

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Man Born Blind — Sixth Paschal Week — May 25, 2025

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 23,

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

Sunday May 25,

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Nancy Whitcomb. by Marianne George]

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday May 28

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy
[+Daniel Brenna, by Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich]]

Thursday, May 29

Portage **6:00 PM** Divine Liturgy

Saturday May 31, 2025

Portage **1:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

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

Seventh Paschal Sunday – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday May 31

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy: [Michael and Pauline Barelick—60th Wedding Anniversary]]

Sunday June 1

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

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord...is observed on Thursday, May 29 as a feast of obligation in our church. This day not only celebrates that *“In his human body, the Lord returned to the glory he has at the right hand of his Father on high.”* We also believe and affirm on this feast, *“In this way, Christ lifts our human nature to deification”*.

As the Lord takes leave of his apostles and is lifted up to heaven in the Ascension, *“He is enthroned as the High Priest who has suffered human death, yet is risen for the sake of human life. We glorify the Lord and await his coming again in glory.”* [Typicon, p 48]

Memorial Day: This civil holiday is established as a day to remember and honor those who have given their lives in service to our country. It is a day on which to remember them in prayer as well:

“Let your servants, O Christ, see the glory of your saints, find let them be filled with spiritual joy. Let the light of your face and of your tenderness shine upon them, for they have served you, and saved your people in combat, receiving in the end death and captivity in exchange. Grant them happiness, and rest in you”.

[From the [From the Byzantine Service for Those Who Died in Service to their Country]

Ordination Today: *Subdeacon Mark LeRoy* is being ordained to the Diaconate today by Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla, at Saint Mary’s Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Many, happy years.

“Gobs” to be made for Festival/Church Picnic: Our homemade **Gobs** are being made on Wednesday, June 11 beginning at 9:00 am the kitchen and hall. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

Other preparations continue for the annual Festival. In the coming weeks, sign-up lists for the various areas of need will be posted to request volunteers

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating our 75th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and the Feast of Saint Anthony with a Healing Mass on Friday June 13, 2025, in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. We will begin the rosary at 6:30 followed by a Healing Mass. Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. will be our Homilist and Peter Regalado will lead the Music. In case of inclement weather, we will move to Immaculate Conception Chapel located on the campus of Saint Francis University. A cordial welcome to all.

Deacon Luke Iyengar ...would like to invite our parishioners to his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, July 6 at 3pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, as well as his first Divine Liturgy invoking the aid of the All-Holy Spirit on Monday, July 7 at 9:30am at Holy Ghost in McKees Rocks.

Both Divine Liturgies will have a party afterwards; if you are able to attend either party, please let him know by Saturday, June 21 at (412) 863-3285 or Liyengar3@gmail.com.

Volunteers: Help is needed for weed trimming at the parish grounds in Portage; and also with the monthly church cleaning. If you are able to assist, please contact Father Jim. .

Assembly 2025: July 16-20: Visit byzantineassembly.org to register and plan your trip or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in! We look forward to worshiping and learning with you.

In honor of our new pope, we are extending the early bird rate to June 1!

Forest Hills Community Band Schedule:

- Sunday May25: Dunlo Fire hall 7pm.
- Sunday June 1: South Fork 1st Evangelical Church 7pm
- Sunday June 8: Pops Concert New Germany Grove Hall 7pm

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday, May 25 Candle: Easton Slanoc Sunday June 1 Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.*

For the Health of: *Jessica Crum, Patty Haschak’s cousin; Barbara Havrilla; Frank Jubara; Steve Fleck; Susan O’Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak; and all the ill, homebound.*

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

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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 to 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 an integral 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: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo).** Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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