

Liturgical Schedule Eighteenth Week after Pentecost-- September 15, 2024

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday September 14, 2024

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 15, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Michael Blazosky, by Julie Brenna]

Tuesday, September 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Mike Mazur, by Anonymous]

Thursday, September 19

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Thomas Spontak, by Family]

Saturday, September 21

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday September 21, 2024

Dunlo 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 22, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Charles [Doc] Hufford, by Jean Hufford and family]

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: There is great solemnity attached to this feast, reflecting how the Cross is always remembered as the central act of our salvation. Also, there are celebrations included on the Saturday and Sunday, both before and after the Feast of the Exaltation. Thus, both the Epistle lesson and Gospel today continue our reflection upon the Cross.

A note of thanks to *Mary Lou and Steve Paluch* of Saint Mary's Beaverdale for the beautiful wreath decorated with flowers used in each of our parishes to adorn the Cross for veneration on this feast.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting...for the ***Parish Advisory Council*** for *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference room.

Celebration: Married couples with ***Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries*** are honored today at Saint Elias, Munhall. Congratulations to parishioners Jubilee Anniversaries in 2024. ***Many, Happy Years!***

Saints Peter and Paul, Portage

John & Barbara Havrilla—55 Years

Mark & Patty Serenko—35 Years

Gene & Ethel Krupa—65 Years

Daniel & Mary Zaliznock—40 Years

Joe & Betty Mandichak—50 Years

Saint Mary, Beaverdale

Deacon Daniel & Mary Louise Perich—50 Years

Douglas & Marcella Roxby—50 Years

Eastern Christian Formation Program: Classes for our 2024-2025 ECF Program will resume Sunday, September 29. Catechists are being contacted by Father Jim to arrange a meeting for the beginning of classes. *We regret the delay in the beginning of this year's ECF program.*

Ordination: *Subdeacon Luke Iyengar* invites parishioners to his diaconal ordination, September 22 at 3pm at Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks. If you are plan to attend the party afterwards, please let him know at 412-863-3285 or Liyengar3@gmail.com. Please remember him in your prayers.

Pennsylvania Pro-Life March will be on Monday September 23 in the capital of the Commonwealth Harrisburg. For information about bus transportation to the march, contact Julie Brenna.

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary "Come and See" Weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church is Friday, November 8 to Sunday, November 10, the Seminary in Pittsburgh. The weekend retreat is free of charge; liturgical services, meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to Seminary formation program, a tour, gatherings with the Seminarians. Registration at www.bcs.edu. Registration deadline: October 16.

Tamburitzan Folk Ensemble: All Saints Parish, Boswell hosts performance by the **Tamburitzan Folk Ensemble**, Saturday October 12, North Star High School auditorium, Boswell, 2:00 PM. Performers are college students in the Pittsburgh area and receive scholarships. Dances, music, costumes from Croatian, Polish, Slovak, Bulgarian, Serbian, Mexican, Armenian, Romani (gypsy) cultures. Festive reception with food from ethnicities in the parish hall. For tickets: 814-629-5551; or emarsh@dioceseaj.org. Proceeds benefit parish high school students' pilgrimage where they are invited to travel, along with one parent, to Rome at no cost.

100th Anniversary—Byzantine Ruthenian Church: The Archeparchy is sponsoring a bus to attend the celebration of 100 years of 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. Registration forms in narthex. Details of observance at byzantine100.com.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday September 15 Candle: Easton Slanoc **Sunday September 22:** Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For the repose of the soul of: Darlene Shaner. For The Health of: Richard Whitcomb; 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; 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; **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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