

Liturgical Schedule Feast of the Encounter February 2, 2025

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

Saturday February 1, 2025

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie & Doug Roxby]

Sunday February 2, 2025

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday February 5

Portage **8:00 am**

Divine Liturgy [+Margaretta Chulick, by Minor Family]

Thursday February 6

Portage **8:00 am**

Divine Liturgy [+Anna, John, Andy, Choros, by Mary Salamon]

Saturday, February 8

Portage **1:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **3:30 pm**

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Saturday February 8, 2025

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy [+Walter Prozialeck, by M/M Joseph McCloskey]

Sunday February 9, 2025

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

This Month: We begin February this weekend and especially note the transition amidst the events and remembrances of our Church calendar. Today's Feast of ***Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna*** occurs on this fortieth day after Christmas. In fulfillment of the Law of Moses Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem as a "first born" son. While carrying out this prescription of the Law, it provided the occasion for this "encounter" with Simeon and Anna. These two both spoke prophetically of the significance of who this child is and what his role was to be. In doing so they caused Mary and Joseph to marvel in growing awareness of and wonder at the identity of the child and his coming.

Today also presents in addition the Gospel episode of Zacchaeus. His joyful acceptance of Jesus call to repentance signals the path of the coming pre-Lenten Sundays that gradually invite us to this same journey.

Blessing of Homes: To request blessing of your home with the Jordan water blessed on Theophany, place this form in the offering box, or return it by mail. Father Jim will call to schedule a day and time. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table.

I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

A Note of Appreciation and Gratitude: With today's Feast of the *Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna* we come to the completion of the season commemoration Christmas and Theophany. Our thanks to all who have helped to observe this festive season and who have enhanced our celebration with their time, talent and treasure. A note of gratitude is extended to Deacon Dan Perich; our cantors and choir; altar servers and ushers; and also all who have helped in decorating our churches and with their assistance in other ways during these past weeks.

Church Cleaning: This week on Tuesday, February 4 at 9:00 am.

We sincerely appreciate all of our current and past volunteers, for both the monthly Work Party and Church Cleaning. At present, we especially have need of volunteers for this ongoing effort. If you might be available and are willing to help, please contact Father Jim. *Thank you.*

All Souls Saturdays: The first *All Souls Commemoration* is Saturday, February 22 [Meatfare Saturday]. You may return the envelope in your packet of offering envelopes at your earliest convenience. Please make note if entering a new list or making additions or changes to previous list.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of:

- **+Monsignor Nicholas Puhak;** and also **+Father Eugene Fulton,** both retired priests the Eparchy of Passaic who have fallen asleep in the Lord this past week.

Sanctuary Candle: is offered this week for **+ Elizabeth Harrigal,** by Marcie & Doug Roxby.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2024 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available for those requesting their statement. The 2024 Offering Statements should be available by early February. Call the rectory [814-736-9780]; or send to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

Pre-Cana Program: For engaged couples will be Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Information: archpitt.org - Office of Religious Education link

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday, February 2

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Sunday February 9

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* Jessi Tomko; Joe Mandichak; Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole; 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;. **Saint Mary, Beavertdale:** 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 an integral 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: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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