

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-fifth Week after Pentecost November 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday November 2, 2024

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

Sunday November 3, 2024

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Ann Krisko, by Carol Goral & Diane Kinback]

Monday, November 4

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Helen Vrael, by Greg & Kathy Hilliard]
Portage **6:30 PM** ***Moleben [Prayer Service] to Mary the Theotokos***

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

Thursday, November 7

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Great Vespers with Litija

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

Portage **2:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
Beaverdale **3:30 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

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Saturday November 9, 2024

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy [+Ben & +Anna Zaremba; by Eugene & Loretta Estok]

Sunday November 10, 2024

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

Welcoming November: The month of November brings us to several important observances on our Liturgical calendar. This week, on Friday, November 8 we celebrate the feast of the ***Holy Archangel Michael and all the Angelic Powers***. Likewise, November 21 is a feast of Mary the Theotokos, her ***Entrance into the Temple***. Also, November 15 will mark the beginning of our preparation for Christmas, ***Phillip's Fast***.

There are significant civic observances as well. Tuesday, November 5 is Election Day this year. Next week we honor those who have served our country in the armed forces, on Veterans' Day. The end of the month bring us to Thanksgiving a cherished holiday for families and friends.

Entering these days, may we find opportunities in them our faith to be renewed and deepened.

Ice Cream Parish Social: Next Sunday, November 10, following the Divine Liturgy there will be a Parish Social in the social room of the hall, featuring our home-made soft ice cream and refreshments.

This gathering will also be an occasion in observance of ***Veteran's Day***, and to honor veterans from our parish family as well.

Prayers for the Election: A *Day of Prayer for the 2024 Election* is being held on Monday, November 4 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage. The church will be open for prayer throughout the day, 9:00 am-7:00 pm. At 6:30 pm a *Moleben to Mary the Theotokos* will be celebrated to ask for the intercession of Mary to conclude the Day of Prayer.

“Merciful and gracious Lord, we ask that you guide and instruct us in the election this week. Send your angel to guard and protect those who vote. Grant us humility and trust in you, to seek the common good and promote what is beneficial for a righteous and serene way of life for all your people. Help us to choose leaders who work in harmony with your will and enjoy the confidence, cooperation, and good will of all citizens. We pray to you, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.”

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service: Saints Peter and Paul Church will host this year’s *Community Thanksgiving Service* on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. A Moleben [Prayer Service] of Thanksgiving will be followed by a social with refreshments hosted by our parish.

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Marge Fleck, by Julie Brenna.

Christmas Holiday Bake Sale: *Nut, Poppysseed, 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 Thresa Valko [814-266-3117]; provide name, phone number, items ordered.

Parish Advisory Council: A meeting is scheduled for the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage for Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the rectory.

Church Cleaning & Work Party: The *Church Cleaning* for November is scheduled for Tuesday November 5, at 9:00 am.

Thank You to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Prayers for Synod: The *“Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church”* concluded in Rome October 27. Metropolitan William participated in this gathering. Please remember this on-going work in your prayers.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday November 3 Candle: Owen Slanoc **November 10** Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* 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; Dennis Armstrong, brother-in-law of Julie Brenna; Andrew & Linda Deskevich, parents of Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich, who 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 Nezeski; **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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