

Liturgical Schedule Twenty sixth Week after Pentecost November 19, 2023

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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

Feast of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Tuesday, November 21

Portage 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday November 25

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

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Saturday November 25

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by George Pyo]

Thanksgiving Day: A Happy Thanksgiving to parishioners and your families as set aside the day in gratitude for God's gifts.

The Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day is at 9:00 am in Portage. .

Today: A warm welcome and a note of thanks to Father Edward Pyo who is offering the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Dunlo and the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Sunday. Father Jim is ill this weekend.

Feast of the Entrance of Mary into the Temple: Tuesday, November 21, the Divine Liturgy will be at 6:00 pm. at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

"Philip's Fast": In preparation for Christmas is November 15-December 24. Philip's Fast is identified as one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year. Its observance is voluntary. Canned goods, non-perishable food and donations of cash will be collected for the **Portage Food Pantry** and the **Forest Hills Food Pantry** [Beaverdale and Dunlo].

Community Thanksgiving Service – Cancelled: The **Community Thanksgiving Service** that was to be hosted by Saints Peter and Paul Church this evening--Sunday, November 19—has been cancelled.

A note of thanks to our cantors and choir members for their preparation for this service; and to those who volunteered to donate cookies and refreshments.

We look forward to another opportunity to host this annual event.

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechetical Classes for **Preschool & Kindergarten** and **Elementary** Sundays following Divine Liturgy. **No Classes on Sunday, November 26—Thanksgiving Holiday.**

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

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week for **+Mae Haschak**, by Patty Haschak.

Parish Advisory Council: The meeting is scheduled for the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage for Thursday, November 16 is to be rescheduled for the week of November 27.

Christmas Holiday Bake Sale: **Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot Rolls** are available from *Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 3. *Order forms* in the narthex; or call Thresa Valko [814-266-3117]; provide name, phone number, items ordered.

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.

Offerings for September:	<u>Sept 3</u>	<u>Sept 10</u>	<u>Sept 17</u>	<u>Sept 24</u>
Portage:	\$6,504.00	\$1,092.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 857.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 170.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 44.00
Dunlo:	\$ 367.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 50.00

Offerings for October:	<u>Oct 1</u>	<u>Oct 8</u>	<u>Oct 15</u>	<u>Oct. 22</u>	<u>Oct 29</u>
Portage:	\$2,109.00	\$2,067.01	\$1,180.00	\$1,176.00	1,143.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 550.00	\$ 184.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 95.00
Dunlo:	\$ 655.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 185.00	\$198.00

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday November 19 Candle: Owen Slanoc **Sunday November 19** Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For the repose of the soul of +Father Cyprian Constantine OSB, of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe **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; 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 Nezsneski; **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 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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