

## Liturgical Schedule Sixthh Week after Pentecost July 2, 2023

### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday July 1

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

#### Sunday July 2

Portage      **9:00 AM**      Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Alice Ference]

#### Tuesday, July 4      **Independence Day**

Portage      7:45 AM      The Third Hour  
                  8:00 AM      Divine Liturgy      For our nation, with thanksgiving on Independence Day

#### Friday July 7

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

#### Saturday July 8

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

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#### Saturday July 8

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

#### Sunday July 9

Portage      **9:00 AM**      Sunday Divine Liturgy  
    [The miners killed in the Sonman Mine Explosion of July 15, 1940, by Kathy Sekerak]

**Scripture Reflection:** Our salvation is to be found not simply in words or teachings. Rather, it is the events that are found in Scripture, what God has *done* in our behalf. This is seen especially in the great moments of the Exodus in the Old Testament; and the death and resurrection of our Lord. We find this today, in the episode in which Jesus expels demons.

In today's Gospel [Matthew 8:28-9:1] Jesus establishes order out of chaos; also brings light out of darkness; and life out of death. The existence of these two men is clouded by the chaos of demonic possession and the darkness and death this causes. By a single word, Jesus overcomes these. Our salvation is accomplished in the same way, less dramatically but no less effectively.

**July Fourth—Independence Day:** Our nation observes its most important holiday this week, an occasion to remember and celebrate our nation's birth and its identity. We remember in prayer the needs of our nation and its citizens.

Have a pleasant, safe, and enjoyable July Fourth Holiday!

**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.

## Annual Festival – Sunday, July 9, 2023:

Please take note of evens etc. for this week:

**Kitchen:** *Volunteers* are needed each day Wednesday through Friday at 9:00 am each day.

**Raffle Tickets** Selling *Raffle Tickets* advertises the Festival. More tickets are available in the parish office. Return the stubs and money in the collection basket, or at the festival **by 3 pm**.

**Sign-up Lists** for the Festival and the *Basket Raffle* are posted in the narthex.

**Bake Sale:** Please help us to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.

**Setting-Up Tents:** Thursday, July 6 at 6:00 pm: Help is needed with outdoor projects--setting up tents, place tables, etc.

Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 am, the day before the Festival, help is needed to prepare the grounds.

**GCU Byzantine Family Day:** Thursday, July 27. **Discount Ride-All Day Tickets:** \$25 Ride All Day Ticket (age 4+); \$25; Lunch **Ticket** (age 11+) \$20; **Kids Lunch Tickets** (ages 3-10).

Order tickets at **GCUusa.com**. Deadline to order tickets is Monday, July 10 Allow 7-10 business days for tickets to be delivered. Questions, call 724-495-3400, Ext. 3810.

**Church Cleaning for July:** is scheduled for this week.

A note of thanks to our volunteers for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

**Fatima Devotions:** The Franciscan Friars from Loreto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Thursday July 13, at 6:30 pm in the Gardens In case of inclement weather at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel]. The presider will be Very Rev. Fr. John Byrnes from the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. We are really looking forward to seeing you

**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:**

<b>July 2</b>	<u>Candle &amp; Bells</u>	Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
<b>July 9</b>	<u>Candle &amp; Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer:** *For The repose of the soul of Barbara Hancharik* mother of Reader Joseph Hancharik, deacon candidate. **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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