

## Liturgical Schedule Twenty fourth Week after Pentecost November 5, 2023

### Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

November 4 No Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy--

Sunday November 5

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

### Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

Wednesday, November 8

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday November 11

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

### 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]

Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and all Angelic Powers... is observed Wednesday November 8. We learn of the existence of the angels and their role and identity in the Bible. They were created by God and are immortal, as they do not die. Their activity in the Scriptures is especially as *messengers and guardians*. They are *companions* and *guides* for those who travel. They are also *warriors* on God's behalf in the struggle with evil. This role is identified with the Archangel Michael.

Angels are also members of the heavenly court; thus, they are always in God's presence, to give glory and worship to God. The name "angel" means in its root, "messenger", as they are sent by God to convey his message, for human beings. This is often for those who have a particular role in God's plan of salvation. The Archangel Gabriel is sent to the Virgin Mary [Luke 1:26-38]; and to Zechariah [Luke 1:5-25] to announce the birth of Jesus and of John the Baptist.

*Father Edward Pyo* will be the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy [9:00 am] on Wednesday, the Feast of the Archangel Michael. Please extend a kind welcome to him.

Father Jim is to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Robert Pipta as the sixth Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma at Holy Resurrection Church, Euclid, Ohio on November 8. *Many, happy years.*

**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.

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Frederick Vrabel**, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 3.

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Elaine; and to all of his family.

**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.

**66<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Christian Home of Johnstown: Annual Basket Party:** Saturday, November 11 at the Masonic Temple, Johnstown to help with expenses of winter clothes, holiday expenses for youth. Donations of baked goods are requested from area churches. Call Cherish Layton [814-535-8775].

**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](mailto:Christmas@mustangmail.org)

### **Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:**

**Sunday November 5**

**Candle:** Owen Slanoc

**Sunday November 12**

**Candle:** Easton 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 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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