

Liturgical Schedule Tenth Week after Pentecost August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Saturday August 5

Dunlo **5:00 PM** *Vespers with Divine Liturgy*

Sunday August 6

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Ed "Moose" Pyo, by Darlene Shaner]

Wednesday August 9

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
| 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy
[+Michael and +Elizabeth Andrykovitch, by daughters Kathy & Michele]

Friday, August 11

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
| 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Helen Spontak by Family]

Saturday July 12

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday August 12

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

Sunday August 13

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord: *The icon of the Transfiguration* on the tetrapod was acquired by Deacon Tyler during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is from Mt. Tabor and was touched to the rock floor of the crypt in the Church of the Transfiguration. It is believed that Jesus stood on this rock during the Transfiguration. *The blessing grapes and other fruit* takes place today, as we give thanks to God for the harvest of the summer fruits.

The Fast of the Dormition is observed from August 1-14. The fasts of the Church Year invite us to a concerted effort to put God first in our lives through prayer; almsgiving, and fasting. At home displaying an icon of the Theotokos with a candle and flowers helps to keep the season in our minds. Family meal times may present an opportunity for prayer and perhaps reading from the Scriptures.

Food Items Remaining from Annual Festival: *Frozen French Fries*--\$7.00/5 lb. bag. *Ice Cream Treats:* \$7.00 per box [10 items/box; ice-cream sandwiches. Call the rectory: 814-736-9780.

Many, Happy Years: Zaya **Lee Stager** received the *Mysteries of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist*—on Wednesday, August 2.

Church Cleaning & Work Party:

- **Church Cleaning** for August is scheduled for **Monday, August 7**, at **9:00 am**.
- *Thank You* to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Deacon Tyler's Pilgrimage to Constantinople/Istanbul, Turkey

The first leg of my two-week pilgrimage was spent in Constantinople. Also known as the city of Byzantium, Constantinople became the capital of the Roman Empire in 330 AD. It is here that the Byzantine rite developed. I arrived on July 11th, which happens to be the feast day of St. Euphemia. Her relics are kept in the Patriarchal Church of St. George. Since it was her feast day, my group visited St. George's and venerated her relics, which were exposed and placed in the middle of the church. We also prayed before the relics of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great at the cathedral. I spent the following days touring the Bosphorus Strait, enjoying kebabs, and visiting churches. Sadly, many of the ancient Christian churches have been converted into Mosques. Very little iconography remains at these sites. Praying at the great church of Hagia Sophia was incredible. I closed my eyes and imagined our liturgy being celebrated there centuries ago. Another moving experience occurred inside the church of Hagia Irene. So much of what I have learned at seminary came to life at this church. The Creed we chant at every liturgy was finalized at Hagia Irene during the First Council of Constantinople. You can still see where all the bishops would have sat during the council behind the altar. While I spent only four days in Turkey, much ground was covered.

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

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Sunday August 13, 6:30pm in the Gardens. In case of inclement weather at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell. We are 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:

July 30	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
August 6	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Carol Hill, sister of Deacon Dan Perich; 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): 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; **Presbyterian Village**, Hollidaysburg; 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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