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Liturgical Schedule—September 27 2026 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost -

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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]

Monday, September 28

Portage **7:45 am**

Third Hour

Portage **8:00 am**

Divine Liturgy [+Thomas Spontak, by Family]

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos Mary

Wednesday, September 30

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Thursday, October 1

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy -[+Fred Vrabel, by Jean, Marie, and Natalie Hufford]

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, October 3

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Robert Fedore, by Jason & Michelle Andrykovitch]

Sunday October 4, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy

Catechetical Sunday: *Today is Catechetical Sunday* and the beginning of classes for the **2026-2027 ECF** program. The theme of Catechetical Sunday is: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the poor."* Prayers are included In the Divine Liturgy today for this work of instruction in the faith. At the Dismissal of the Liturgy is the commissioning of our Catechists. We also impart a blessing to Catechists, our students, as well as parents, grandparents and family members

St. John Chrysostom said, "What is equal to training the soul and forming the mind of one that is young?" Nothing! The need for soul formation is as prominent today as it was when St. John Chrysostom asked the question in the fourth century. Today all those who are involved in faith formation are present to pray together and be blessed at the start of a new catechetical year. We pray for the Spirit of the Lord be with them in this important ministry and God grant them many happy and blessed years.

Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God is observed this week on October 1.

This is the patronal feast of Saint Mary's Holy Protection in Beaverdale.

Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Auction pm Saturday, October 10 [5:00-6:30 pm]; and Sunday, October 11 [11 am-3:00 pm] at Saint John the Baptist Church, Northern Cambria, 717 Chestnut Avenue. There is also a \$1000 cash raffle. The tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are \$10.

Parish Breakfast... is planned for Sunday, October 18, following the Divine Liturgy. Plan to come to enjoy this gathering, provided by the benefit debit card from the GCU. A sign-up listed will be in the narthex next Sunday. You may also call [814-736-9780] or email to Father Jim at: [\[james.armand.spontak@verizon.net\]](mailto:james.armand.spontak@verizon.net).

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of *+John and +Catherine Sekerak*, on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary, requested by Kathy Sekerak.

Garage Replacement Project: The garage on the picnic grounds was razed this past week by Darryl Wilson Excavator. The garage 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.

Liturgical Propers: Thursday, October 1, The Protection of the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (DL 261-262); Sunday, October 4, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2, DL 130).

Troitsja September 27: Lucy Harrington

October 4: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: September 27: Lucy & Luke Harrington

October 4: Joseph Blazosky & Owen Slanoc

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 parts 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.