

**Liturgical Schedule before Theophany — January 4, 2026**

**Sunday before Theophany January 4, 2026**

**Saturday January 3, 2026**

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

**Sunday January 4, 2026**

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Steve Fleck, by Paul & Sandy Lenz]

**Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord**

**Monday, January 5**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy *with Great Sanctification of Water*

[+Martin Block, by Thomas & Elaine Civic]

**Tuesday, January 6**

Portage **6:00 PM**

Divine Liturgy—*with Great Sanctification of Water*

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**

Portage **1:00 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Beaverdale **3:30 pm**

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

**Sunday after Theophany Saturday January 11, 2026**

**Saturday January 10, 2026**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Anticipated Divine Liturgy

**Sunday January 11, 2026**

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Nancy Whitcomb by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Summerville]

***Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!*** The Theophany, a feast of obligation in our church, is marked by a very full and festive observance. On this day the Baptism of Jesus is remembered. The very solemn great sanctification of water brings us to the shore of the Jordan River. We have opportunity to draw the Jordan water, as a reminder and renewal of our Baptism.

**Food Pantry—Matching Funds:** Parish and parishioner donations for the recent GCU Matching Funds grants to local Food Pantries were as follows: ***Saints Peter and Paul, Portage: \$700.00;*** GC:U Matching Funds to Portage Food Pantry: \$500.. ***Saint Mary, Beaverdale: \$300.00;*** GCU Matching Funds to Forest Hills Food Pantry: \$300.00. ***Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo: \$300.00;*** GCU Matching Funds to Forest Hills Food Pantry: \$300.00.

Thank you to all of our parishioners for your participation and support on behalf of this effort.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Blessed Water:** Water blessed at each of the Divine Liturgies on Theophany will be available for you to draw and take home.

**Byzantine Catholic Hymnal for Nativity and Theophany:** Copies are in the back of church. Please take a copy as your enter and return it after services.

**Eastern Christian Christmas & Theophany Vacation:-**

**January 4, 2026:** *No Classes; Sunday,*

**January 11 2025:** *Classes Resume*

**Eternal Memory:** You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Father John J. Kapitan Jr. OFM**, recently retired from active ministry, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 29.

**Pilgrim Vocation Icon:** Thank you for your participation:

**Portage Parishioners**

**Beaverdale & Dunlo Parishioners**

January 4-10: **Alex and Joan Murphy**

**Marcie and Doug Roxby**

As part of the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**, there follows the **Called by Name Program**. This is to be incorporated into our parishes on: January 18, Sunday of Zacchaeus; January 25, Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee; and February 1, Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

On the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the Called by Name Program will begin. This is an opportunity for us to call men and women to a vocation in the Church. We are asked to look to the members in our midst who, by their talents, abilities, goodness, might make good priests, deacons, monks, or nuns. We ask you to identify the potential in those around you who may not be seeing it themselves.

More information on this program and process will follow in the coming weeks.

**Liturgical Propers:**

Tuesday, January 6, The Theophany (DL 312)

Sunday, January 11, Resurrection Tone 6 (DL 152), Sunday after Theophany (DL 316)

**Troitsja**      **January 4:** Easton Slanoc      **January 11:** Owen Slanoc

**Bulletins:**      **January 4:** Lucy & Luke Harrington      **January 11:** Owen Slanoc & Joseph Blazosky

**Remember in Prayer:** As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.

**For the Health of: Father Edward Pyo** [Conemaugh Memorial]; *John Havrilla; Cindy {Pyo} Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly; I; Sandy {Lucci} Georg; Jessica Crum; Barbara Havrilla; Frank Jubara; Susan O'Toole; Michael Perich; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward & Anita Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak, and the homebound.*

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel; **Richland Nursing & Rehabilitation:** Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** *Richard Whitcomb* **Autumn View:** Joan Timura/Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew Deskevich.

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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 June 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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