

Liturgical Schedule Eighth Week after Pentecost July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Memory of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Saturday July 15

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elaine Kachmar, by Margaret Prudhoe]

Sunday July 16

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Prophet Elijah

Wednesday, July 19

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

Thursday, July 20

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy-- *Followed by Blessing of Autos*

Friday July 21

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezeski, by Val Bionaz]

Saturday July 22

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 22

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 23

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Fleck, by M/M Larry /Summerville & Family]

The Feast of Saint Elijah is also the occasion for the blessing of automobiles and other vehicles. This blessing is occasioned by Elijah's ascent into heaven in a fiery chariot. This blessing will take place following *Great Vespers* [Wednesday evening]; and the *Divine Liturgy* [Thursday].

We welcome *Very Reverend Robert Pipta*, Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, who will be visiting here in Portage on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Elijah.

Annual Festival: Our Festival volunteers and patrons endured the discomfort of the rain for the early part of the afternoon, until the weather improved later in the day. We are grateful to all who helped in so many ways, as well as to our valued patrons and friends who came to support our efforts and enjoy the food, bands and games. ***Food items*** [stuffed cabbage; halushki; sausage; french fries, ice cream novelties are available for sale after the Divine Liturgy today; or call the rectory -814-736-9780].

Prize winners, other festival acknowledgments will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.

Picnic Grounds work Project: On Monday, July 17 at 6:30 pm, volunteers are needed to help put away picnic tables, benches, etc. Thanks for your help.].

Deacon Tyler Wisniewski: continues his Pilgrimage in the Holy Land during the coming week, visiting the Biblical sites of Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerome among other places.

Offerings for May	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Portage:	\$2,817.00	\$1,672.00	\$1,018.00	\$ 1,895.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 297.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 494.00	\$ 305.00
Dunlo:	\$ 10.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 206.00

Offerings for June	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Portage:	\$1,010.00	\$1,493.00	\$1,460.00	\$ 729.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 229.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 295.00
Dunlo:	\$ 10.00	\$ 253.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 58.00

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **+Francis** and **+Betty Christina**, requested by Valerie Pcola.

Celebration of Marriage to honor married couples observing **Wedding Anniversaries** of **10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years in multiples of five** in 2023; **Sunday, September 10**. A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm; followed by a dinner. Please inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2023 by Sunday, July 16.

Lost & Found: A member of "That Oldees Band" lost a black plastic tuner for his guitar near the band pavilion area. If found, call Paul at 814-243-2502.

The Assembly of the Byzantine Metropolitan Church: November 2-5, 2023, Hillsborough, New Jersey. An opportunity for us as a Church to remember our historical past, consider the reality of our present, and explore the vision and dreams of our going forward into the future. The Assembly Planning Committee has been working to make this vision a reality. Registration is now open on the Assembly website <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org/>.

"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

July 16	Candle & Bells	Lexie Slanoc	Bulletins:	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
July 23	Candle & Bells	Easton Slanoc	Bulletins:	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; 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; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Quality Life Services:** 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 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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