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Liturgical Schedule—August 23, 2026 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost --

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Final Day of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 22

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

Sunday August 23, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy

Tuesday August 25

Portage

7:45 am

Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am **Divine Liturgy** [+David Spontak, by Teresa Ramsey]

Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

Friday, August 28

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Great Vespers with Litija

Saturday, August 29

Portage **8:45 AM**

The Third Hour

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]

Saturday August 22

Portage

1:00 PM;

Dunlo

3:30 PM

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Postfestive Day of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

Saturday, August 29

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 30, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy [+Nancy Whitcomb, by Ken & Connie Crum]

Beheading of Saint John the Baptist ...is the final great feast of the Church year. We soon begin the new church liturgical year, on September 1. John the Baptist ended his life in prison and died a martyr for the sake of holy principles and God's commandments. His head is preserved as a relic in the church of Saint Sylvester in Rome.

Today is the *final* day of the feast of the *Dormition of the Theotokos*.

Annual Pilgrimage: **92nd Annual Pilgrimage - Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown is Labor Day weekend--**September 4-7, 2026**.

This year the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great host the 92nd Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Since 1934, her Shrine at Mount Saint Macrina has been a favored destination for the pilgrims who come to venerate her icon.

Inquiries? Interested? Contact Father Jim 814-736-9780 or james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

Sanctuary Candle: Is offered in memory of **+Elizabeth Harrigal** by Marcie and Doug Roxby.

New Academic Year: We remember in prayer students as well as teachers and others involved in areas of education, with the return to classrooms this past week and in the days ahead.

<u>Offerings for July</u>	<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>	<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,331.00	\$1,065.00	\$1,603.00	1,341.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 230.00	\$ 433.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 290.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 229.25	\$ 178.00	\$ 91.35	\$ 195.00

Upcoming Events: Sponsored by State Representative Jim Rigby:

- **Document Shredding Event,** Wednesday, September 23 at the Richland Township Fire Department, 1321 Scalp Avenue, Johnstown, 1:30-4:30 pm. Free disposal of outdated and unneeded paperwork for residential customers only. Donations of pet food will be accepted.
- **Coffee and Conversation:** Friday, October 2 Marinelli Place, 1914 Graham Avenue, Windber. Please register for this event by calling 814-536-9818; or visiting RepJimRigby.com/Events.

Liturgical Propers: **Saturday, August 29** Beheading of the Holy Prophet and Baptist John (DL 355-357); **Sunday August 30** Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Resurrection Tone 5, DL 146-148); Postfestive Day of the Beheading of John the Baptist [DL. P. 355].

Troitsja **August 23: Owen Slanoc**

August 30: Lucy Harrington

Bulletins: **August 23: Easton & Owen Slanoc**

August 30: Lucy & Luke Harrington

Remember in Prayer: To update your requests, inform Father Jim. ***For the Health of:*** Stella Raptosh; Alice Ference; Father George Johnson, Saint John's, Conemaugh; Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; *Frank Jubara; John Havrilla; Cindy {Pyo} Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly;; 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: Contact the pastor prior to surgery or in serious illness to request **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized, enter a nursing home, **please inform the pastor**.

Mystery of Repentance (Confessions): **Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo).** Also, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before services [except Sunday], and by appointment.