

Liturgical Schedule Third Week of the Great Fast —March 5, 2023

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]

Wednesday, March 8

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 10

Portage 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Third All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 11

Portage 9:00 AM

Portage 3:00 pm

Dunlo 4:30 pm

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

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Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 11, 2023

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 12, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [for Shawn Crum and Connie Crum by Ken Cru]

The Lenten Journey: This Second Sunday of the Great Fast includes the Gospel [[Mark 2:1-12](#)] of the paralytic, whose sins are forgiven and who is then healed of his physical affliction. Lent is especially a time of renewal, reconciliation through Confession, humility and prayer; and restoration in many ways through which we experience the Lord's healing and refreshment in our lives.

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

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm.

The Third 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*.

2023 Church Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes for ***Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*** have arrived and are being processed for distribution. Please remember to pick up your envelopes next Sunday in the ushers' room. We are still waiting for the envelopes for *Beaverdale* and *Dunlo*.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March:

- The ***Church Cleaning*** is **Monday, March 6**, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to our volunteers for the monthly the ***Work Party*** and ***Church Cleaning***.

Adult Education in Faith: We begin today our Adult Education Sessions for the Great Fast from 4:00-5:30 pm. Classes meet in the social room of the church hall. Over the coming Sundays of Lent. Using the book *Journey through the Great Fast* we will have opportunity to look closer at some of the aspects of the Great Fast. Include are the topic of Lenten worship and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, which will be our focus today. Also, the booklet has reflection for each day during Lent on the lessons from Scripture and texts from the liturgical services of the 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 12: articles on 1-33. You may also select from the daily reflections for the third week of Lent.

Meeting for the Annual Festival: A meeting for planning the **2023 Festival** is scheduled for Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

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.**

Free Books, Prayer books: There are some books on topics of faith; prayer books; and LP recordings of Byzantine Catholic Christmas music in the narthex and usher's room. These are *free* and you are encouraged to make use of these for your enrichment in faith.

Archeparchial Synod Assembly: To prepare for the **"2023-2024 Synod for a Synodal Church"** to be held in Rome, the **Archeparchial Synod Assembly** will review responses to the parish survey. This Assembly will be on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall.

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:

March 5	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
March 12	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Lexie Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
March 19	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban

Remember in Prayer: The Health of: *Linda Sekerak* [Forbes Regional]; *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, Beavertdale:** 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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