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Liturgical Schedule—August 9, 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost --

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Transfiguration

Saturday, August 8

Beaverdale 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Robert Fedore, by The Murtha Family]

Sunday August 9, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Thursday August 13

Portage

7:45 am

Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am **Divine Liturgy** [+Helen Spontak, by Family]

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Friday August 14

Beaverdale 4:00 PM

Vespers with Divine Liturgy **Followed by Blessing of Flowers**

Saturday August 15

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

Followed by Blessing of Flowers

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]

Saturday August 15

Portage 1:00 PM;

Dunlo

3:30 PM

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 15

Dunlo 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Mary & +Mike Estok by Eugene & Loretta Estok]

Sunday August 16, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

The Dormition of the Theotokos: In preparation for this *Feast of Obligation*, we observe the *Fast of the Dormition August 1-14*. The Church provides us with this and other yearly occasions to “work off the effects of sin in our lives and to grow closer to Him. [...] Our Tradition emphasizes regular fasting as the primary way we work on growth and repentance.” [Father Jack Custer]. The events of the Twelve coming to Jerusalem as Mary was approaching death are recorded in early writings of the period of the apostles. Our commemoration recalls and celebrates this with devotion and reverence in honoring Mary, and also renewing our hope in passing through death to the fullness of life.

Blessing of Flowers and Herbs: Flowers and herbs brought to church will be blessed at each service.

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.**

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

Church Cleaning: Tuesday, August 11. *Our thanks to the monthly volunteers to the **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.*

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to Fatima Devotions, Wednesday August 13, 6:30 pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather, at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of Saint Francis University). Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the homilist and the choir from the Our Lady Mother of Sorrows will lead the singing.
We encourage you to bring a Friend!

Upcoming Events: Sponsored by State Representative Jim Rigby:

- Seniors for Safe Driving Class, Wednesday, August 12 at Richland Township Fire Department, 176 Mount Airy Drive, Johnstown, 5:00-9:00 pm. To register: 1-800-559-4880; or visit SeniorsforSafeDriving.com.
- 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.

Liturgical Propers: Saturday, August 15, Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, The Theotokos (DL 352)
Sunday August 16 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost; Post-festive of Dormition (Resurrection Tone 3, DL 135

Troitsja August 9: Joseph Blazosky August 16: Easton Slanoc

Bulletins: August 9: Joseph Blazosky & Lucy Harrington August 16: Easton & Owen Slanoc

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, ½ hour before services [except Sunday], and by appointment.