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**Liturgical Schedule—May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday — Pentecost Week**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday, May 23**

Dunlo 4:00 PM

***Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Pentecost***

[+Catherine Thrower, by Bernard & Janet Brown]

**Sunday May 24, 2026**

Portage 9:00 AM

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**Pentecost Monday Memorial Day**

**Monday May 25**

Portage 9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy *Procession with Reading of Gospels of the Holy Spirit***

***We remember and pray for those who have given their lives in service to our country***

**Thursday, May 28**

Portage 8:00 am

**Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezeski, by Forest Hills Neighbors]**

**Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]**

Saturday May 23

Portage 1:00 PM;

Beaverdale 3:30 PM

**Sunday of All Saints**

**Saturday, May 30**

Beaverdale 4:00 PM

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday May 31, 2026**

Portage 9:00 AM

**Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Steve Fleck by Debbie & Gary Krisko]**

**Pentecost:** Today is the ***Fiftieth Day*** of the great Paschal celebration of our salvation.

On ***Pentecost Monday***, after the Ambon Prayer, a procession takes place around the church. The Pentecost Troparion and Kontakion is sung, and a Gospel is read at each side of the Church.

There is ***no fasting*** this week, to manifest the spirit of joy at the Descent of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Festival:** This year's event will be from **12:00-5:00 pm**, with one live band.

We need to recruit more volunteers *to commit to the various times and needs* of the festival.

Please sign-up as the lists of areas of need are posted. *Thank you!*

**Graduates:** ***Graduates of the Class of 2026***—high school, college etc.—are asked to submit your name, school, and other pertinent information. Place information in the offering basket; or email to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net), so that we may acknowledge your graduation.

**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:

**GCU Sponsoring Parish Bulletin:** Beginning today the cost of printing and shipping our Sunday bulletins is being sponsored by the GCU Fraternal organization. The GCU's financial benefits to each parish also include: a donation of \$1,000 to each Byzantine Catholic Parish; a \$500 debit card for parish social events; and \$2,500 matching funds opportunity. Please consider GCU for your life insurance and annuity products. [bulletins@GCUusa.com](mailto:bulletins@GCUusa.com); 855-207-4499.

**School of Diaconate Studies:** Men discerning a call to diaconal service are encouraged to apply for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies. Please submit the registration form; the Vocations Office will contact you. **Deadline: July 1, 2026.** For questions: [vocations@archpitt.org](mailto:vocations@archpitt.org)

### **Forest Hills Community Band Schedule:**

- Sunday May 24: Dunlo Fire hall 5 pm.
- Sunday May 31: South Fork 1st Evangelical Church 5 pm
- Sunday June 7: Pops Concert New Germany Grove Hall 5 pm.

**Liturgical Propers:** - Sunday, May 31, Sunday of All Saints (DL 211-213).

**Troitsja**      May 24: Easton Slanoc      May 31: Owen Slanoc

**Bulletins:**    May 24: Easton and Owen Slanoc      May 31: Easton and Owen Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** Please update your requests by informing Father Jim. ***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.

**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.

**Mysteries of Christian Initiation [Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist]:** There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents prior to the celebration of the Mysteries. —. Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Sponsors must be persons who are qualified 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.