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**Liturgical Schedule—August 30, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost --**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Postfestive Day of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**  
**Saturday, August 29**

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

**Sunday August 30, 2026**

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy [+Nancy Whitcomb, by Ken & Connie Crum]

**Tuesday September 1 Beginning of the Church Liturgical Year**

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Daniel Brenna, by John & Bonnie Biezanni]

Portage 7:45 am Third Hour

**Friday, September 4**

Portage 7:45 am Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Mary Vrabel, by Paul Vrabel]

**Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]** Saturday September 5 **Portage** 1:00 PM; **Beaverdale** 3:30 PM

**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]

**Annual Pilgrimage:** *92nd Annual Pilgrimage* - at Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown is Labor Day weekend--**September 4-7, 2026**. The theme this year is *Theotokos: Beacon of Hope*.

The schedule of services and other events may be found at: [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org).

**2026 Catechetical Sunday:** The theme is *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the poor."*. In preparation for Catechetical Sunday and the 2026-2027 Eastern Christian Formation classes, a *Catechists Meeting*: is to be scheduled for early September.

**Church Liturgical Year:** The First Ecumenical Council decreed that the Church's year begins on September 1. This corresponded to the month on the Jewish calendar that our Lord Jesus went into the synagogue at Nazareth and began to preach [Lule 4:16-21].

**Work Party:** For September is Saturday, September 5 at 9:00 am.

**Sanctuary Candle:** Correction from Sunday, August 23: The sanctuary candle was offered the week of August 23 in memory of *+Elizabeth Harrigal*, by Marcie and Doug Roxby.

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

**Donation:** We gratefully acknowledge a donation to *Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo*, from Robert and Sharon Kachmar.

**Community Event:** Portage Alliance Church will host ***GriefShare*** Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, starting Tuesday, September 8. This is a non-sectarian Christian program to help those who have lost a loved one due to death find hope and healing.

All are welcome regardless of church affiliation, and there is no charge for materials.

**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 814-536-9818; or visiting [RepJimRigby.com/Events](http://RepJimRigby.com/Events).

*Sponsored by State Senator Wayne Langerholic:*

- **Senior Expo**, Thursday, September 17 at the Galleria Mall; 10:00 am to 12 Noon. Door prizes and health screening; exhibitions from government agencies and senior organizations.

**Liturgical Propers:** **Sunday September 6** *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost* (Resurrection Tone 6, DL 152); **Tuesday, September 8**, *The Birth of the Theotokos* (DL 243)

**Troitsja**      **August 30: Lucy Harrington**      **September 6: Joseph Blazosky**

**Bulletins:**      **August 30: Lucy & Luke Harrington**      **September 6: 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, ½ hour before services [except Sunday], and by appointment.