

Liturgical Schedule Ninth Week after Pentecost July 23, 2023

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]

Monday July 24

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Dorothy Resconich, by brother, Dr. Sam Resconich]

Thursday July 27

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Alick Prudhoe, by Bill & Frances Slifko]

Saturday July 29

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 29

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ben and +Ann Zaremba, by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Estok]

Sunday July 30

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy

Blessed Basil Hopko: Today we observe the memory of the repose of **+Blessed Basil Hopko**, who served as an Auxiliary Bishop of our Greek Catholic Eparchy of Presov [Slovakia]. The son of poor, landless peasants, his father died when the boy was just a year old. When he was four his mother emigrated to the United States to look for work. Educated in Hungary, he was trained at the Seminary in Prešov, Czechoslovakia. He had dreams of joining his mother in the United States, and of pursuing his vocation there. The cost of recurring health problems left him unable to afford to travel.

When he finally decided to serve in his native land, he was suddenly cured, and realized he was been given a sign about his calling. He was ordained in 1929, and served as a parish priest in Prague where he was noted for a mission to the poor, the unemployed, and to students. Ordained auxiliary bishop of Prešov in 1947, Bishop Basil was arrested April 28, 1950 as part of the Communist government's suppression of the Greek Catholic Church.

He was kept on starvation rations and tortured for weeks and was eventually given a show trial and sentenced to fifteen years for the "subversive activity" of staying loyal to Rome. He was repeatedly transferred from prison to prison, and continually abused. His health, physical and emotional, failed, and in 1964 he was transferred to a home for the aged and kept under guard there. While he managed to overcome severe depression, and went on to minister to a group of one hundred and twenty nuns imprisoned at the home, he never recovered his physical health. His death was a direct result of imprisonment, and he is considered one of the many martyred by Communism.

+Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko is one of the many heroic witnesses of our Greek Catholic Church during the era of Communism. We ask for his intercession to strengthen our faith and hope.

Picnic Grounds Work Project: Monday, July 24, 6:30 pm—rescheduled from last week because of rain. Volunteers needed to help put away picnic tables, benches. Thank you for your help.

Annual Festival: A note of thanks to our donors and friends: *Serenko-Claar Funeral Home* for donating the tent for tables to accommodate our guests; *Adams Township Fire Department* in Saint Michael, for the use of their fryer; and *Bern Blazosky* for making this available for our use; *John Maruska* from *Algas* in Gallitzin for the gas grill used for the funnel cakes; *Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church*, Conemaugh for supplying the homemade Pirohi for us to serve to our guests; *Father William Lascelles*, [retired] Punxsutawney, for his generous donation; and to so many other friends and benefactors for their generosity and support.

We received many donations from area businesses and merchants for the basket raffle.

A note of thanks also for the many baskets from parishioners. *Prize winners* for the baskets and raffle will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.

Deacon Tyler Wisniewski: We look forward to Deacon Tyler Wisniewski's return this week from his Pilgrimage to Turkey and the Holy Land in Israel. His travels provided many opportunities to visit biblical sites and gain valuable insights in understanding the texts in Scripture related to these.

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **+George Haschak**, requested by Patty Haschak.

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

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 23	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
July 30	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	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, Beavertdale:** 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, Beavertdale.

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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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