

**Liturgical Schedule—May 17, 2026 Fathers of the First Council —Seventh Paschal Sunday**

**Seventh Paschal Sunday – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

**Saturday, May 16**

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

**Sunday May 17, 2026**

Portage 9:00 AM *First Penance Celebration for Grade Two ECF Students*

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Richard & +Nancy Whitcomb, by Ed & Kim Rocker & Family]

**Monday, May 18**

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [For the Grace of the Holy Spirit]

**Fifth All Souls Saturday**

**Friday May 22**

Beaverdale 4:00 PM *Vespers for the Deceased—Fifth All Souls Saturday*  
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

**Saturday May 23**

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, reading of the Names of the Deceased

**Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]**

Saturday May 23

**Portage** 1:00 PM;

**Dunlo**

3:30 PM

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday, May 23**

Dunlo 4:00 PM *Vespers with the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Pentecost*  
[+Catherine Thrower, by Bernard & Janet Brown]

**Sunday May 24, 2026**

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

**First Penance Celebration:**

Today we celebrate with and remember in our prayers these *Grade Two Eastern Christian Formation* students who had their **First Penance** [Confession] on Saturday, May 16:

*Amelia Margaret Crum*

*Zaya Lee Stager*

*Kennady Grace Spaid*

*Jocelyn Rose Zellam*

A word of grateful acknowledgment to their Catechist, Julie Brenna; as well as to their parents for their support and participation in our ECF program, and to all of our Catechists this past year.

*Following the Divine Liturgy* there is a **Parish Social** with refreshments to which everyone in our parish family is invited.

**Parish Festival:** This year's event will be from 12:00-5:00 pm, with one live band.

We need to recruit more volunteers *to commit to the various times and needs* of the festival.

Please sign-up as the lists of areas of need are posted. If invited to help, try to respond to the best of your ability and availability. *Thank you!*

**The Fifth All Souls Saturday** is observed this week, with Vespers for the Deceased in Beaverdale on Friday May 22; and at the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Saturday May 23.

**Graduates:** *Graduates of the Class of 2026*—high school, college etc.—are asked to submit your name, school, and other pertinent information. Place information in the offering basket; or email to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net), so that we may acknowledge your graduation.

<b>Offerings for April:</b>	<u>Apr 5</u>	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Apr 26</u>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$6,202.00	\$1,107.00	\$2,988.00	\$1,417.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 949.60	\$ 600.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 180.
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 335.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 224.50

**GCU Parish Donations Received:** The GCU's financial benefits to each parish include: a *donation of \$1,000* to each Byzantine Catholic Parish. On April 1 we received donations of \$1,000 to our Portage; Beaverdale; and Dunlo Parishes. We gratefully acknowledge the GCU, for these donations; and Deacon Daniel Perich, Parish Coordinator. A *\$500 debit card* for parish social events is also given to each parish. The refreshments for today's social for our First Penance celebration; as well as our Saint Nicholas social, and other events are provided by this debit card.

**School of Diaconate Studies:** Men discerning a call to diaconal service are encouraged to apply for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies. The first year of the four year program will be June 13-26, 2027 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Please submit the registration form; the Vocations Office will contact you. **Deadline: July 1, 2026.** For questions: [vocations@archpitt.org](mailto:vocations@archpitt.org)

**Forest Hills Community Band Schedule:**

- Sunday May 17: Salix Bethel U. M. Church 5 pm.
- Sunday May 24: Dunlo Fire hall 5 pm.
- Sunday May 31: South Fork 1st Evangelical Church 5 pm

**Liturgical Propers:** - Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday (DL 203-208).

**Troitsja**      May 17: Joseph Blazosky

**May 24:** Easton Slanoc

**Bulletins:**    May 17: Joseph Blazosky and Lucy Harrington

**May 24:** Easton 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 Vrbel;;

**Autumn View:** Joan Timura; Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew Deskevich.

**Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--**

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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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