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Liturgical Schedule—September 20 2026 Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -

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

Tuesday, September 22

Portage 7:45 am

Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy [+Mike Mazur, by M/M Dale Purich]

Thursday, September 24

Portage 8:45 am

Third Hour

Portage 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy [+Father Donald Valasek, by Deacon Raymond and Mary Frances Zadzilko]

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] Saturday September 26 **Portage** 1:00 PM; **Dunlo** 3:30 PM

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 26

Dunlo 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 27, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Edward & +Pat Rocker, by Ed & Kim Rocker & Family]

Catechetical Sunday: Next Sunday, we observe Catechetical Sunday and the beginning of classes for the **2026-2027 Eastern Christian Formation** program. The theme of Catechetical Sunday this year is: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the poor."*

The importance of religious education, faith formation at all age levels cannot be overemphasized. Special prayers will be included in the Divine Liturgy and blessings given to Catechists, as well as parents, grandparents and family members who are helping to build up the body of Christ.

Celebration of Marriage to honor married couples ***Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries*** today at Saint Elias, Munhall. Congratulations to parishioners celebrating Jubilee Anniversaries in 2026.

Saints Peter and Paul, Portage

Barry & Sharon Bolvin 35 Years

Kenneth & Connie Crum 45 Years

Daniel & Sara Erzal 15 Years

Jason & Noel Miller 30 Years

Dennis & Kathy Ratosky 55 Years

David & Rebecca Single 30 Years

Demetrius & Tammy Whitcomb 40Years

Many, Happy Years! If there are others of whom we are not aware, please inform Father Jim.

Young Adult Pilgrimage: Saturday, September 26, *Basilica & Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon*, N. Jackson, Ohio. Registration at: <https://form.jotform.com/YouthArchPitt/young-adult-pilgrimage-to-basilica->

Offerings for August:

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 24</u>	<u>August 30</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,181.00	\$ 977.00	\$1,315.00	\$ 821.00	\$1,298.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 315.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 373.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 253.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 72.45	\$ 60.00	\$ 91.10	\$ 235.00	\$ 313.00

Garage Replacement Project: The garage on the picnic grounds to be razed. It is being replaced by a 24' by 30' new structure supplied by Maple Lane Storage Sheds, Ebsburg. 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.

This past week trees near the garage were removed by Shaffer Tree Service.

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 27, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1, DL 125).

Troitsja September 20: Owen Slanoc

September 27: Lucy Harrington

Bulletins: September 20: Joseph Blazosky & Owen Slanoc

September 27: Lucy & Luke Harrington

Remember in Prayer: To update your requests, inform Father Jim. *For the Health of:* Stella Raptosh, a resident of Rose of Sharon, Saint Michael; Father Jerome Botsko; Brenda Widdowson;; 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; Kelly Colwell*, Father Jim's niece.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Carol Slifko [Beaverdale]; Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** Rebekah Manor, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Rose of Sharon:** Stella Raptosh; **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, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.