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Liturgical Schedule—October 4, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost -

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Saturday, October 3

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Sunday October 4, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

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

Divine Liturgy

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] **Saturday, October 10** Portage 1:00 PM Dunlo 3:30 PM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost—Memory of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Saturday, October 10

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Sunday October 11, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy [+Pauline Yetsko, by Paul & Sandy Lenz]

Annual Clergy Retreat This Week: Father Jim and Deacon Daniel Perich are attending the Clergy Retreat, October 4-8 at Antiochian Village, Ligonier. The Retreat Director is **Father John Szada**. Please remember in your prayers the priests and deacons and Metropolitan William during this retreat. You will be remembered in our prayers during this time.

In the event of an emergency or for the anointing of the sick, you may contact any of the local Catholic priests

Parish Breakfast: 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 list is in the narthex—**please sign up by next Sunday, October 11**. You may also call [814-736-9780] or email to Father Jim at: [\[james_armand_spontak@verizon.net\]](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

If you would volunteer to bring **Take-out breakfast** to a homebound parishioner[s], there is also a separate list designated for this purpose. Please give your name, and the name of the person[s] to whom you are bring a **Parish Breakfast**. **Thank you!**

Eastern Christian Formation Classes: Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

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.

Church Cleaning: Tuesday, October 13, 9:00 am.

Thanks to the monthly volunteers for the **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday October 13, 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. Father Brian Norris will be the homilist, and the Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. from Toronto, Ohio, will lead the singing. We encourage you to Bring a Friend

2026 Holiday Food Bank Donations. In keeping with the GCU Mission Statement—*"Strengthening Communities"*, GCU will once again sponsor ***our Holiday Food Bank Donation Program***. Parishes are asked to participate with a collection in their church during the month of October. Money collected by our parishes will be ***matched up to \$500*** by the GCU.

If donating by check, please make your check payable to your respective parish; the parish will then present a parish check to the appropriate Food Pantry for the total amount collected

Garage Replacement Project: The garage on the picnic grounds is being replaced by a 24' by 30' structure by Maple Lane Storage Sheds. Delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20.

This past week gravel was delivered and will be used to provide a level surface on which to place the garage building. The 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 October 4: Joseph Blazosky

October 11: Owen Slanoc

Bulletins: October 4: Joseph Blazosky & Owen Slanoc October 11: Joseph Blazosky & Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: To update your requests, inform Father Jim. ***For the Health of:***; 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.