

Liturgical Schedule—April 26, 2026 Sunday of the Paralytic Man — Fourth Paschal Sunday

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Saturday April 25, 2026

Dunlo 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 26, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Pauline Yetsko, by Susan O'Toole]

Wednesday April 29 Mid-Pentecost

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy-[+Daniel Brenna, by Marie J.McGowan]

Friday May 1

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy-[+Irene Wirfel Timura, by Donald Timura]

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] Saturday April 25 Portage 1:00 PM; Beaverdale 3:30 PM

Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Sunday May 2

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ed Andrykovitch, by Charles & Dolores Johnson]

Sunday May 3, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

The Paschal Season-- Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen

- We share the greeting "*Christ is risen!*", "*Indeed He is risen!*" from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- *Through the fifty days* from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

School of Diaconate Studies Applicants for 2027:

The admissions process for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies is now open. Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply. Classes for the first year of the four year program will be held June 13-26, 2027 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

A two week residency is required each year. Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will then be contacted by the Vocations Office. **Deadline for the registration form is July 1, 2026.** For any further inquiries, you may e-mail vocations@archpitt.org

Parish Festival: Meeting to prepare for this year's festival [**Sunday July 12, 2026**] is being scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28**. There are important decisions to be scheduled soon after Pascha. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Sanctuary Candle: This week is for **+Cathy Walters**, requested by Phil and Dorothy Walters.

ECF Classes: The final Day of ECF classes for the 2025-2026 year will be Sunday, May 3. The *First Confession* celebration for the Grade Two ECF class is scheduled for Sunday, May 17.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: The next meeting for the *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* Parish Advisory Council is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm.

Annual Lecture: *“Purists, Assimilators, and Adaptors: The Genius of the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo”* is the title of the 2026 Byzantine Catholic Seminary Annual Lecture. The lecture will be delivered at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 and is in honor of the 380th Anniversary of the Union of Uzhorod.

Dr. Paul Robert Magosci, professor of history and political science at the University of Toronto, will present this topic. Dr. Magosci's presentation will focus on how the Byzantine Ruthenian/Greek Catholic Church has been able to survive for nearly four centuries in the face of political, social, and cultural challenges placed before it by the different societies in which it has had to function in Europe and North America.

All are welcome to this lecture virtually via the Seminary website: www.bcs.edu. The lecture is also available through the B.C.S. YouTube channel: [Visit our YouTube Channel](#).

“Safe Environment” Background Checks and Clearances: The Archeparchy is engaged in a time-sensitive, comprehensive review of the clearances required of its various constituencies (e.g., clergy, employees, cantors, administrative assistants, ECF teachers, and volunteers).

These clearances and background checks are part of the *“Safe Environment”* requirements in parish activities and events. Father Jim is to provide names and contact information for each person in the above listed categories. Your cooperation in assisting with this proves is appreciated. *Thank you.*

Memorial Donation: We gratefully acknowledge donations in memory of *+Pauline Yetsko*, received from *Dr. Matt and Lori Murphy* and various other individual donors. *Eternal Memory!*

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, May 3, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (DL 186-188)

Troitsja **April 26:** [Easton Slanoc](#) **May 3:** [Owen Slanoc](#)

Bulletins: **April 26:** [Easton Slanoc](#) and [Owen Slanoc](#) **May 3:** [Easton Slanoc](#) and [Owen Slanoc](#)

Remember in Prayer: Please update your requests by informing Father Jim. ***For the Health of:*** Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; *Frank Jubara*; ; *John Havrilla*; *Cindy {Pyo} Lewis*; *Jane Pyo*; *Mary Donnelly*; *Sandy {Lucci} Georg*; *Barbara Havrilla*; *Susan O’Toole*; *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;: Carol Slifko [Beaverdale]; Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:**

Rebekah Manor, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel;;

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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