

Liturgical Schedule Thirteenth Week after Pentecost-- August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost--Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Transfiguration

Saturday August 10, 2024

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 11, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Fred Vrabel by Renee Branas]

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Wednesday August 14

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy [+Dan Brenna, by Alice Ference]

Followed by Blessing of Flowers

Thursday August 15

Portage **7:00 PM** Divine Liturgy **Followed by Blessing of Flowers**

Saturday August 17, 2024

Portage **2:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale **3:30 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost-- Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Dormition

Saturday August 17, 2024

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

Sunday August 18, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy:

The Dormition of the Theotokos: A vivid and stirring memory of the tradition of the Dormition of Mary has been received in the church from the Church Fathers. When the time had come for Mary 's passage from this earthly life to eternal life, the Apostles were gathered together at Mary's home. Three days after her passage, when the Apostles assembled to offer the Liturgy the Virgin appeared and proclaimed to them: *Rejoice!*" They realized from this that she had ascended into heaven with her body. *The blessing of flowers* takes place on this feast

Many, Happy Years! Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to ***Annastasia Angelica Miller*** and ***Ian Christopher Brown*** who were united in the Mystery of Crowning in Marriage at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Portage on Saturday August 10.

"O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless your servants who through your providence are united in the common life of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into your kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach." [Blessing, Holy Mystery of Crowning in Marriage]

The Fast of the Dormition [August 1-14] invites us to put God first in our lives through prayer; almsgiving, and fasting; a season for family meal times of prayer and reading from Scriptures.

Ordination: Please remember in your prayers *Subdeacon Luke Iyengar* who is to be ordained to the Diaconate in Pittsburgh on Sunday, September 22.

Dormition Procession with the Shroud: Father Andriy Kelt, Pastor and parishioners of Holy Protection Ukrainian Catholic Church 560 Cambria Street in Revloc, invite you for *Great Vespers with Litya* and a *Candle Procession with the Shroud for the Dormition of the Mother of God*, Wednesday, August 14. Please gather for a meal, at 6:00 pm before praying Great Vespers, which begins at 7:00 pm. If you plan to attend the meal call/text Fr. Andriy [814.948.9193]; or call Deacon Chris [814.472.9396]. It will be wonderful for to come together in pray as faithful children to our Most Holy Lady.

Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina: The *90th Annual Pilgrimage* in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Uniontown is Saturday, August 31 to Sunday, September 1. Follow us on Facebook for updates: Schedules and more details at www.sistersofstbasil.org; and in the *Byzantine Catholic World*. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "*Theotokos: Our Rock, Our Refuge, and Our Strength—Celebrating Ninety Years of Grace.*"

Parishioners who wish to attend and are in need of transportation are asked to call the parish office [814-736-9780] or contact Father Jim [james_armand_spontak@verizon.net].-

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Tuesday August 13, 6:30pm in the Sunken Gardens at Saint Francis Friary. In case of inclement weather at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Bob Sutton from Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson.

100th Anniversary—Byzantine Ruthenian Church: The Archeparchy is sponsoring a bus to attend the celebration of 100 years of our canonical establishment, and the 50th anniversary of the Byzantine Chapel in the National Basilica in Washington, DC October 12-13, 2024 at the National Basilica. Copies of the itinerary and registration form for this celebration are in the narthex. Details of this observance are at byzantine100.com Centenary of the Byzantine Catholic Church web site along.

Call to Assembly-2025: Preparations are underway for our Church to come together in Assembly next year -- July 16-20, 2025, at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting, Indiana under the name and calling. "*Come let us worship and bow before Christ*". Formal presentations, interviews, panel discussion and round table exercises. Information at byzantineassembly.org.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday August 11:

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday August 8

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro, Mother of Jennifer Blazosky; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Mary & 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 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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