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**Liturgical Schedule—September 6, 2026 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost --**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost;**

**Saturday, September 5**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday September 6, 2026**

Portage **9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy** [+Frank Yetsko, by Tony & Carol Pyo]

**Feast of the Birth of Mary, the Theotokos**

**Tuesday, September 8**

Portage

8:45 AM

The Third Hour

**9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

Beaverdale

**4:00 PM**

**Divine Liturgy**

[+George and Catherine Selepak, by Ron Selepak and Kathleen Grant]

**Friday, September 11**

Remembrance of the Acts of Terrorism on September 11, 2001

Portage **7:45 am**

Third Hour

Portage **8:00 am**

**Divine Liturgy** [+Those who died in the Acts of Terrorism on September 11, 2001]

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

**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**

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

**Church Liturgical Year:** The **Birth of Mary, the Theotokos** is the first feast of the new Church year. On this day we join the parents of the Mother of God, Joachim and Anna, and our first parents, Adam and Eve, in celebrating the prelude of universal joy and the first fruits of our salvation.

**Outdoor Project:** This Thursday, September 10, at 10:00 am volunteers are needed to help with a project to empty the garage on the picnic grounds of its contents. If you are available to help at this time, please come to lend a hand. The garage is to be razed and is being replaced by a new structure supplied by Maple Lane Storage Sheds, Duman Lake Road, Ebensburg. More information on this project will be provided in the coming weeks.

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

**92nd Annual Pilgrimage:-** At Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown is Labor Day weekend--  
September 4-7, 2026. Schedule of services and events may be found at: [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org).

**Acts of Terrorism in 2001:** Friday, September 11 is the 25th Anniversary of the Acts of Terrorism committed in 2001. The Divine Liturgy will be offered for those who died in these attacks.

**Basket Prize Winners:** From this year's Festival are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex

**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)

**Troitsja**      September 6: Joseph Blazosky

September 13: Owen Slanoc

**Bulletins:**      September 6: Lucy & Luke Harrington      September 13: Joseph Blazosky & 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 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.