

Liturgical Schedule Twenty fifth Week after Pentecost November 12, 2023

Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 11

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

Sunday November 12

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Fleck, by Julie Brenna]

Tuesday, November, 14

Portage 10:45 AM The Third Hour
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Josephine Miterko, by Rose & Stanley Solomon]

Thursday November 16

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

Saturday November 18

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

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Saturday November 18

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Thrower, by Jay & Kathy Yanez]

Sunday November 19

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

"Philip's Fast"--Preparation for Christmas: A forty day preparation for Christmas begins this week on Wednesday, November 15. It is called "*Philip's Fast*" as the feast of the Holy Apostle Philip is observed on November 14 and thus marks the beginning of this season. Philip's Fast is identified as one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year. Its observance is voluntary.

Setting aside this time of prayer, penance, and perhaps almsgiving and other practices can be a valuable asset for us. It enhances our celebration of Christmas as a time of deepening our faith, renewing our hope in the mystery of Christ's birth.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service--Sunday, November 19

- Saints Peter and Paul Church will host this year's ***Community Thanksgiving Service*** next Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 pm. A Moleben [Prayer Service] of Thanksgiving will be celebrated.
- Following the Moleben of Thanksgiving, a social with refreshments will be hosted by our parish community. We look forward to welcoming clergy and pastors as well as members of the various churches and faith communities in the Portage area.
- ***Donations of cookies and other light refreshments*** is requested. If you are able bring items for the refreshments that are being served, please sign the list in the narthex or contact the parish office [814-736-9780; or james_armand_spontak@verizon.net].
- ***Please make note of this event on your calendar and plan to attend.***

Parish Advisory Council: A meeting is scheduled for the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage on **Thursday, November 16** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at the rectory in Portage. Minutes of previous meetings will be included in the bulletin prior to the meeting.

Moleben to Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore Romzha: **Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m.,** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall. We welcome ***Bishop Nil Luschak OFM***, Apostolic Administrator of our Mother-Eparchy in Mukachevo, Sub-Carpathia, Ukraine, who will be the guest homilist. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

66th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration: Benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, **Sunday, December 3,** Saint John Cathedral and Center in Munhall, Preceding the event, Vespers to St. Nicholas will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 3 pm.

Tickets are \$45 per adult. Contact Father Jim for reservations, details for this event in support of future Byzantine Catholic priest.

Raffle [\$10/ticket], prize of \$2,000; based on the PA Lottery on **Wednesday, December 6;** for benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

For tickets contact Father Jim, one of the ushers, or Deacon Daniel Perich. **Deadline** for raffle tickets is **Wednesday, November 22.** This is an opportunity to support the Saint Nicholas Charity Benefit dinner for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. ***Thank you!***

Church Cleaning for November: is rescheduled for **Monday, November 13** at 9:00 am.

Thanks to our volunteers both for the Work Party & Church Cleaning.

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechetical Classes for **Preschool & Kindergarten** and **Elementary** Sundays are following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

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:

Sunday November 12

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Sunday November 19

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: *Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton;; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick Edward Wisniewski; Father Cyprian Constantine, OSB; 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; Beaverdale; **Midtown Oaks Health Center,** Altoona: 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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