

Liturgical Schedule Thirty-second Week after Pentecost December 31, 2023

Sunday after Christmas

Memory of Holy & Just Joseph; David, Prophet & King; Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

Saturday December 30

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 31

Portage 9:45 AM Christmas Carols
9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+George Letzo, by Julie Letzo]

New Year's Day--Circumcision of Our Lord & Feast of Saint Basil the Great

Sunday December 31

Beaverdale 5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija

Monday January 1, 2024

Portage 9:45 AM Christmas Carols
10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great**

Friday, January 5

Portage 8:00 AM *Royal Hours of Theophany*

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord

Friday January 5

Beaverdale 4:00 PM *Vigil Divine Liturgy—Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil with Great Sanctification of Water*

Saturday, January 6

Portage 9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy with Great Sanctification of Water**

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Sunday after Theophany

Saturday January 6, 2024

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 7, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Paulette Fedorko, by Lori & Matt Murphy]

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord: Theophany—the “*manifestation*” of God, celebrates the *manifestation* of God’s glory, of his love for mankind, of the mercy and compassion expressed in the person of Jesus Christ who became man for our sake. As we commemorate the Baptism of Christ on this day, the Great Sanctification of water takes place. Blessed water is then available for us to take with us to our homes. Following Theophany, there is opportunity for the blessing of our homes with the Jordan water. There will be a request form for *Blessing of Homes* in next Sunday’s bulletin.

A Pre-Lenten Breakfast is being planned for January or early February 2024. Please watch the bulletin for the date and sign-up list for this event. A \$500 debit card donation from the GCU Fraternal Organization for parish social gathering will be used to provide for this social.

2024 Offering Envelopes... for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage and available in the Ushers' room next to the narthex. As you pick up your envelopes, please also take those of other family members or neighbors who may not be present today, to help with distributing them. *Thank you.*

2024 Church Calendars are available. Please take only one calendar per family until everyone has received a calendar. We thank our sponsors for the 2024 Calendars:

Serenko-Claar Funeral Home (Ss. Peter and Paul, Portage)

Jean Kinley Funeral Home (Beaverdale and Dunlo)

Offerings for November

	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Portage:	\$1,412.00	\$2,103.00	\$ 897.00	\$ 791.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 940.00	\$ 460.00	355.00	\$ 219.00
Dunlo:	\$ -0-	\$ 50.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 585.00

Church Cleaning & Work Party for January

- The **Church Cleaning** for January is scheduled for **Monday, January 8**, at **9:00 am**.
- The **Work Party** for January is scheduled for **Saturday, January 13**, at **9:00 am**.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Pre-Cana Program: For engaged couples, held at the Saints. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary; **Saturday March 9 & 16, 2024**. **Topics covered:** Communication, Forgiveness & Intimacy; + Finances & Budgeting; Love & Life in the Divine Plan; Why a Church Wedding? Elements of a Healthy Marriage; Theology of Marriage/Crowning Ceremony.

For information about registration, fees, etc. go to: archpitt.org - Office of Religious Education link

Eastern Christian Formation Schedule--Christmas & Theophany

Sunday, 31, 2023 & Sunday, January 7 2024

No ECF Classes

Sunday, January 14 2024:

ECF Classes Resume

Invitation: On Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM Metropolitan William will ordain **Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski** to the diaconate at Saint Mary's Church in Bradenville. Parishioners are invited to attend this ordination. A sign-up list is in the narthex for those who wish to attend.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday December 31

Candle: Owen Slanoc

January 7 2024

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak.

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 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 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.

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