

Liturgical Schedule Eighteenth Week after Pentecost September 24, 2023

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

Monday, September 25

Portage 6:30 PM

Compline—*Evening Prayer*

Tuesday, September 26

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Kathryn Malley, by Carol & Jack Lynch]

Wednesday September 27

Portage **10:30 am**

Funeral Divine Liturgy--+*Joseph Gallo*

Saturday September 30

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Feast of the Protection of our Most Blessed Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary

Saturday September 30

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday October 1

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+George Pyo, Jr. & +Audrey Pyo, by John Mazur]

Eastern Christian Formation: Our Catechetical Classes continue Sundays following Divine Liturgy.

• Preschool & Kindergarten: A program for children in preschool and kindergarten ages is to begin also on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy. If you have children in this age and are interested please contact Father Jim this week.

• The Church as the Dwelling Place of God is the theme that 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.

Please remember in your prayers our Catechists, students and all parents of our students.

Eternal Memory: Please pray for the repose of the soul of +*Joseph Gallo*, from the former Saint Michael's, South Fork, and of Saints Peter and Paul, Portage who fell asleep in the Lord September 22. We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to all of his family.

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.

Work Party & Church Cleaning for October: **Church Cleaning** for October is on Monday, October 2 at 9:00 am. The **Work Party** will be Saturday, October 14, at 9:00 am. Please note this change in schedule. **Thanks** to our volunteers both for the Work Party & Church Cleaning.

New Seminary Rector: Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla has appointed **Very Reverend Ronald Barusefski** Rector of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, September 19. He succeeds **Bishop-Elect Robert Mark Pipta**, who has been appointed Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma.

| Offerings for August | Aug 6 | Aug 13 | Aug 20 | Aug 27 |
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| Portage: | \$1,530.00 | \$2,064.00 | \$1,675.00 | \$1,016.00 |
| Beaverdale: | \$ 545.00 | \$ 260.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 95.00 |
| Dunlo: | \$ 40.00 | \$ 216.00 | \$ 244.00 | \$ 15.00 |

Annual Saint Demetrius Chicken BBQ Dinner: Sunday, September 24; 11:00 AM until sold out; Saint Demetrius Church, 811 Church Street, Gallitzin. Dinners: \$12.00 will be take out; there is dine-in seating this year. Also, flea market, basket raffle, theme games, small games of chance!

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 underwrites 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.

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 Nezneski; **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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