

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-third Week after Pentecost November 13, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost:

Saturday November 12

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 13

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Mae Haschak by Patty Haschak]

Monday, November 14

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Susan Timo, by Cathy Silvestri]

Wednesday, November 16

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy + Mary Vrabel, by Paul Vrabel]

Thursday, November 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Helen Valko, by John Valko & Family]

Saturday November 19

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prefestive Day of the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God

Saturday November 19

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 20

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Michael Blazosky, by Ed Hudak]

The Season of Philip's Fast, the period of preparation for Christmas in the Byzantine Catholic Church, begins on Tuesday, November 15. During the Philip's Fast donations of canned goods and non-perishable food will be collected for the **Portage Food Pantry** and the **Forest Hills Food Pantry** [from Beaverdale and Dunlo]. *Donations of cash may also be made and will be forwarded.*

"Cutting Away Thorns: Why Fasting Precedes the Feast", will be presented by Hierodeacon Moses Wright on Monday, November 28 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. ET. Register at: www.Godwithusonline.org.

Fasting at this time of year is a foreign concept to the world, but the Church knows that it is a sure means of preparing to celebrate the Feasts and great mysteries of our faith to the fullest. Join us as we discover a deeper "why" for fasting as we approach the Great Feast of the Lord's Nativity.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service: Portage Area Ministerial Association **Community Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held on Sunday, November 20 [Sunday prior to Thanksgiving] at 6:00 pm. Hosted by **123 Main**, [at 123 Main Street], with Father Paul Zomerfeld as the Speaker.

Benefit for Katie Czapp: *Katie Czapp* is on the kidney transplant waiting list. She will require additional surgeries to remove her failing kidney, and while she waits for a call from the transplant team, she will require dialysis. To support her during this difficult time, a **Basket Raffle** will be held at **St. Bartholomew Church, Sunday, November 27**. Doors will open at 11 am; Basket drawings begin at 3 pm. If you wish to donate to this event, please contact *Connie Crum* at 814-525-9244.

Icons, CD Recordings: *Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater T.O.R* has made available a collection of icons and CD recordings of liturgical music and hymns. These are in the usher' room for those who wish to take for their use. **Thank you, Brother Sean!**

Christmas Holiday Bake Sale: *Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot Rolls* are available from *Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 27. Order forms in the narthex; or call Thresa Valko [814-266-3117]; provide name, phone number, items ordered.

65th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration: **Raffle [\$10/ticket]** prize of \$2,000; based on the PA Lottery on Tuesday, December 6. For tickets contact Father Jim or one of the ushers

Memorial Donation: We gratefully acknowledge a donation in memory of **+Paulette Fedorko** from *Marty and Alisha Slanoc*. **Eternal Memory!**

Parish Advisory Council Meeting for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the rectory.

Minutes from the previous meeting of September 22, 2022 will be in next Sunday's bulletin

"Joyful Light" the newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is included in today's bulletin. **Joyful Light** features faculty, seminarians and events of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

The Newsletter is also available also at www.bcs.edu.

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week for **+George** and **+Anna Pyo**, by Jane Pyo Family.

"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins: High school students have been asked to volunteer to operate the electronic carillon bells to play Marian hymns following the Divine Liturgy.

November 13 Candle & Bells: Abby Koban Bulletins: Abby Koban & Bella Koban

November 20 Candle & Bells: Easton Slanoc Bulletins: Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

November 27 Candle & Bells Lexie Slanoc Bulletins: Abby Koban & Bella Koban

Remember in Prayer: The Health of: *Angeline Pieraccini; Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawwluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound.*

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; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care,** Sidman: Kathryn Malley; **Quality Life** [Johnstown]; *Catherine McGough* [Beaverdale].

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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 to 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.

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