

Liturgical Schedule Great and Holy Week— March 28, 2021

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

Saturday March 27

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday March 28

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Charles Serenko, by John and Barbara Havrilla]

Great & Holy Monday March 29

Portage 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Great & Holy Tuesday, March 30

Portage 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Great & Holy Wednesday March 31-- *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Portage 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Great & Holy Thursday April 1-- *Simple abstinence and fasting recommended*

Institution of the Eucharist & Betrayal of Our Lord

Portage 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 7:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Great and Holy Friday--April 2 *Strict abstinence and fasting required*

Portage 10:00 AM Matins with Reading of Passion Gospels

Beaverdale 3:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud

Portage 7:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Procession with Burial Shroud

Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord following service until Midnight

Great & Holy Saturday April 3-- *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord continues throughout the day

Portage Noon Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Pascha – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday April 3

Portage 7:00 PM Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church]

Sunday April 4

Beaverdale 8:00 AM Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church]

Portage 10:30 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy
Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church]

Mystery of Repentance – Confession

- On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at **6:00 pm**, before Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.
- On Thursday at **1:00 pm** and **6:00 pm** in Portage.

No Confessions scheduled *after Thursday of Holy Week*. **Call the rectory** to schedule appointment.

Regulations for Great and Holy Week - 2021

Simple abstinence: The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week and is recommended for Holy Thursday.

Strict abstinence: The law of strict abstinence (fast) is to be observed on **Great and Holy Friday, April 2** and forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe strict abstinence when prescribed.

Holy Week Services: *Please note the following:*

Paschal Services: If you attend either *Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy* [Saturday evening, April 3] or *Paschal Divine Liturgy* [Sunday April 4] it is *not necessary* that you attend the other.

Blessing of Baskets following *both Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy* [on Saturday]; and the *Divine Liturgy* [on Sunday]. **Baskets will be blessed in the church** after each of the services.

Eastern Christian Formation Program: There are no **ECF Classes** on *Sunday, April 4-- Pascha—the Resurrection of our Lord*. **ECF Classes** resume *Thomas Sunday—Sunday April 11*.

Pastoral Visits to the Homebound: Visits to homebound parishioners for the holy Mysteries of Confession and the Eucharist will continue during Holy Week.

Your cooperation with guidelines posted in the narthex is appreciated.

- **Face masks** are required to protect one another [provided in narthex for your convenience.]
- After each person has received, the **Communion spoon** is sanitized in a vessel containing an alcohol product [75% alcohol] which is drinkable, to encourage participation in the Eucharist.

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+Charles Serenko**, requested by John and Barbara Havrilla.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Marian Simala* [McKeesport Hospital]; *Deacon Daniel Perich*; *Donna Block*; *Marge Fleck*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; *Msgr. Russell Duker*; *Father Simeon Sibenik*; all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS At home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher.

St. Mary (Beaverdale): Catherine McGough; *Charles and Joan Plishka*

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Arbutus Park Manor: Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: *Marian Simala*; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** 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.

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.