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

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

Thursday August 20 Portage 7:45 am Third Hour
Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Fred Vrabel, by Jim Afton & Marie & Marty Johnson]

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] Saturday August 22 Portage 1:00 PM; Beaverdale 3:30 PM

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Final Day of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday, August 22

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

Sunday August 23, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

The Dormition of the Theotokos: The *post-festive* days of the feast of the Dormition continue throughout this week. During these days, the *Kontakion* hymn of this feast reminds us of Mary the Theotokos' continuing presence in the church as our advocate and intercessor: *"The grave and death did not detain the Theotokos. She intercedes without rest and is our unfailing hope of protection; for he who dwelt in the womb of the Ever Virgin transferred to life the Mother of Life."*

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.**

In the letter of invitation and welcome to the Pilgrimage, Sister Susan Sisko, Provincial and the Sisters offer these words to the faithful of our parishes:

"Our 92nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Perpetual Help is upon us. With enthusiasm and joy, the Sisters of Saint Basil welcome all of our pilgrims to Mount Saint Macrina to once again take those sacred pilgrimage steps that nourish and support throughout the year.

"Mount Saint Macrina awaits your presence and is eager to support the treasured steps you take on this annual pilgrimage. All of us who live and work at the Mount are joyfully awaiting your prayers, presence, and friendship."

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

Parish Advisory Council The next meeting of the ***Parish Advisory Council*** for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference Room.

Church Cleaning: Rescheduled for this Tuesday, August 18.

*Our thanks to the monthly volunteers to the **Work Party and Church Cleaning.***

Sanctuary Candle: Is offered this week in memory of **Cathy Walters**, by Phil and Dorothy Walters. by Phil and Dorothy Walters. by Phil and Dorothy Walters.

Eternal Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Sister Theresa Baval OSBM of the Uniontown Province of the Sisters of St. Basil who fell asleep in the Lord August 13; also, Andrew Nevarre, brother-in-law of Michelle Nevarre.

Upcoming Events: Sponsored by State Representative Jim Rigby:

- **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.
- **Coffee and Conversation:** Friday, October 2 Marinelli Place, 1914 Graham Avenue, Windber. Please register for this event by calling 814-536; or visiting RepJimRigby.com/Events.

Liturgical Propers: **Sunday August 23** Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Resurrection Tone 4, DL 141); Final day of Dormition (DL 352)

Troitsja **August 16: Easton Slanoc**

August 23: Owen Slanoc

Bulletins: **August 16: Easton & Owen Slanoc**

August 23: 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 Vrael;;

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.