

**Liturgical Schedule Sunday after Christmas-- Holy & Just Joseph; David; Holy Apostle James,
Brother of the Lord — December 28, 2025**

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Saturday December 27, 2024

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

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

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

Wednesday December 31

Beaverdale **4:00 pm** Great Vespers with Litija

Thursday January 1, 2026

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

Saturday, January 3, 2026

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

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

Sunday before Theophany Saturday January 4, 2026

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

Sunday January 4, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Steve Fleck, by Paul & Sandy Lenz]

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! The present feat of the Birth of our Lord extends brings us to the Circumcision Feast [January 1] and the following pre-festive days preparing for Theophany. Christmas and Theophany are closely related as *manifestations* of a common truth of our faith: "God is with us".

My prayers and best wishes are extended to each of you, and to your families for the blessings and grace of Christmas and Theophany to remain with you and continue through the coming New Year.

A blessed, healthy, and Happy New Year!

Parish Saint Nicholas Celebration: Last Sunday's gathering was an enjoyable and festive event, as we welcomed Saint Nicholas of Myra, and enjoyed the refreshments that were served.

A note of thanks to *Kim Rocker* and her family for the refreshments and hospitality; and to Larry Dipko who prepared and served the home-made soft ice cream.

Also our thanks to *Marianne George* and her family for arranging the Saint Nicholas Treat bags; and Lexie Slanoc, Saint Niciholas'. The treat bags were sponsored by the \$500 debit card donated by the GCU Fraternal organization.

Byzantine Catholic Hymnal for Nativity and Theophany: Copies are in the back of church. Please take a copy as your enter and return it after services.

Pastoral Visits to Homebound To request a visit, contact Father Jim [814-736-9780; james_armand-spontak@verizon.net].

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)

Work Party: The *Work Party* for January is scheduled for **Saturday, January 3**, at 9:00 am. Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon: Some adjustments in recent weeks,, due to weather:

Portage Parishioners

December 21-27: *Angelica & Randy Spaid*

December 28-January 3: *Holly & Bob Koban*

Beaverdale & Dunlo Parishioners

Marty and Marie Johnson

Steve and Mary Lou Paluch

Offerings for November

	<u>Nov 2</u>	<u>Nov 9</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Nov 30</u>
Portage:	\$1,293.00	\$1,667.00	\$4,472.00	\$5,996.00	\$1,461.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 570.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 168.00
Dunlo:	\$.00	\$ 191.30	\$ 40.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 235.00

Troitsja December 28: Joseph Blazosky January 4: Easton Slanoc

Bulletins: December 28: Owen Slanoc & Easton Slanoc January 4: Lucy & Luke Harrington

Remember in Prayer: As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.
For the Health of: Father Edward Pyo [Conemaugh Memorial; *Richard Whitcomb* [Conemaugh Memorial]; *John Havrilla*; *Cindy {Pyo} Lewis*; *Jane Pyo*; *Mary Donnelly*; *I; Sandy {Lucci} Georg*; *Jessica Crum*; *Barbara Havrilla*; *Frank Jubara*; *Susan O'Toole*; *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]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel; **Richland Nursing & Rehabilitation:** Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** Joan Timura/ 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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