

## Liturgical Schedule Thirty-first Week after Pentecost -- January 1, 2023

### Sunday before Theophany

#### New Year's Day--Circumcision of Our Lord & Feast of Saint Basil the Great

##### Saturday December 31, 2022

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

##### Sunday January 1, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+George Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

##### Thursday, January 5

Portage 8:00 AM *Royal Hours of Theophany*

### Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord

##### Thursday, January 5

Portage 6:00 PM *Vigil Divine Liturgy—Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil with Great Sanctification of Water*

##### Friday, January 6

Dunlo 4:00 PM *Divine Liturgy with Great Sanctification of Water*

##### Saturday January 7, 2023

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Sunday after Theophany

##### Saturday January 7, 2023

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Alex Afton, by Mark & Beverly Hull]

##### Sunday January 8, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

The Feast of Theophany is observed as a *feast of obligation*. The *Great Sanctification of Water* takes place at the dismissal of both the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Portage; and at the Divine Liturgy in Dunlo. This water is used for the blessing of homes of parishioners. It is also drawn by the faithful for other uses in their homes and daily lives. *Please note* that a new container for the blessed water has a spigot, so that you will not need to use a ladle as in previous years.

The *Vigil of Theophany* [Thursday, January 5]-by tradition may be observed as a day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy products. The Royal Hours for Theophany [Office of Readings] are celebrated at 8:00am on Thursday with psalms; hymns; Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings.

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI* fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, December 31. Please remember in your prayers the repose of his soul. Petitions remembering him will be included in the Litany after the Gospel today. A Panachida for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will follow the Divine Liturgy next Saturday, January 7 [Beaverdale]; and Sunday, January 8 [Portage].  
*In blessed repose, grant to your Servant, Pope Benedict, eternal memory and peaceful repose!*

**Happy New Year!** On this ***New Year's Day***, my prayers and best wishes to each of you and to your families for a Happy New Year. May the coming year be an opportune time in which to receive gratefully and use well the gracious gifts of God each day.

May 2023 be endowed with blessing of health, happiness and God's grace for you and your family.

**GCU Matching Funds Grant:** Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, has received a grant of \$5,000 from the GCU as a *Matching Funds Grant* for the parish 2022 Festival. The GCU is a Fraternal Benefit Society founded in 1892 by Byzantine Catholic Faithful. You may learn more about its fraternal benefit insurance and other products at [www.GCUuse.com](http://www.GCUuse.com).

### **2023 Church Offering Envelopes**

Our supplier, Church Budget Envelopes, hopes to have the envelopes printed and shipped by mid-January, 2023. There are several reasons for this unusual delay: supply chain shortages in paper products and parts needed for repair of their printing equipment; and inability of find extra labor needed each year to provide the envelopes.

Until the envelopes are available, we ask you to us any plain envelope for our contributions. ***Please be sure*** to *write your name* and *the amount* on the envelopes to insure that the donation is properly recorded and credited to you. ***Thank you*** for your cooperation and patience.

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

- The ***Church Cleaning*** for January is scheduled for **Monday, January 2**, at **9:00 am**.
- The ***Work Party*** for January is scheduled for **Saturday, January 7**, at **9:00 am**.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly ***Work Party*** and ***Church Cleaning***.

**Sanctuary Candle... + George Letzo** by Julie Brenna.

### **Eastern Christian Formation Schedule--Christmas & Theophany**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023:**

***No ECF Classes***

**Sunday, January 8, 2023:**

***ECF Classes Resume***

### **"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:**

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| <b><u>January 1</u></b>  | <b><u>Candle &amp; Bells:</u></b> | Lexie Slanoc | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> | Abby Koban & Bella Koban     |
| <b><u>January 8</u></b>  | <b><u>Candle &amp; Bells</u></b>  | Bella Koban  | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> | Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc |
| <b><u>January 15</u></b> | <b><u>Candle &amp; Bells:</u></b> | Abby Koban   | <b><u>Bulletins:</u></b> | Abby Koban & Bella Koban     |

**Remember in Prayer: The Health of:** *Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini; Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound.*

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **Saint Mary, Beavertdale:** Catherine McGough; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich.

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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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