

Liturgical Schedule Second Week of the Great Fast —February 26, 2023

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]

Wednesday, March 1

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 3

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Second All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 4

Portage **9:00 AM**

Portage **3:00 pm**

Beaverdale **4:30 pm**

Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

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Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 4, 2023

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 5, 2023

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Stephen Thomas Vrabel, by Fred and Elaine Vrabel]

The Lenten Journey: On the First Sunday of the Great Fast in 843, icons were triumphantly restored to the churches. The Second Council of Nicaea provided for this historic restoration. *On the cover of today's bulletin is a reflection from Saint John Damascene, "On the Holy Images", reflecting on the significance of holy images in our church and in our homes.*

Lenten regulations: Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm.

The Second All Souls Saturday is March 4, with Divine Liturgy and Panachida at 9:00 am.

Prayer Partners for the Great Fast. Please include a remembrance daily of your *Prayer Partner*.

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.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November 17, 2022 will be in next Sunday's bulletin

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March:

- The **Work Party** is **Saturday, March 4** at **10:30 am**. *Please note* this adjustment in beginning time because of the All Souls Divine Liturgy and Panachida.
- The **Church Cleaning** is **Monday, March 6**, at **9:00 am**.

Adult Education in Faith: Sessions during the Great Fast begin Sunday March 5, 4:00-5:30 pm. Our topic is ***Journey through the Great Fast*** using as our text the book by the same title. This book, published by the *Office of Religious Education* of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, includes articles and reflections on Lent. The daily reflections highlight the Scripture readings and Liturgical texts prescribed for that day.

Copies of the book are available from Father Jim today or after the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday and Friday. The cost is \$5.00. Each week, portions of the book will be selected for participants to read in preparation for the coming Sunday. For Sunday, March 5: articles on pp. 26-28; 29-30; and 31-33. You may also select from the daily reflections for the second week of Lent.

Easter Bake Sale: ***Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church***, Windber: *Nutroll* [\$13]; *Poppyseed Roll* [\$13]; *Apricot Roll* [\$13]; and *Pascha Bread* [\$10]. To order, and for pick-up times, call Theresa [814-266-3717]; Elaine [814-467-8647]; or Fr. Ivan Rusyn [[814-467-7309]. **Deadline: March 19.**

2023 Church Offering Envelopes: Complementary “all-purpose envelope are available. ***Write your name and the amount*** on the envelopes to insure that the donation is credited to you.

Statements of 2022 Parishioners’ Offerings are available for those requesting them. Send request to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net; or 814-736-9780.

Sanctuary Candle... is offered this week for ***Shawn Crum*** and ***Connie Crum*** by Ken Crum.

Eternal Memory: Please pray for the repose of the soul of ***+George [Ray] Havrilak*** the brother of Catherine McGough, of Saint Mary, Beaverdale, who fell asleep in the Lord. We express our deepest sympathy Catherine and all of her family.

Metropolitan Assembly of 2023: Representatives from the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh; Eparchies of Passaic, Parma, Phoenix and the Exarchate of Toronto, Canada will assemble 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.

“Troitsja” Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

<u>February 26</u>	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
<u>March 5</u>	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
<u>March 12</u>	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	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 Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: 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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