

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 16, 2024

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 17, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [Health of Susan O'Toole; by Pauline Yetsko]

Feast of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Wednesday, November 20

Beaverdale **4:30 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 21

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy [+Dan Brenna, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. McClosky]

Saturday, November 23

Portage **2:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale **3:30 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost-

Postfestive Day of the Feast- of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Saturday November 23, 2024

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 24, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Cathy Walters; by Maxine Olshavsky]

Feast of the Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple: is observed this week on November 21. Mary is part of our life of prayer and devotions, as in the popular Marian Hymns sung before the Liturgy. And we also celebrate various feasts in her honor recognizing her unique place in our salvation. By her own free will she bore the Son of God in her womb. Tradition relates for us that as a very young girl, Mary entered into the Temple, in to prepare her for this distinction and role.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service: Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, will host this year's ***Community Thanksgiving Service*** on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. The service is sponsored by the Portage Area Ministerial Association. The service is a Moleben [Prayer Service] of Thanksgiving of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

Pastor Matt Leverknight, of the ***Portage Christian Missionary Alliance*** will deliver the message. An offering for the Portage Area Ministerial Association will be taken, to assist in the various community needs and benefits support by the Ministerial Association.

The Moleben Service will be followed by a social with refreshments hosted by our parish in the parish social hall. Featured will be Saint Peter and Paul's home-made soft ice cream, and other refreshments.

Donations of cookies and other light refreshments is requested. If you are able bring items for the refreshments served, please sign the list in the narthex, or contact the parish office [814-736-9780; or james.armand.spontak@verizon.net].

Please make note of this event on your calendar, and do plan to attend.

“Philip’s Fast”-Preparation for Christmas: In preparation for Christmas, “*Philip’s Fast*” [November 14—December 24], one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year, is observed. This time of prayer, penance, almsgiving in preparation for Christmas is to renew and strengthen our faith.

Parish Advisory Council: The meeting scheduled for the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 26, at 7:00 pm in the rectory. Minutes of the previous meeting will be included in next Sunday’s bulletin.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Alex Dipko**, the brother of Larry Dipko, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 13. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Larry and Debra, and to all of their family.

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of November 18 is requested for **Steve Fleck and Family**.

Summer Volunteers: *A belated note of thanks* to volunteers for grass cutting and other maintenance this past summer: Saints Peter and Paul, Portage cemetery: Barry Bolvin and Paul Hook; Saint Mary, Beaverdale cemetery: Marty & Marie Johnson; Deacon Dan Perich; Doug Roxby; Saints Peter and Paul, Portage Parish grounds: John Rocker; Saint Mary, Beaverdale parish lawn: Mark Sasek.

Thank you also for your continued support of our several parish cemeteries with your offerings in the periodical cemetery offering envelopes in your packet of envelopes.

Service of Installation: On Monday, November 25, the **Service of Installation for a New Pastor** will be held for **Father Timothy Fariss**. Father Timothy Fariss was assigned to at Saint Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church Cambria City, this summer. The **Emmanuel Moleben** and the **Service of Installation**, will be at 7:30 pm at Saint Mary’s, 411 Power Street, Cambria City. The Priests and Deacons of the Johnstown District will join parishioners of Saint Mary’s for this occasion. The faithful from other parishes are also cordially invited.

Christmas Holiday Bake Sale: **Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot Rolls** are available from *Saint Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 24. *Order forms* in the narthex; or call Theresa Valko [814-266-3117]; provide name, phone number, items ordered.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday November 17

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday, November 24

Candle: Easton

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* Doug Roxby; Steve Fleck; Susan O’Toole [West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh]; John Havrilla; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro, Mother of Jennifer Blazosky; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Mary & Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; David & Sandy Spontak;; Andrew & Linda Deskevich, parents of Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich, who are residents at Autumn View; 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, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** June Neznieski; **Maple Heights, Ebensburg:** 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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