

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Week of the Great Fast April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast—Saint Mary of Egypt

Saturday April 2, 2022

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy,

Sunday April 3, 2022

Portage 9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Vaughn George, by Michael & Hillary Walsh]

Monday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 6

Portage 6:30 PM **Simple abstinence and fasting required**
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
7:00 PM **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Friday April 8

Portage 6:30 PM **Simple abstinence and fasting required**
Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
7:00 PM **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Saturday, April 9

Portage 2:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
Beaverdale 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Palm/Flowery Sunday--Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Saturday April 9, 2022

Beaverdale 5:00 PM **Vigil Divine Liturgy**, [+Elaine Kachmar, by Jim Afton]

Sunday April 10, 2022

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

The Lenten Journey: Over the weeks of the Great Fast, a primary focus is on *repentance*. It begins as a change of heart: turning away from darkness, indifference, evil. Then in turn, we may turn toward the light of Christ, to an openness to what promotes a life of purpose, goodness, virtue. This process is identified in today's lesson from the Epistle to the Hebrews: "*The blood of Christ*" poured out on the cross for us, "*shall purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God*". [Hebrews 9:14]

This *Fifth Sunday of Lent* highlights the story of Saint Mary of Egypt. You may read her story of sincere repentance and subsequent outstanding virtues on the back of the bulletin cover.

Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm.

If you have Pussy-Willow Branches for Palm-Flowery Sunday [April 10], please bring them to the church this week. Decorated Candles for blessing of baskets are available from the ushers [\$10].

PASKA Baking Activity: Our thanks to our baking crew— *Sharon Bolvin, Carol Goral, and Sandy Lenz* for Saturday's *Paska Baking Activity*, making Paska for homebound parishioners and for the Artos for the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

Eastern Christian Formation students also participated and were guided in making their own individual Paska loaf.

Mystery of Repentance—Confessions: The *Mystery of Repentance [Confession]* will be available **Monday, April 4** at 7:00 pm. Fr. Robert Oravetz from Holy Trinity Church, Conemaugh and Saint Nicholas, Nanty Glo, will be here with Father Jim for Confessions.

Also, Confessions at 6:30 pm before the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts [Wednesday and Friday]; on **Saturday, April 9: Portage (2:30 pm); Beaverdale (4:30 pm)**. Also, you may call the rectory to schedule an appointment. Please avail yourself to these opportunities in preparation for Holy Week at your earliest convenience

Adult Education: Session for our Great Fast Adult Education resume **today**, 4:00-5:30 pm.

Our Scripture study is on reading and praying with the Scripture and includes time for quiet prayer with a Scripture passage. The questions for the *survey questionnaire* in preparation for the 2023 *Synod of Bishops* are included in our sessions.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for April

- The *Church Cleaning* for April is scheduled for **Monday, April 4**, at 9:00 am. .
- A note of thanks to our volunteers for both the monthly *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

15th Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 3, Noon-5 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main, Street, Uniontown, PA. Egg artists demonstrations and sales; tables with supplies for decorating eggs; embroidered covers, lamb butter molds, decorated candles, egg wraps, cookbooks, etc. A Bake Sale; Lenten lunch menu. For information: 724-438-6027.

Pastoral Visits to the Homebound for the holy Mysteries of Confession and the Eucharist will be schedule this week and during Holy Week. Fr. Jim will call for an appointment. Notify the parish office of family not presently on the list of those visited.

Sanctuary Candle: is offered this week in memory of **+Georgianna Walters**, by Patty Haschak.

2023 Synod of Bishops: To prepare for the *Synod*, Pope Francis is asking Catholics to take part in a survey asking how we can better live out the mission of Christ. Copies are in the narthex.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday April 3: Candle: Easton Slanoc Bulletins: Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Sunday April 10: Candle: Bella Koban Bulletins: Abby Koban & Bella Koban

Remember in Prayer: The Health of Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound. The **2023 Synod of Bishops**, “For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”. For the repose of the soul of **+Father Charles H. Brown, MD, JD**, retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic. **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Homewood**, Martinsburg: Charles Plishka [Beaverdale]; **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Autumn View**: June Nezneski; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care**, Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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 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: 3:00 p.m. (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo).** Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday],** and by appointment.

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.