

## Liturgical Schedule Nineteenth Week after Pentecost October 1, 2023

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### 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]

##### Saturday October 7

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

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Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy  
[+Paulette Fedorko, by Holly, Noelle, Christian, Gabrielle and Angelica]

**Annual Clergy Retreat This Week:** Father Jim and Deacon Dan Perich are attending the Clergy Retreat, October 1-5 at Antiochian Village, Ligonier. The Retreat Director is **Father Thomas Loya**. Please remember in your prayers the priests and deacons and Metropolitan William during this retreat. You will be remembered in our prayers during this time. In the event of an emergency for the anointing of the sick, you may contact any of the local Catholic priests

**The Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos Mary** is celebrated today, Sunday, October 1. The image of Mary holding her veil over the church and the faithful assembled there demonstrates her intercession. This is the patronal Feast of Saint Mary's Holy Protection parish, in Beavertdale.

***"O most holy Lady, Virgin Mother of God, extend your holy mantle over us: guide and protect our rulers and all people from every evil."*** [Hymn of Light, Matins of the Feast]

**Eastern Christian Formation:** Our **Catechetical Classes** continue Sundays following Divine Liturgy. **Preschool & Kindergarten** program *begins today* for preschool and kindergarten ages. Our thanks to **Angelica Spaid** and **Brittany Zellam** for volunteering to teach these children.

**The Church as the Dwelling Place of God** is developed throughout the year with a series of on-line lessons. The first "*Introduction to the Church*" is offered in October at [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org). Please remember in your prayers our Catechists, students and all parents of our students.

**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.

**Pennsylvania Pro-Life March** will be on Monday, October 16 in the capital of the Commonwealth, Harrisburg. A bus to the march will leave from Somerset and also possible from New Germany. Contact Julie Brenna for further information.

**The GCU** launched its "Fraternal Metamorphosis Program," on January 1, 2023. This program allows for the continued and expanded support to all Byzantine Parishes throughout the United States. The financial benefits to each parish under this program are: donation of \$2,000.00 to each Parish; Matching Funds donation of up to \$3,000.00 for fundraising events; and also a \$500 donation (debit card) for events held within the Parish. We are grateful to the GCU for these donations.

A Parish Coordinator is required to receive the Matching Funds and \$500 debit card events donation. **Deacon Daniel Perich** has volunteered to serve as Coordinator for each parish. The Parish Advisory Council of each parish has discussed possible events for the \$500 debit card benefit. Further information on these events will be provided as these plans develop.

**Fatima Devotions:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Friday, October 13, 6:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Father Fr. Malachi VanTassell, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

**Welcome:** **Adam Marinchak**, a student at Mount Aloysius College who worships with us on Sundays is assisting as an altar server. He is a member of Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Bradenville, Pennsylvania where he is also an altar server. Please extend a warm welcome to Adam.

**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.

**Thank You:** The family of Deacon Tyler Wisniewski thanks parishioners for their prayers for his father at the time of his recent surgery. Please continue to remember Ed Wisniewski as he continues recuperation.

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

The "Assembly of the Byzantine Catholic Church" in Hillsborough, New Jersey focuses on the theme: "*Learn about Our Past and Prepare for Our Future!*" Registration deadline is October 1.

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

Website: <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>; the email is [byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com).

**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, Beavertdale:** 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, Beavertdale; **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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