

**Liturgical Schedule Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost November 24, 2024**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost-**

**Postfestive Day of the Feast- of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple**

**Saturday November 23, 2024**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

**Sunday November 24, 2024**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Cathy Walters; by Maxine Olshavsky]

Portage **7:00 PM** **Community Thanksgiving Service-- Moleben of Thanksgiving**

**Wednesday, November 27**

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

[+George & Melanie (Timura) McPherson, by Catherine (Timura) Locigno]

***Thanksgiving Day***

**Thursday, November 28**

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, November 30**

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

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

**Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost-**

**Saturday November 30, 2024**

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

**Sunday December 1, 2024**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Shawn Crum by Ken and Connie Crum]

**Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday is the occasion of a cherished American holiday, **Thanksgiving Day**. It is a civic observance which has deep religious roots. To set aside an opportunity to recognize the source of the many blessings and benefits of our lives as being our Creator and God demonstrates a profound and fundamental belief. This evening's Moleben of Thanksgiving gathers us in a time of prayer with other churches in the Portage area expresses unity in Christ and our thanks to God as a community.

At 9:00 am on **Thanksgiving Day** the Divine Liturgy is offered as a most fitting act of worship, lifting up our hearts in thanks to God. Our families too, seated around the table have an opportunity to express thanks for gifts before us this day and those of the entire year.

**Parish Advisory Council:** The meeting scheduled for the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage is rescheduled for **Tuesday, November 26**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory. Minutes of the previous meeting will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

**The Sanctuary Candle** for the week of November 24 is for **+Dan Brenna**, by Julie Brenna.

**Annual Community Thanksgiving Service:** Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, hosts this year's *Community Thanksgiving Service tonight* at 7:00 pm, sponsored by the Portage Area Ministerial Association. The service is a Moleben [Prayer Service] of Thanksgiving of the Byzantine Catholic Church. **Pastor Matt Leverknight**, of the *Portage Christian Missionary Alliance* will deliver the message. An offering for the Portage Area Ministerial Association will be taken, to assist in the various community needs and benefits support by the Ministerial Association.

The Moleben Service will be followed by a social with refreshments hosted by our parish in the parish social hall. Featured will be Saint Peter and Paul's home-made soft ice cream, and other refreshments.

**ECF Thanksgiving Holiday:** There will be *no ECF classes* next Sunday, December 1 for our *Thanksgiving Holiday*. Classes resume Sunday, December 8.

**"Philip's Fast"-Preparation for Christmas:** In preparation for Christmas, "*Philip's Fast*" [November 14—December 24], one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year, is observed. This time of prayer, penance, almsgiving in preparation for Christmas is to renew and strengthen our faith.

**Service of Installation:** On Monday, November 25, the *Service of Installation for a New Pastor* will be held for **Father Timothy Fariss** at Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Cambria City, this summer. The **Emmanuel Moleben** and the *Service of Installation*, will be at 7:30 pm at Saint Mary's, 411 Power Street, Cambria City. The Priests and Deacons of the Johnstown District will join parishioners of Saint Mary's for this occasion. The faithful from other parishes are also cordially invited.

**Christmas Holiday Bake Sale:** *Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot Rolls* are available from *Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, November 24**. *Order forms* in the narthex; or call Theresa Valko [814-266-3117]; provide name, phone number, items ordered.

**Thank You:** The Summerhill Township (Beaverdale) Volunteer Fire Co. has gratefully acknowledged the donation of 100 chairs and 6 tables from the social hall at Saint Peter and Paul, Dunlo. The chairs and tables will be used for various fund raisers and rentals at the Social Hall.

### **Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

**Sunday, November 24**

Candle: Easton Slanoc

**Sunday December 1**

Candle: Owen Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** *For The Health of:* *Doug Roxby; Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole* [West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh]; *John Havrilla; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; 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; Andrew & Linda Deskevich*, parents of Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich, who are residents at Autumn View; and all the ill, homebound.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;. **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** June Nezsneski; **Maple Heights, 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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