 2024

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 7, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Margaret Fleck by Shelly Plummer]

Wednesday, July 10

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Mary Yetsko, by Greta Jones]

Saturday, July 13

Portage 2:00 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
Dunlo 3:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 13, 2024

Dunlo 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 14, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy:
[*The miners killed in the Sonman Mine Explosion of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak*]]

Annual Festival—Next Sunday, July 14

- **Kitchen:** Volunteers are needed each day Wednesday through Friday at 9:00 am each day
- **Raffle Tickets:** More tickets are available in the parish office or from the ushers.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer;** and for the **Basket Raffle** are needed and greatly appreciated.
- **Work schedules:** Sign up for a four hour shift in any area. Help at food service lines is especially needed at busy times--Noon and 5:00 pm.
- **"Bouncy House":** The "Camelot Castle" Bouncy House for children is being featured this year on the lawn of the picnic grounds. Our thanks to the sponsors for the rental of the "Bouncy House": Ed and Kim Rocker; Sara and Dan Erzal; Brad and Molly Harrington, Mary Rocker; Becky and Kevin Zock; Dem, Tammy, and Hunter Whitcomb.
- **Bake Sale:** Please help us to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12 both days at 6:00 pm: Help is needed with outdoor projects—setting up tents, place tables.
- **Saturday, July 13:--** The day before the Festival, help is needed to prepare the grounds at 9:00 am.

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 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.

Ice Cream Social--*TODAY*: **Sunday, July 7** in the church hall, following the Divine Liturgy.

This will give a “test-run” for our new soft ice-cream machine before the festival.

GCU Byzantine Family Day: GCU *Byzantine Family Day* at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Thursday, July 25 11 AM - 9 PM. **Discount Ride-All Day Tickets:** \$27 Ride All Day Ticket (age 4+); \$25; Lunch Ticket (age 11+) \$20; Kids Lunch Tickets (ages 3-10). Deadline to Order Tickets is Wednesday, July 10. Order tickets at GCUusa.com. Questions: [724-495-3400](tel:724-495-3400), Ext. 3810; or call the parish office.

Bible Training Workshop: July 12-13, at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary offering sessions on Catholic Bible Study. Accommodations off-campus are available. Registration forms in the narthex.

100th Anniversary—Byzantine Ruthenian Church: The Centennial of the Byzantine Catholic Ruthenian Exarchate; and the *Golden Jubilee* of the dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel, are being commemorated at a *Jubilee Weekend*, Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 at the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington; and at Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, Virginia.

The appointment of Bishop Basil Takach as the first Bishop for the Ruthenians in the United States was in 1924. In his First Pastoral Letter, sent from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, on September 30, 1924, Bishop Basil's first words to the clergy and Christ's Faithful in the United States were about love and obedience. He faced the challenges of organizing our church life amid competing interests:

“Do you wish to make success in a short time? Follow me, work with me. As my message here in the land of free America, which comes to life in the union of good deeds, love and obedience will be a fruitful success on your part only through your good deeded love and obedience can be accomplished.

“Love and obedience are the vivifying esential elements of building the Kingdom of God in the Church of Christ upon earth.” [First Pastoral Letter, 1924, Bishop Basil Takach]

Details of this observance will be posted on the byzantine100.com Centenary of the Byzantine Catholic Church web site along with reservation tabs and dedicated phone number.

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.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday July 7 Candle: [Easton Slanoc](#) **Sunday July 14:** Candle: [Owen Slanoc](#)

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* [Becky Zock](#); [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, Beaverdale:** [Carol Slifko](#); **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: [Helen Zaher](#); [Joanne Stewart](#); [William Prozialek \[Dunlo\]](#); **Maple Winds:** [June Nezsneski](#); **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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