

## Liturgical Schedule First Week of the Great Fast—February 19, 2023

### Sunday of Cheesefare

#### Saturday February 18, 2023

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday February 19, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Fleck, by Joe & Betty Mandichak]

Portage 5:00 PM

Cheesefare Sunday Vespers

#### Monday, February 20

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

First Day of the Great Fast: Strict abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

[+Sandra Mihalko; by John and Barbara Havrilla—40<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance

#### Wednesday, February 22

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### Friday, February 24

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### Saturday, February 25

Portage 3:00 pm

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Dunlo 4:30 pm

*Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

### First Sunday of the Great Fast

#### Saturday February 25, 2023

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Mary Louise Cimba, by Doug, Jerry & Cindy Ledney]

#### Sunday February 26, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy]

**The Great Fast**, which begins Monday, February 20 is our penitential preparation for Pascha. *Today, Cheesefare Sunday*, is also known as the *Sunday of Forgiveness* as the opening of the Gospel reading [Matthew 6:14-21] reminds us that forgiveness of others is necessary for us to be open and receptive to God's forgiveness and the purification of our souls in Lent.

Lenten Regulations and Metropolitan William's Pastoral Letter are enclosed in the insert. The first day of the Great Fast is a day of strict abstinence [from meat, dairy]; Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. Lenten services are in the schedule above.

Prayer Partners for the Great Fast are being selected following the Divine Liturgy today. Please include a remembrance daily of your *Prayer Partner*.

*"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for you. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."* Philippians 1:3-4, 9

**Statements of 2022 Parishioners' Offerings** are available for those requesting them. Send request to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net); or 814-736-9780.

**Parish Advisory Council Meeting:** For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*, on Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory.

**Metropolitan Assembly of 2023:** *Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla* is calling the clergy and faithful of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh to assemble with representatives from the Byzantine Catholic Eparchies of Passaic, Parma, Phoenix and the Exarchate of Toronto, Canada.  
**Mark your calendar for the Metropolitan Assembly of 2023: November 2-5, 2023;** [November 3-4-5, especially for laity]; at *St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Hillsboro, New Jersey.

### **Offerings for January**

	<b><u>Jan 1</u></b>	<b><u>Jan 8</u></b>	<b><u>Jan 15</u></b>	<b><u>Jan 22</u></b>	<b><u>Jan 29</u></b>
Portage: \$	\$3,180.00	\$2,177/00	\$871.00	\$1,573.50	\$1,540.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 122.00	\$ 246.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 270.00
Dunlo:	\$ 61.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1103.00

**Eternal Memory:** You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of +Mitred Archpriest John Kachuba, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Parma, who fell asleep in the Lord on February 12.

Also, for the repose of the soul of **+Mark A. Castel** the brother of Casey Castel, who fell asleep in the Lord February 12; we express our deepest sympathy to Casey and Christi and their family.

**2023 Church Offering Envelopes:** *Church Budget Envelopes*, our envelope supplier, has sent a quantity of complementary "all-purpose envelopes. **Write your name and the amount** on the envelopes to insure that the donation is properly recorded and credited to you.

**Memorial Donation:** We gratefully acknowledge a donation to *Saint Mary's, Beaverdale*, from **Family** and **Friend** in memory of **+Charles Plishka**; received from Ron and Therese Holland;

**Sanctuary Candle...** is offered this week for **+Sandra Mihalko** by John and Barbara Havrilla.

### **"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:**

<b>February 19</b>	<b>Candle &amp; Bells:</b>	Lexie Slanoc	<b>Bulletins:</b>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Candle &amp; Bells:</b>	Abby Koban	<b>Bulletins:</b>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Candle &amp; Bells</b>	Bella Koban	<b>Bulletins:</b>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

**Remember in Prayer: The Health of:** *Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Father Joseph Borodach and all the ill, homebound.*

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Catherine McGough; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezsneski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebsensburg: Dorothy Resconich.

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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.

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