

Liturgical Schedule Seventeenth Week after Pentecost September 17, 2023

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday September 16

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

Sunday September 17

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Jerry Kinback, by Diane Kinback & Family]

Monday, September 18

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Mary Nesbella, by Dane Nesbella—*40th Day Remembrance*]

Tuesday, September 19

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

Saturday September 23

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday September 23

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Prudhoe, by Denny & Alys Civic]

Sunday September 24

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

Eastern Christian Formation:

Today we begin the **2023-2024 Eastern Christian Formation** year of catechetical classes. At the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy, Students and Catechists will receive a blessing for the beginning of the year. Also, Catechists are commissioned in the role in the instruction and formation of our youth in their faith and spiritual development.

Catechetical Sunday is observed today on Sunday, September 17, with the theme for 2023-2024, ***The Church as the Dwelling Place of God***. This will be developed throughout the year with a series of on-line lessons or presentations. The first of these, "*Introduction to the Church*" will be offered in October at www.godwithusonline.org. We commend to your prayers throughout the year Catechists, students and all parents of our students.

Catechists for 2023-2024

Bern Blazosky

Molly Harrington

Julie Brenna

Alisha Slanoc

Sara Erzal

Deacon Daniel Perich-[Coordinator]

Deacon Ordinations Today: **Michael E. Yewcic** from Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church, Conemaugh; and **Joseph J. Hancharick** from Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Nanty Glo, are being ordained to the Subdiaconate and the Holy Order of Deacon at the hands of Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla, today at 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Conemaugh.

Parish Advisory Committee: A meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. for the **Parish Advisory Committee** for Saint Mary, Beaverdale and Saint Peter and Paul, Dunlo in the Conference Room at the rectory in Portage. Compline will be prayed in the Church at 6:30 pm.

Summer Grass Cutting Volunteers: Through the spring and summer months, several parishioners have generously volunteered with grass cutting and related tasks for our parish communities. Our thanks are expressed to:

- ***John Rocker*** and ***Justin Rocker*** for the grassing cutting at Saints Peter and Paul church, Portage.
- ***Barry Bolvin*** and ***Ernest Podrasky*** for weed trimming at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage Cemetery.
- ***Deacon Dan Perich, Doug Roxby,*** and ***Marty*** and ***Marie Johnson*** for the grass cutting at Saint Mary Cemetery, Beaverdale; and ***Deacon Dan Perich*** and ***Mark Sasek*** for the grass cutting at Saint Mary Church, Beaverdale.

Byzantine Assembly – Saint Mary Hillsborough, New Jersey--, November 3-5, 2023:

What Does the Byzantine Catholic Church Mean to You? Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Basil Takach, the first bishop of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church in America. *What does the Byzantine Catholic Church have to offer today?* The “Assembly of the Byzantine Catholic Church” held in Hillsborough, New Jersey, will address these questions and others as participants “*learn about our past and to prepare for our future!*” Registration is now open on the Assembly Website:

<https://byzantineassembly2023.regfox.com/assembly-of-the-byzantine-metropolitan-church-2023>.

For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. 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 the ages of 18-35.

Website: <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>; the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

Annual Fall Basket Auction: ***Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church***, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Saturday, October 7; 5 to 6:30 pm and Sunday, October 8, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Drawing: 3:00 pm, Sunday. \$5.00/26 tickets. There will also be a pie raffle and a \$200 Cash Raffle. Take-out food is available for purchase.

Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries: In last Sunday’s bulletin, the jubilee year observed was omitted for ***Philip & Dorothy Walters***—60 years.

Remember in Prayer: ***For The Health of:*** Edward Wisniewski, father of Deacon Tyler Wisniewski; *Father Cyprian Constantine*, OSB of Saint Vincent Monastery; *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*; *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 Neznesci; **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 to 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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