

Liturgical Schedule Sixteenth Week after Pentecost– September 1, 2024

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:]

Thursday, September 5

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
[+George & Melanie (Timura) McPherson, by Catherine (Timura) Locigno]

Saturday September 7, 2024

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

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos

Saturday September 7, 2024

Dunlo 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Michael D. Prozialeck, by Peter and Theresa Valko]

Sunday September 8, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy:]

Invitation to 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. If you would have need for transportation to the ordination, contact Father Jim at the rectory. We will try to coordinate transportation.

Please remember in your prayers *Subdeacon Luke Iyengar* as he prepares for his ordination.

New Church Year: The order and forms of prayer in our church have a *yearly cycle of feasts*. This sequence constitutes the church calendar, which begins every year in the Byzantine Church on September 1. Our annual cycle of feasts is a *remembrance* of historical events which are the foundation for our faith. These events remembered by the church are not mere past history. Not only do these observances reflect our awareness of the mystery of God's love shown in these events of "*salvation history*". But by celebrating them, we actually share in the gift of God's love shown in these events.

Early in this new year of the church we come to two important feasts: the *Birth of the Mother of God* [next Sunday, September 8]; and the *Exaltation of the Cross* [September 14].

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

Annual Pilgrimage: *This weekend--Saturday, August 31 to Sunday, September 1-- the 90th Annual Pilgrimage* in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown.

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Parish Advisory Council Meetings: The Parish Advisory Council for *Saint Mary, Beaverdale* and *Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo* is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference room in Portage. Compline will be prayed in the church at 6:30 pm.

The Parish Advisory Council for *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is to be scheduled for the week of September 9 or September 16. Members will be contacted to schedule and confirm the meeting date.

Church Cleaning...is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3 at 9:00 am. Our thanks to the monthly volunteers for the church cleaning and work party.

The Sanctuary Candle ...this week is for the health of *Mary Zaliznock*, requested by Julie Brenna.

Fatima Devotions: Please join us for Fatima Devotions along with the dedication and blessing of the new Stations of the Cross and Garden Benches on Friday September 13, 6:30pm in the Sunken Gardens, Loretto. *In case of inclement weather everything will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Francis University.* The Homilist will be Fr. Joseph, Lehman, T.O.R., Minister Provincial.

Retreat for Ordination: Subdeacon Luke Iyengar will have his spiritual retreat in preparation for ordination to the diaconate, here at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, Friday, September 6-Sunday, September 8. As we welcome him for these spiritual exercises, we extend our prayerful support.

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.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday September 1 Candle: Easton Slanoc **Sunday September 8:** Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *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 Nezeski; **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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