

**Liturgical Schedule Thirtieth Week after Pentecost December 8, 2024**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost—Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna**

**Saturday December 7, 2024**

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

**Sunday December 8, 2024**

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

[+Pasquale +Elena & +Tina Pieraccina, by Barbara & John Havrilla]

**Thursday, December 12**

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Susan Dusecina, by Virginia and Tom Dunlop]

**Friday December 13**

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Patrick Aungst by Parents]

**Saturday, December 14**

Portage **1:00 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

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**Sunday of the Forefathers-**

**Saturday December 14, 2024**

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

**Sunday December 15, 2024**

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Fred Vrabel, by Jim & Cindy Vrabel]

**The Maternity of Holy Anna**... celebrated today remembers how, “*Anna becomes a mother by the power of God. She conceived the woman whose conception of the Word is beyond words*” Troparion.

**Parish Saint Nicholas Social** will be Sunday, December 22 following the Divine Liturgy.

**Confessions:** Saturday at **1:00 pm**. In preparation for Christmas, **Thursday, December 19, 7:00 pm**.

**“Philip’s Fast”-Preparation for Christmas:** In preparation for Christmas, “*Philip’s Fast*” [November 14—December 24], is observed by prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Canned goods, non-perishable food, cash donations will be collected for the ***Portage*** and ***Forest Hills*** food pantries.

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of ***Reverend Monsignor Raymond Balta***, recently retired priest of the Archeparchy, and former pastor of Saint Mary’s Church, Johnstown, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 1; also, for the repose of the soul of ***+Susan Kirk Nikolaysen***, whose interment at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo, was on Saturday, December 7.

**Community Christmas Concert:** At the Hammer Street Church of God, Portage, Sunday, December 22, 2-4 pm. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Each church will be participating individually. Then we will join in a combined choir with congregational hymns.

**ECF Thanksgiving Holiday:** Classes resume today, Sunday, December 8.

**Christmas Stories--Byzantine Catholic World Christmas Edition:** This year a special feature focuses on *travel for Christmas, past or present*. Please send stories by Tuesday, December 10; and any photos to go with your story, to: [bcw@archpitt.org](mailto:bcw@archpitt.org).

**Offerings for August**

	<u>Aug 4</u>	<u>Aug 11</u>	<u>Aug 18</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$1,402.00	\$1,307.00	\$1,538.00	\$912.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 246.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 280.00
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 5.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 18.00

**Offerings for September**

	<u>Sep 1</u>	<u>Sep 8</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Sep 29</u>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$1,081.00	1,711.00	\$1,586.00	\$1,244.00	\$1,069.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 140.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 489.00
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 360.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 370.00

**Offerings for October**

	<u>Oct 6</u>	<u>Oct 13</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Oct 27</u>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$1,268.00	1,485.00\$	\$9,46.00	\$ 995.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 565.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 420.00
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 348.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 159.00

**Offerings for November**

	<u>Nov 3</u>	<u>Nov 10</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$1,437.00	\$1,332.00	\$1,217.00	\$4,781.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 451.00
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 311.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 385.00

**Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

**Sunday, December 8** Candle: Easton Slanoc      **Sunday December 15** 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 Nezneski; 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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