

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Man Born Blind —Sixth Paschal Week-- May 5 2024

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Saturday May 4 2024

Dunlo 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+JoAnn Tiller, by Family]

Sunday May 5, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 6

Portage 10:30 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy: +Cathy Walters

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday May 8

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 9

Portage 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy [+Ed and +Eddie Olshavsky, by Family]

Saturday May 4

Portage 2:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale 3:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Seventh Paschal Sunday – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council --Mother's Day

Saturday May 11 2024

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday May 12, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

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We Welcome: Most Reverend Robert Pipta, the Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Ohio today for the Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul in Portage. Bishop Robert Pipta was ordained the Bishop of Parma November 8 2023, and previously was Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord: On Thursday, May 9, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, a feast of obligation in our church. *“In his human body, the Lord returned to the glory he has at the right hand of his Father on high. In this way, he lifts our human nature to deification and is enthroned as the High Priest who has suffered human death, yet is risen for the sake of human life. We glorify the Lord and await his coming again in glory.”* [Typicon, p 43]

Many Happy Years: Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Deacon Daniel** and **Mary Lou Perich** from Saint Mary's Beaverdale, on their 50th *Wedding Anniversary*, May 4, 2024.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Cathy Walters** who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, May 1. We extend our prayerful support and sympathy to her parents Phil and Dorothy; and to all of her family.

Festival Meeting: The next meeting for the *Annual Festival* is **Tuesday, May 28** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall, to continue planning for the **July 14, 2024** Festival.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*, Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm., in the Conference Room of the rectory. Minutes of the February 8 meeting will be in the Sunday bulletin prior to the meeting.

Church Cleaning for May...is being *rescheduled*. A note of thanks to the volunteers for the monthly *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the Vocations Ministry of the Archeparchy invites you to attend their meeting Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. at St. John Cathedral, Munhall. Father Ronald Barusefski, Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius, will speak on, *"The Journey of a Priestly Vocation,"* discussing the many aspects of formation for a candidate for the priesthood. These include: *human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions*. Also livestreamed. For information or for livestream link, contact Diane Pochron - 412-303-6534 - pochron@d@pitt.edu

First Confession Celebration: Sunday, May 26 at the Divine Liturgy. An ice cream social is planned for the students as an end of the year event. The date, time and location will be announced.

Young Adult Retreat: June 21-23, 7 pm Friday to 12 pm Sunday, Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer, Uniontown. The weekend invites men and women into *"Strengthening Discipleship."* Offering: \$115; scholarships available. Registration by June 14. Call 724-438-7149; or email hpmsm@verizon.net

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Lecture: Father John McGuckin: *"Theological Radicalism in a Time of Political Revolution: The Case of St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) in Constantinople"*. Virtual lecture Tuesday May 7, 7 PM via Seminary website: www.bcs.edu; or on B.C.S. YouTube channel.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate in Fatima Devotions on Monday, May 13, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Free: *Computer desk* in the usher's room. It is no longer needed in the rectory; available to take home.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday May 5:

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday May 12

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* Carol Goral; Connie Crum; Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; David & Sandy Spontak; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart.; **Saint Mary, Beavertdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING &**

CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor, Portage: Helen Zaher; Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple**

Winds: June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak.

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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: 2:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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