

Liturgical Schedule Sunday before Theophany January 5, 2025

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Saturday January 4, 2025

Beaverdale 4:00 PM Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 5, 2025

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Barry Krisko, by Carol Goral and Diane Kinback]

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord

Monday, January 6

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

Monday, January 6

Portage 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy—*with Great Sanctification of Water*
[+John Raptosh; and +Barbara Raptosh, by Stella Raptosh]

Friday, January 10

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Helen Vrabel, by Donald Timura & Family]

Saturday, January 11

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

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

Sunday after Theophany

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

Feast of Theophany: The name of this Great feast, *Theophany*, means a “*manifestation of divinity*” or of God. It is marked by a very full and festive observance which highlights all the ways in which the coming of Jesus manifests or makes known the union of God and man. These various events in the Savior’s life include on which he manifested the mystery of our union with the divine life. They include the birth of our Lord; the announcement to the shepherds; the invitation to the Magi; and consecration of our Lord by his baptism in the Jordan.

Especially on this day the Baptism of Jesus is remembered, and even rendered present through the magnificent and very solemn great sanctification of water. This blessing of water is in direct relation to the sacrament of our own Baptism in which we become Christians and pass from darkness to light to live united to God.

2025 Offering Envelopes: For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*, envelopes are in the usher’s room. Envelopes for *Saints Mary, Beaverdale* and *Saints Peter and Paul Dunlo* have common identification on the 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.

Eastern Christian Christmas & Theophany Vacation:-

Sunday, December 29, 2024 & January 5 2025: No Classes; Sunday, January 12 2025: Classes Resume

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: _____

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

- **+Tim Glass**, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 28, and the father of Katie Havrilla; we extend our deepest sympathy to Katie and Mike and Gracie; and to all of their family;
- **+Mello Mash**, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 24, and the father of Father Wesley Mash, pastor of Saint Mary's Church, Homer City;
- **+Brother Augustine Paulik O.F.M.**, who reposed in the Lord on December 18 who was a member of the former Byzantine Franciscan Custody of Saint Mary of the Angels in Sybertsville, Pennsylvania.

Blessed Water: Water blessed at each of the Divine Liturgies on Theophany will be available for you to draw and take home.

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, January 5

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Sunday December 12

Candle: Owen 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.

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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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