

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Paschal Week May 22, 2022

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 21

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday May 22

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Ron Yuhas, by Arnold & Joyce Smorto]

Monday, May 23

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Joseph Raptosh, by Stella Raptosh]

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday May 25

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy
[for +Margaret Prudhoe, by Marty & Marie Johnson]

Thursday, May 26

Portage 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Saturday May 28

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Seventh Paschal Sunday – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday May 28

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Pauline Valko, by George & Cindy Valko]

Sunday May 29

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social TODAY... in the church hall, following the Divine Liturgy. This will be our first *Coffee Social* since Sunday, March 1, 2020. Please plan to come for this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and to enjoy the refreshments provided.

First Penance Celebration for *Max Erzal* and *Bryce Harrington* is next Sunday, May 29.

An *End of the Year* celebration at the Ranger miniature golf and ice cream in Sidman is being planned. Parents will be informed of details.

Pastoral Practicum Program: Metropolitan William has appointed *Seminarian Luke Iyengar* to serve a *Pastoral Practicum Program* at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Portage from Monday, June 6 until Sunday, August 7.

Please remember Seminarian Luke Iyengar in your prayers as we prepare to welcome him and to provide this Pastoral Practicum opportunity in the coming weeks.

Annual Festival: At the Meeting this past week on Thursday, May 19 we continued our planning for the Annual Festival. Please plan to be available for our **Annual Festival/Church Picnic**, on Sunday, July 10, 2022. Your time and generosity in volunteering are greatly appreciated.

The Paschal Season: This Sunday of the *Man Born Blind* refers us once again to our Baptism. It is by Baptism that we have been raised with Christ to a new life. Today, the eyes of the blind man are “anointed” by the mud paste which Jesus made. He then is sent to the Pool of Siloam to wash, and there his eyes are opened. In Baptism we are first anointed [our eyes and also our other members] and then come to the water of Baptism to be cleansed and, raised up with Christ.

The ***Ascension*** celebrates the triumph of our Saviour who ascended into heaven. For us also it is a day of triumph: ***"O Christ, You have come down from heaven to earth. Being God, You lifted up Adam's race that had been brought down in the prison of Hades. Through your ascension, You raised it up again to the heights of heaven and established it in your company on the Father's throne, for You are merciful and the Lover of Mankind."*** Hymn of the Office of the Feast

- The 40th Day of the Paschal Season, the ***Feast of the Ascension*** is a *Feast of Obligation* of our church.
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

Graduates 2022: Please submit the names of parishioners who are graduating in 2022 from high school, college, etc. and include degrees earned and special awards. . Place information in an envelope in the offering box, or call [736-9780] or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of + ***Margaret Fleck***, requested by Steve Fleck Sr.

Weekly Bulletins: The transmission of the Sunday bulletin by email has been interrupted the past several weeks, due to a technical difficulty. We regret any inconvenience due to this interruption and hope to resolve this difficulty soon and to resume sending the bulletin by email.

2023 Synod of Bishops Completed surveys questionnaires are to be returned to the container in the narthex by today--Sunday, May 15. .

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle: We ask our volunteers for holding the Troitsja and distributing bulletins to inform Father Jim of your summer schedules for vacations and times to be away, so that the schedule may be made to accommodate these times. Thank you.

Sunday May 22:	<u>Candle:</u> Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Ryan Lenz & Evan Lenz
Sunday May 29:	<u>Candle:</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
Sunday June 5	<u>Candle:</u> Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Ryan Lenz & Evan Lenz

Remember in Prayer: **The Health of:** Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; *Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick;* and all the ill, homebound. The ***2023 Synod of Bishops***, “*For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.*” **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Homewood, Martinsburg:** *Charles Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **Rebekah Manor, Portage:** Helen Zaher; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care, Ebensburg:** Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care, Sidman:** Kathryn Malley.

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Mysteries of Christian Initiation: There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist.** Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor 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 a **required** part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill: Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing.** When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor.**

Mystery of Repentance (Confessions): **Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo).** Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday],** and by appointment.