

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Holy Ancestors — December 21, 2025

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors—Sunday Before Christmas

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]

Christmas Eve— Wednesday, December 24

Portage **8:00 AM** *Royal Hours-Office of Readings and Hymns*

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** **Christmas Vigil Divine Liturgy**-Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Portage **8:30 PM** Christmas Carols & Hymns from Compline

9:00 PM **Christmas Divine Liturgy**

Christmas Day--Thursday, December 25

Portage **9:45 AM** Christmas Carols

10:00 AM **Christmas Divine Liturgy**

Synaxis of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

Friday, December 26

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen

Saturday, December 27

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

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

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

Sunday after Christmas-- Holy & Just Joseph; David; Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

Saturday December 27, 2024

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

Sunday December 28, 2024

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

Parish Saint Nicholas Social: TODAY--Sunday, December 21 following the Divine Liturgy. 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:

- **Sunday, December 21** at **6:00 pm**. **Tuesday, December 23** 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.

The Vigil of Christmas: The *Royal Hours of Christmas Eve* [Office of Readings] is Wednesday, December 24, 8:00 am, which includes psalms, hymns, Scripture lessons. A day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy is observed on Christmas Eve. *“Byzantine Catholic Hymnal for Nativity and Theophany”* will be in the back of church. Please take a copy as your enter and return it after services.

Pastoral Visits to Homebound for Confession and the Eucharist continue early this week. To request a visit, contact Father Jim [814-7386-9780; james_armand-spontak@verizon.net].

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Archpriest Eugene Yackanicha** retired priest of the Archeparchy. We extend prayerful support and deepest sympathy to his sister Beatrice; and all of his family.

2026 Offering Envelopes... for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage [in the usher’s room]; and for Saints Mary, Beaverdale and Saints Peter and Paul Dunlo are being distributed today.

Eastern Christian Christmas & Theophany Vacation:-

Sunday, December 28, 2025 & January 4, 2026: No Classes; Sunday, January 11 2025: Classes Resume

2026 Church Calendars: We thank our sponsors for the 2026 Calendars:

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

Jean Kinley Funeral Home (Beaverdale and Dunlo)

Forest Hills Community Concerts: Sunday, December 21: Johnstown Galleria, 2 pm.

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

Portage Parishioners
Alex and Joan Murphy

Beaverdale & Dunlo Parishioners
Marty and Marie Johnson

Liturgical Propers:

Sunday, December 28 Resurrection Tone 4 (DL 141), Sunday after Christmas (DL 302)

Troitsja December 21: Lucy Harrington December 28: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: December 21: Lucy Harrington * Joseph Blazosky December 28: Owen Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

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

For the Health of: 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.

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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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