

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-third Week after Pentecost October 29, 2023

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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

Tuesday, October 31

Blessed Theodore Romzha, Martyr

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Dorothy Resconich, by John Vrabel]

Saturday November 4

No Confessions [Mystery of Repentance] scheduled

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No Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy--November 4

Sunday November 5

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

Schedule Change: On Saturday, November 4, there will be no Vigil Divine Liturgy in Beaverdale. There will be only one Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, November 5 in Portage this coming weekend. Father Jim's returns from the Byzantine Assembly at Saint Mary in Hillsborough, New Jersey that day.

Thank you for your consideration in accommodating this schedule change.

New Altar Server: Today we welcome **Bryce Harrington** as a new altar server. At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, his server's robe is blessed with this prayer: *"Bless and sanctify this Server's Robe, which was made for your honor; and to him who shall wear it mercifully grant the graces of hallowing your sacred services, so that they may appear before your presence holy, undefiled and innocent, worthy of your mercy."* As Bryce begins this important role in the Liturgy, we thank his parents **Brad** and **Molly Harrington** for their support and encouragement

This Week: Father Jim attends the **Byzantine Assembly** at Saint Mary's, Hillsborough, New Jersey. This event brings together our Bishops, clergy and faithful, to deepen our appreciation of our Church's history and heritage, while learning about parishes and positive aspect which contribute to their vitality.

Work Party & Church Cleaning for November: The **Work Party** will be Saturday, November 4, at 9:00 am. **Church Cleaning** for November is on Monday, November 6 at 9:00 am.

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

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 **+Marilyn Grace Murphy**, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 20. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her parents Alex and Joan Murphy and to all of her family.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Catherine McGough** of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, October 22. We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to her daughter Carol Slifko, and to all of her family.

Eastern Christian Formation: A note of thanks to those who helped this past week in resolving the drain problem in the basement that caused water on the floor, and who cleaned the basement floor. We resume **Catechetical Classes** today after last Sunday's cancellation. Classes for **Preschool & Kindergarten** and **Elementary** Sundays following Divine Liturgy.

The Church as the Dwelling Place of God online presentations at www.godwithusonline.org. Please remember in your prayers Catechists, students and parents of our students.

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

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.

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Mario and +Angeline Pieraccini, by Barbara and John Havrilla.

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 29 Candle: Easton Slanoc **Sunday November 5** Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: *Fred Vrabel [Conemaugh Memorial]; 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;; 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 Nezeski; **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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