

Liturgical Schedule Twentieth Week after Pentecost October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 7

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

Sunday October 8

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

Wednesday, October 11

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Sam & +Helen Roman, by James T. Bisaha]

Friday, October 13

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Justin, by Lisa & Family]

Saturday October 14

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost-- The Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Saturday October 14

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+Michael D. Prozialeck by Marty & Marie Johnson; and Jim Afton]

Sunday October 15

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

Eastern Christian Formation: Last Sunday, the **Preschool & Kindergarten** program began [preschool, kindergarten ages]. We continue our **Catechetical Classes** 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.

Gospel Reflection: Not only the word of Jesus, *Arise*"; but also his touch, as he reached out and touched the stretcher, effect the miracle of raising the young man to life. The Word of God accompanied by the holy body of Christ brought about our salvation. By his suffering, death, and resurrection, the flesh of the Lord brought us to new life, just as the man in the Gospel comes to life again.

Work Party & Church Cleaning for October: The **Work Party** will be **Saturday, October 14**, at **9:00 am**. Please note 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.

2023 Ethnic Festival Report: With comparison to the 2021 event:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income:	\$22,486.60	\$20,931.45
Expenses	<u>\$10,877.79</u>	\$11,281.85
Net Proceeds	\$11,608.81	\$9,649.60

A word of grateful acknowledgment for the donation of the chicken used for the chicken barbeque by the *Pyo Family* in memory of *Edward "Moose" Pyo*; *Lynne Doyle* of Portage for a scrapbook of photos from this year's festival.

Thank you once again to all for your cooperation and generosity on behalf of the Festival. A meeting to review the 2023 Festival and begin planning for 2024's event is planned for later in October.

The GCU's "Fraternal Metamorphosis Program" was reviewed in last Sunday's bulletin. This includes a donation of \$2,000.00 to each Parish, and Matching Funds donations for fundraising events. Also, each parish has received a \$500 donation (debit card) for events held within the Parish. The *Parish Coordinator* for each of our parishes is ***Deacon Daniel Perich***.

The Parish Advisory Council of each parish is considering possible events for the \$500 debit card benefit. Further information on these events will be provided as these plans develop.

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.

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.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday October 15 Candle: Easton Slanoc **Sunday October 22** Candle: Owen Slanoc

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

The Assembly focuses 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:*** *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 Neznieski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Quality Life Services:** Catherine McGough, Beaverdale; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg; Dorothy Billy.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

143 Church Drive—Portage, Pennsylvania 15946 814-**736-9780**

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale;

Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--Dunlo

Father James A. Spontak

Deacon Daniel Perich

Email: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net; www.ByzantineCatholic.net;

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.

On-line Access to Bulletin... is available at the parish website: www.ByzantineCatholic.net