

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-second Week after Pentecost October 22, 2023

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Saturday October 21

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday October 22

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy
[+Mario Pieraccini; and +Angeline Pieraccini by Barbara and John Havrilla]

Monday, October 23

Portage 10:45 AM The Third Hour
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Prudhoe, by Thomas Civic, Nephew]

Friday, October 27

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Mike Mazur, by M/M Dale Purich]

Saturday October 28

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

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Saturday October 28

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Agnes Gindlesperger by Clyde Gindlesperger & Family]

Sunday October 29

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Gospel Reflection: The parable of the *Rich Man and Lazarus* [Luke 16:19-31] holds both realism and symbolism. The description of the wealth of the one, the desperate deprivation of the other is seen in the world today. Yet the parable uses symbolic description of the age to come. The poor man, Lazarus is said to be “*carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham*”, showing that he is in a place of honor in the banquet of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus describes in the Beatitudes [Luke 6:20-25], God’s appraisal of what is valuable, what matters is very different than our outlook.

The reality of suffering devastating circumstances is brought to my own gate as for the rich man. It may be a neighbor, a relative, someone nearby. It may be what is brought to our living rooms by conflict such as in Gaza presently. Unlike the rich man, we are not to let whoever it may be remain unnoticed, neglected, ignored by being absorbed in selfish or personal concerns.

Schedule Change: There will be no Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 4 in Beaverdale. There will be only one Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, November 5 in Portage that weekend.

Father Jim’s travel plans are to return from the Byzantine Assembly at Saint Mary in Hillsborough, New Jersey that day. Thank you for your consideration in accommodating this schedule change.

GCU Matching Funds: We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$3,000.00 from the GCU Fraternal Benefit Society. This represents “Matching Funds” for this year’s Annual Ethnic Festival in July. Our thanks to the GCU, its officers and Board of Directors; also to Deacon Daniel Perich, Parish Coordinator for arranging receipt of this donation.

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechetical Classes including **Preschool & Kindergarten** on Sundays following Divine Liturgy. Also, throughout October **The Church as the Dwelling Place of God** online presentations may be accessed at www.godwithusonline.org.

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

Annual Basket Party: Sponsored by the *Christian Home of Johnstown* to help with expenses of winter clothes and holiday expenses for the youth whom they serve. This fund raiser is **Saturday, November 11** at the Masonic Temple in Johnstown.

Donations of baked goods are requested from area churches. Call Cherish Layton at 814-535-8775 to arrange a time and date for pick up or delivery. Additional information on the bulletin board.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service: Saints Peter and Paul Church will host this year’s **Community Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, November 19** at 7:00 pm. A Moleben [Prayer Service] of Thanksgiving will be followed by a social with refreshments hosted by our parish.

Please make note of this event on your calendar and plan to attend.

Mustang Family Christmas: The Portage Area School District is asking for your support. In the Spirit of Christmas, we would like to provide student households with a Mustang Family Christmas Package. For more information or to contribute, please contact Christmas@mustangmail.org

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Our thanks for volunteers from our ECF students ***Easton Slanoc*** and ***Owen Slanoc***.

Sunday October 22 Candle: Owen Slanoc **Sunday October 29** Candle: Easton Slanoc

Byzantine Assembly – Saint Mary Hillsborough, New Jersey--November 3-5: On the theme: “*Learn about Our Past and Prepare for Our Future!*” For information, registration: <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>; the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: *Fred Vrabel [Conemaugh Memorial]; Dorothy Billy [Midtown Oaks Health Center, Altoona]; Edward Wisniewski;; Father Cyprian Constantine, OSB, Saint Vincent Monastery;; 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.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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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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