

## Liturgical Schedule Twenty seventh Week after Pentecost November 26, 2023

### Twenty sixth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday November 25

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday November 26

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by George Pyo]

#### Monday, November 27

Portage **10:45 AM**

The Third Hour

**11:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy [+Carol Hill, by Deacon Daniel Perich and Family]

#### Thursday, November 30

Portage **7:45 AM**

The Third Hour

**8:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Czapp, by Family]

#### Saturday December 2

Portage **3:00 PM**

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo **4:30 PM**

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### Twenty seventh Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday December 2

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday December 3

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Michael Blazosky, by Doug & Marcie Roxby]

**“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].

**Eastern Christian Formation: No Classes on Sunday, November 26—Thanksgiving Holiday.**

**Catechetical Classes** for **Preschool & Kindergarten** and **Elementary** Sundays following Divine Liturgy.

**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.

**Parish Advisory Council:** The meeting is scheduled for the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage is rescheduled for Thursday, November 30 at **7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at the rectory in Portage. Minutes of previous meetings will be included in the bulletin next Sunday.

### **Church Cleaning & Work Party for December**

- The **Work Party** for December is scheduled for **Saturday, December 2**, at **9:00 am**.
- The **Church Cleaning** for December is scheduled for **Monday, December 4**, at **9:00 am**.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

**66<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration:** Benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints, Sunday, December 3, Saint John Cathedral. Also, a “*Matching Funds*” campaign; the GCU will match total donations up to \$5,000. Send donations to GCU; 5400 Tuscarawas Road; Beaver, PA 15009-9513.

A note of thanks to John Slivenik who volunteered to sell the Raffle Tickets for this event. All of the tickets for the cash prize of \$2,000 have been sold.

**Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski: Diaconate Ordination Invitation’** On Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM Metropolitan William will ordain **Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski** to the diaconate at his home parish, Saint Mary's Church in Bradenville.

Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski served a Pastoral Practicum summer with us in 2018. Parishioners are invited to attend this ordination. A sign-up list will be in the narthex in the coming weeks for those who wish to attend. You are welcome to come for this occasion

Subdeacon Kyprian asks that we continue to pray for him and his wife as he prepares for this ministry.

**Eternal Memory:** You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Sister Josetta Kriss** of Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, November 18, and in the 67th year of her religious life.

Also, for the repose of the soul of +Gregory Wohar Cantor at Saint. Michael Church in Donora who fell asleep in the Lord on November 20. Gregory Wohar was also the father-in-law of Deacon Nate Tapsak

**Christmas Stories--Byzantine Catholic World Christmas Edition:** Please consider writing a few sentences or a paragraph for the Byzantine Catholic World Christmas edition. This year a special feature will focus upon *Christmas trees; ornaments;* or decorations which brighten the Nativity season in your house each year.

Some ideas to consider and include for this feature would be: Is there a location where your tree is placed every year; an ornament on the tree, perhaps with sentimental value; outdoor Nativity displays; wreaths or Christmas lights; a memory of going out to chop down a tree.

Please send stories by Friday, December 8; and also any photos to go with your story, to: [bcw@archpitt.org](mailto:bcw@archpitt.org). Please include mention what church you attend. Thanks for your consideration

*David Mayernik Jr.,* Editor, the Byzantine Catholic World

### **Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:**

**Sunday November 26**

Candle: Easton Slanoc

**Sunday December 3**

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; 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, Beavertdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Neznieski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; Beavertdale; **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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