

Liturgical Schedule Sunday after Theophany January 12, 2025

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Saturday January 11, 2025

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy [+Mary Louise Cimba, by Larry Putorek]

Sunday January 12, 2025

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 15

Portage **10:00 am** Funeral Divine Liturgy of **+Dr. Sam Resconich**

Friday, January 17

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezeski, by Forest Hills Neighbors]

Saturday, January 18

Portage **1:00 pm** *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Beaverdale **3:30 pm** *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

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Saturday January 18, 2025

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 19, 2025

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+John & +Regina Havrilla, by John & Barbara Havrilla]

Blessed Water: With the Feast of Theophany, the Solemn Blessing of Water makes this blessed water available for us, for our use at home. By his Baptism in the Jordan the Lord imparted upon water a mystical power of sanctification. Saint Basil the Great affirms that this blessing of water came to us as “*mystical tradition*” within the Church. The prayer and blessing of the priest are believed to receive a “*quickenning power of the Holy Spirit.*” Water blessed at each of the Divine Liturgies on Theophany will be available for you to draw and take home.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of:

- **+Dr. Sam Resconish**, who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, January 8. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to all of his relatives and family.
- **Present Jimmy Carter**, thirty-ninth President of the United States who died on December 29, 2024 and whose memory was honored this past week in Washington, DC and Plains, Georgia.

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: _____

Eastern Christian Formation: Sunday, January 12 2025: Classes Resume Today

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2024 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available for those requesting their statement. The 2024 Offering Statements should be available by early February. Call the rectory [814-736-9780]; or send to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

2025 Offering Envelopes: For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*, are in the usher's room.

Envelopes for *Saints Mary, Beavertdale* and *Saints Peter and Paul Dunlo* have common face to save expense in printing the envelopes. Offerings will be directed to the respective parish according to the name and number of the envelope donor.

Offerings for December

	<u>Dec 1</u>	<u>Dec 8</u>	<u>Dec15</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Dec 29</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,021.00	\$1,648.00	\$1,910.00	\$2,328.25	\$4,802.00
<u>Beavertdale:</u>	\$ 225.00	\$ 579.00	\$ 370.00	\$1,064.00	\$1625.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 270.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 621.00

Senior Medicare Patrol: This is a national initiative focused on curbing Medicare fraud through outreach education and advocacy. *Brochures are in the narthex.*

Annual Prayer Vigil for Life: Byzantine Catholic Compline and Divine Liturgy are scheduled for the upcoming *Annual Prayer Vigil for Life* at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. These Liturgies are supported by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro Life Activities and the Basilica. January 23 2025: Byzantine Compline at 8 pm in the Byzantine Catholic Chapel, Lower Church; January 24 2025: Divine Liturgy 9:15 am in Byzantine Catholic Chapel, Lower Church.

Pre-Cana Program: For engaged couples will be Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Information: archpitt.org -Office of Religious Education link

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday December 12 Candle: Owen Slanoc Sunday, January 19 Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* Jessi Tomko, Fr. Jim's niece [Presbyterian Hospital]; Joe Mandichak; Doug Roxby; Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole [West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh]; John Havrilla; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro, Mother of Jennifer Blazosky; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Mary & Daniel Zaliznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; David & Sandy Spontak; Andrew & Linda Deskevich, parents of Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich, who are residents at Autumn View; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;. Saint Mary, Beavertdale: Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** Rebekah Manor, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; Maple Winds: June Nezeski; Maple Heights, Ebensburg: Kathryn Mackovyak.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale;

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Father James A. Spontak; Deacon Daniel Perich

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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: 2:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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