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Liturgical Schedule—September 13, 2026 Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross-

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 12

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Helen Skoner, by Dolly & John Yonkoski]

Sunday September 6, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday, September 14

Portage

8:45 AM

The Third Hour

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Beaverdale

4:00 PM

Divine Liturgy [+Alex Afton, by Sara Zybura]

Friday, September 18

Portage **7:45 am**

Third Hour

Portage **8:00 am**

Divine Liturgy [+John, Sr. & Mary Salamon, by Mary Salamon]

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] Saturday September 12 Portage **1:00 PM;** Beaverdale **3:30 PM**

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 19

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[+Susan Rusnak & Carol Selepak Krieger, by Ron Selepak & Kathleen Grant]

Sunday September 20, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is celebrated this week [Monday, September 14].

With the Cross, suffering appears no longer as the work of blind Destiny that crushes us and leads us to revolt. It becomes rather a proof of love, the close imitation of Christ, the cleansing of sin, a sharing in the redemption of mankind and a ladder to the summit of heavenly glory.

Garage Replacement Project:

- **Garage Replacement Project** A note of thanks to those who volunteered this past Thursday, September 10 to help empty the garage on the picnic grounds of its contents.
- The garage is to be razed and is being replaced by a 24' by 30' new structure supplied by Maple Lane Storage Sheds, Ebensburg. This building will accommodate the needs of the festival, as did the garage. In addition, it offers storage and can be available for other needs in the future.

Church Cleaning: For September is Tuesday, September 15 at 8:30 am.

2026 Catechetical Sunday: The theme is “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the poor.*”. Catechists Meeting today--September 13, in the church hall, following the Divine Liturgy. We will prepare for the 2026-2027 Eastern Christian Formation classes,

Archeparchial Young Adult Pilgrimage: Saturday, September 26, Basilica & Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson, Ohio. Registration by September 22 at:

<https://form.jotform.com/YouthArchPitt/young-adult-pilgrimage-to-basilica>

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to the Fatima Devotions Sunday September 13, 6:30pm; Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather: Immaculate Conception Chapel, St. Francis University). Fr. William Shee, TOR will be the homilist

Community Event: Portage Alliance Church *GriefShare* Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, starting Tuesday, September 8. A non-sectarian Christian program to help those who have lost a loved one find hope and healing. All are welcome regardless of church affiliation; no charge for materials.

Liturgical Propers: Sunday September 13, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7, DL 156), Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross (DL 249)

Monday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (DL 253);

Sunday, September 20, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8, DL 161), Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (DL 258)

Troitsja September 13: Owen Slanoc

September 20: Owen Slanoc

Bulletins: September 13 & September 20:

Joseph Blazosky & Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: To update your requests, inform Father Jim. ***For the Health of:*** Father Jerome Botsko [WVU Hospital, Uniontown]; Brenda Widdowson; 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 is 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.