

Liturgical Schedule Fifteenth Week after Pentecost-- August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday August 24, 2024

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

Sunday August 25, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy: +Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

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

Wednesday August 28

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** *Great Vespers with Litija*

Thursday, August 29

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday, August 30

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Deceased Members of the Jurbin Family, by Donna Suszko]

Saturday August 31, 2024

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

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Beginning of the Church Year

Saturday August 31, 2024

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elaine Kachmar, by Donna and Diane Block]

Sunday September 1, 2024

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

Ordination: *Subdeacon Luke Iyengar* would like to invite our parishioners to his diaconal ordination on September 22 at 3pm at Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks. If you are able to attend the party afterwards, please let him know by September 13 at (412) 863-3285 or Liyengar3@gmail.com.
Please remember in your prayers *Subdeacon Luke Iyengar* as he prepares for his ordination.

Beheading of Saint John the Baptist: We observe this final feast of the Church Year on Thursday, August 29. Although a great feast of the Church, it is typically a day of fast to indicate horror at Herod's lavish banquet at which this murder took place [Mark 6:14-30].

Next Sunday, September 1 is the beginning of the new Church Year and our annual cycle of feasts and liturgical seasons.

Welcome...to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Portage, *Tyson Kennis* who is from Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church in Sykesville, Pennsylvania and presently resides in Altoona. Please take an opportunity to offer a word of welcome to him. .

Annual Pilgrimage: Next weekend--Saturday, August 31 to Sunday, September 1- is the **90th Annual Pilgrimage** in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown. Sr. Susan Sisko, OSBM, the Provincial and the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, extend their invitation and welcome: *"In thanksgiving to God, and with great enthusiasm and joy, we Sisters invite you to our 90th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.*

Follow us on Facebook for updates: Schedules and more details at www.sistersofstbasil.org; and in the **Byzantine Catholic World**. **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].-**

New Academic Year: We remember in prayer students as well as teachers and others involved in areas of education, with the return to classrooms this past week and in the days ahead.

Our **Eastern Christian Formation Program** for 2024-2025 also will resume during September. Catechists will be contacted by Father Jim to arrange a meeting for the beginning of classes and other topics.

Offerings for July	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Portage:	\$1,446.00	\$1,076.00	\$779.00	\$1,570.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 270.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 460.00
Dunlo:	\$ 11.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 37.00

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: Our Church prepares to come together in Assembly July 16-20, 2025, at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting, Indiana. Information at byzantineassembly.org.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday August 25: Candle: Owen Slanoc **Sunday September 1** Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For the repose of the soul of +Susan E. Dusecina*, mother of Father Regis Dusecina, a retired priest of the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 104 on Sunday, August 18. *For The Health of: Michael Perich*, brother of Deacon Dan; *Deacon Lawrence Hruska*, Saint Andrew Gibsonia; *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; **Maple Crest, Ebensburg:** 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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