

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday, May 9

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased]

Sunday May 10, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased]

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday May 13

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy [+Maggie Ostheim, by Craig Ostheim]

Thursday, May 14

Portage **6:00 PM** Divine Liturgy

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] Saturday May 16 Portage **1:00 PM;** Beaverdale **3:30 PM**

Seventh Paschal Sunday – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday, May 16

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

Sunday May 17, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** ***First Penance Celebration for Grade Two ECF Students***
Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Richard & +Nancy Whitcomb, by Ed & Kim Rocker & Family]

Pastor's Notebook: The *Feast of the Ascension*, one of our *Feasts of Obligation*, is this week on Thursday, May 14. 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 45].

Happy Mother's Day! Today's observance of **Mother's Day** is an opportunity for expressions of gratitude, love, and appreciation for our Mother's; and also for prayerful remembrance for the repose of the souls of our Mothers who have already fallen asleep in the Lord.

Parish Festival: The next meeting to prepare for this year's festival [**Sunday July 12, 2026**] is Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the social hall. This year's event will be from 12:00-5:00 pm, with one live band. The need for more volunteers to commit to the various times and needs has prompted these changes. *Several key areas of need remain to be resolved prior to or at the next meeting on May 12.* Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Penance Celebration: For Grade Two ECF students will be next Sunday, May 17. The Grade Two Students will have their *First Penance* [Confession] on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 am, followed by a practice to prepare for Sunday's celebration of this event.
Following the Divine Liturgy there will be a **Parish Social** with refreshments to which everyone in our parish family is invited.

School of Diaconate Studies: The admissions process for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies is now open. Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply. Classes for the first year of the four year program will be June 13-26, 2027 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two week residency is required each year. Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will then be contacted by the Vocations Office. **Deadline for registration is July 1, 2026.** For questions, e-mail: vocations@archpitt.org

Sanctuary Candle: For *+Joseph* and *+Margaret Halovich*, requested by Louise Halovich.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Annual Lecture: Dr. Paul Magocsi is unable to join us this year. Instead Very Reverend Dr. Stelyios Muksuris will present *"Remember Me in Your Kingdom, O Lord": Liturgical Commemoration in the Byzantine Rite of Proskomide*"; Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 PM via the Seminary website (www.bcs.edu). It will also be on the B.C.S. YouTube channel.

Forest Hills Community Band Schedule:

- Sunday May 10: Royal Ballroom, 701 Main Street, Portage 5 pm.
- Sunday May 17: Salix Bethel U. M. Church 5 pm.
- Sunday May 24: Dunlo Fire hall 5 pm.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday May 13, at 6:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. *We encourage you to bring a friend!*

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: The United Nations *Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima and the Pilgrim Virgin Icon of our Lady of Fatima* will be at Protection of the Mother of God Parish 560 Cambria Avenue, Revloc, on Wednesday, May 13, 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/protectionofthebvm>

Liturgical Propers: - Thursday, May 14 Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, [DL 191-195]
Sunday, May 17 Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council (DL 196-202)

Troitsja May 10: Lucy Harrington May 17: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: May 10: Lucy and Luke Harrington May 17: Joseph Blazosky and Lucy Harrington

Remember in Prayer: Please update your requests by informing Father Jim. ***For the Repose of the soul of:*** *+Martha Halloway*, the sister of Maxine Olshavsky; and of *+Pam Valko*, wife of Bill Valko of Dunlo; ***For the Health of:*** Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; *Frank Jubara*; ; *John Havrilla*; *Cindy {Pyo} Lewis*; *Jane Pyo*; *Mary Donnelly*; *Sandy {Lucci} Georg*; *Barbara Havrilla*; *Susan O'Toole*; *Jeffrey Moist*; *Jean Petoro*; *Becky Zock*; *Thomas Goncher*; *Linda Sekerak*; *Jason Thornton*; *Charlett Thornton*; *Mary Lou Perich*; *Donna Block*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; *Matthew Barelick*; *Phil, & Dorothy Walters*; *Carissa Ratosky*; *Edward & Anita Wisniewski*; *Sandy Spontak*, and the homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;: Carol Slifko [Beaverdale]; Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel;; **Autumn View:** Joan Timura; Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew 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 June 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 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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