

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost — December 14, 2025

Sunday of the Forefathers

Saturday December 13

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy:]

Sunday December 14

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Fleck, by Paul & Regina Erzal]]

Wednesday, December 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Patrick Ditko, by Helena Ditko and Ditko family]]

Wednesday, December 17

Portage **7:00 PM** *Mystery of Repentance--Confessions*

Saturday, December 20

Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo 11:00 am *Burial of +Monsignor Alexis Mihalik*

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

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

Sunday of the Forefathers

Saturday December 20

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 21

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
[+Catherine and +Susan Sekerak; +Robert Novotny by Kathy Sekerak]

Parish Saint Nicholas Social: Our annual celebration to gather as a parish family and to honor Saint Nicholas will be ***next Sunday, December 21*** following the Divine Liturgy.

Please plan to come and enjoy this occasion. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity for a parish social gathering. We will welcome Saint Nicholas our children and youth will receive treat bags from Saint Nicholas.

Mystery of Repentance [Confession] in preparation for Christmas is scheduled for:

- **Wednesday December 17**, Saints. Peter & Paul, Portage at **7:00 pm**. ***Father Richard Davis, T.O.R.*** from Loretto, will be here with Father Jim. *Penance Service* at **7:00 pm**, followed by Confessions.
- **Saturday, December 20** at **1:00 pm**
- **Sunday, December 21** at **6:00 pm**
- You may also call the parish office to schedule an appointment.
- There are no Confessions scheduled on Christmas Eve—**Wednesday, December 24**.

Pastoral Visits to Homebound: Visits to parishioners who are homebound and in nursing and other care facilities for the Mysteries of Confession and the Eucharist are being scheduled for this week.

If you are not on the list of those visited and wish to request a visit, please contact Father Jim [814-736-9780 or james_armand-spontak@verizon.net].

Philip's Fast: Our season of preparation for Christmas is November 15-December 24. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are observed during these days. Donations of canned goods, non-perishable foods may be brought throughout the Philip's Fast, for the *Portage* and *Forest Hills Food Pantries*.

2026 Church Calendars: take only one per family until everyone has received a calendar.

We thank our sponsors for the 2026 Calendars:

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

Jean Kinley Funeral Home (Beaverdale and Dunlo)

Eternal Memory: The Burial Service of **+Monsignor Alexis Mihalik** is scheduled for Saturday, December 20 in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery; Dunlo at 11:00 am. The Funeral of Monsignor Aleis Mihalik, a retired priest of the Archeparchy, was at Infant Jesus of Prague Byzantine Church, Boardman, Ohio on Saturday, December 13.

You are also asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Father Nicholas De Prospero**, pastor of Saint John Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania who fell asleep in the Lord on December 10.

Forest Hills Community Concerts:

- Sun day, December 14: Saint Bartholomew, Wilmore 7 pm.
- Saturday, December 20: Ebensburg State Center, 2 pm.
- Sun day, December 21: Johnstown Galleria, 2 pm.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: This week, the icon will be in the homes of:

Portage Parishioners

Angelica and Randy Spaid

Beaverdale & Dunlo Parishioners

Steve and Mary Lou Paluch

Liturgical Propers:

Monday, December 8, Maternity of the Holy Anna (DL pp 277-280)

Sunday, December 21, Resurrection Tone 3 (DL 135), Sunday of the Ancestors Tone 2 (DL 2850)

Troitsja™ December 14: Owen Slanoc December 21: Lucy Harrington December 28: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: December 14: Owen Slanoc & Easton Slanoc December 21: Lucy Harrington * Joseph Blazpsky

Remember in Prayer: As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.

For the Health of: *Archpriest Eugene Yackanich*, retired priest of the Archeparchy, in Florida; John Havrilla; Edward Cimba; Cindy {Pyo} Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly; I; Sandy {Lucci} Georg; Jessica Crum; Barbara Havrilla; Frank Jubara; Susan O'Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; 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; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** Elaine Vrabel; **Autumn View:** 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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