

Sunday before Theophany

Saturday January 1, 2022

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 2, 2022

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Vaughn George, by Ed & Ellie Brusko]

Wednesday, January 5

Portage 8:00 AM

Royal Hours of Theophany

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord

Wednesday, January 5

Beaverdale **6:00 PM**

*Vigil Divine Liturgy—Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil
with Great Sanctification of Water*

Thursday, January 6

Portage **6:00 PM**

Divine Liturgy with Great Sanctification of Water

Saturday January 8, 2022

Portage **3:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **4:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Sunday after Theophany

Saturday January 8, 2022

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 9, 2022

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Jane Pyo Family]

Feast of Theophany and Great Sanctification of Water. Is celebrated this week.

“The Byzantine Church attaches a great importance to this feast because of its deep theological significance. What is celebrated is not so much the historical fact of the manifestation of the Holy Trinity to the world for the very first time, nor the beginning of Christ's public life, nor again the baptism administered by John: it is rather the manifestation of God's glory, of his love for mankind, of his mercy and compassion expressed in the Person of Jesus Christ, who assumed flesh and became Man in order to become a sacrifice of salvation for the sake of all men. ‘The grace of God our Saviour has appeared to all men’ (Tit., 2: 11

Inspired by the baptism of Christ and by this stirring of divine life poured forth for the salvation and sanctification of mankind, the early Church reserved this day for the baptism of catechumens, unceasingly repeating with St. Paul : "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Alleluia!"

[Byzantine Daily Worship, pages 590-591 Archbishop Joseph Raya

Happy New Year. To all of our parishioners and your families.

Upon entering this ***New Year 2022***, may we find hope derived from our faith and renew our trust in God's providence to sustain and guide us.

Vigil of Theophany

- The *Vigil of Theophany*-- Wednesday, 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 Wednesday and include psalms; hymns; Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings.

Eastern Christian Formation Schedule-Christmas & Theophany

Sunday, January 2, 2022:

No ECF Classes

Sunday, January 9, 2022:

ECF Classes Resume

Church Cleaning & Work Party for January

- The ***Church Cleaning*** for January is scheduled for **Monday, January 3**, at 9:00 am.
- The ***Work Party*** for January is scheduled for **Saturday, January 8**, at 9:00 am. ***Please note*** this change in date because of the Feast of Circumcision and New Year's Day on January 1.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly ***Work Party*** and ***Church Cleaning***.

Six Day Vigil Candles: Beginning **Saturday, January 1, 2022** the offering for six day vigil candles at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is **\$3.00**, due to price increases from our supplier.

New Nativity Icon Banner is displayed on the old church sign frame near Munster Road at the entrance to the church. A note of thanks to Jim Koban and Bob Koban who mounted the vinyl icon banner on Christmas Eve to have it in place for the Christmas and Theophany season.

2022 Offering Envelopes for ***Beaverdale*** and ***Dunlo*** have not yet arrived. They will be distributed as soon as we have received them. In the interim, you may make contributions with any unused 2021 envelopes. The numbers for recording will be the same on the 2022 envelopes.

We regret any inconvenience caused by this delay.

Sanctuary Candle... +Father Ronald Larko by Julie Brenna.

Remember in Prayer: **The Health of** *Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Maureen Hutzell, Larry Sasek; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound. The **2023 Synod of Bishops**, "For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: **SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher.

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: **Homewood** [Martinsburg] *Charles Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; *Margaret Prudhoe*; **Autumn View:** June Nezeski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care,** Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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 to 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.

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.