

Liturgical Schedule Fourteenth Week after Pentecost August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday August 26

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie & Doug Roxby]

Sunday August 27

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

Monday August 28

Beaverdale **6:00 PM**

Great Vespers with Litija

Tuesday, August 29

Portage 8:45 AM

The Third Hour

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 1

Beginning of the Church Year

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Dorothy Resconich, by Paul Vrabel]

Saturday September 2

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday September 2

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Alex & Tekla Krenisky, by John Krenisky]

Sunday September 3

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina-In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Pilgrimage in Uniontown is September 2 and 3, 2023. Follow us on Facebook for updates: Schedules and more details at www.sistersofstbasil.org; and in the *Byzantine Catholic World*.

The theme of this year's *89th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help* is "*Theotokos: Loving Protectress of All*".

Parishioners who in need of transportation, or to assist other with transportation, are asked to call the parish office [814-736-9780] or contact Father Jim [james_armand_spontak@verizon.net].-

This Week: This week we observe the final feast in our annual church calendar-- *the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist* [August 29]. We honor him as the one who championed the moral law of God and was beheaded because of opposition to that law. His courage and vigor in his conscientious adherence to God's law is a tonic to renew us in our own dedication to our commitment.

On September 1 we enter into a *New Church Year*. The feasts and observances throughout the year are not only as "education" to enhance our faith. But even more each feast "*actualizes*" or makes present the event and person being remembered. And through this, they bring us to an encounter and union with Christ.

Work Party & Church Cleaning: Church Cleaning for September will be **Monday, August 28**, at **9:00 am**. This change is due to Labor Day Holiday on September 4, the first Monday of September. The **Work Party** will be on **Saturday, September 2**, at **9:00 am**.

You Are Invited: Historic Gathering of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America

Metropolitan Archbishop William, Bishop Kurt, and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Church invite YOU to attend the "Metropolitan Assembly" at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey, on Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023!

The theme of the Assembly is to **"Learn about Our Past and to Prepare for Our Future!"** Guest speakers include *Dr. Paul Magosci*, noted Author and Historian; *Bishop Nil Lushchak* of the Eparchy of Mukachevo; *Cardinal Timothy Dolan*, Archbishop of New York; as well as other clergy and lay leaders. The Assembly includes lectures, discussions, fellowship, and a gala dinner with folk music and dancing. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between 18 and 35. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org/> and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com. Hope to see YOU there!

Cemetery Donations: We gratefully acknowledge these donations:

- ***Saint Mary's Cemetery, Beaverdale:*** Robert and Sharon Kachmar, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
- ***Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo:*** Katherine Valko Sabol, Concord, Ohio.
- Also a word of grateful acknowledgement to parishioners in each of our parish communities—*Beaverdale, Dunlo, and Portage* for your faithful support to the needs of our parish cemeteries. Cemetery envelopes are included in your packet of church offering envelopes.

Many, Happy Years! Archbishop William will ordain **Reader John Welch** to and **Reader Timothy Farris** to the Sub-Diaconate and Diaconate at Saints. Peter and Paul Church in Warren, Ohio, today Sunday, August 27.

2023 Festival Prize Winners: Inadvertently omitted in the listing printed earlier: **Baskets of Cheer:** Sandy Bianconi; Judi Letzo; Brittany Zellam; Val Pcola; Mary Jane Goncher; Betty Phillips. **Raffle Tickets:** **1st Prize--\$300:** Lori Murphy; **2nd Prize--\$200:** Jean Hufford; **3rd Prize--\$100:** Rodney Wisen.

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: *Carol Hill*, sister of Deacon Dan Perich; Carol Tomko [Father Jim's sister]; 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*; *Matthew Barelick* and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): 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 Neznieski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Quality Life Services:** Catherine McGough, Beaverdale; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Billy.

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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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