

Liturgical Schedule Fourth Paschal Week April 25, 2021

Fourth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Saturday April 24

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy]

Sunday April 25

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

Wednesday, April 28

Portage 7:45 AM Mid--Pentecost
8:00 AM The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezeski, by Cindy George]

Friday, April 30

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Czapp, by family]

Saturday May 1

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday May 1

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy]

Sunday May 2

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Vaughn George, by Matt & Marian Zunich]

Eastern Christian Formation Classes conclude **TODAY-- Sunday, April 25.**

We gratefully acknowledge our Catechists for 2020-2021:

Sara Erzal	Grade Two	Deacon Daniel Perich	High School;
Alisha Slanoc	Grade Four		Coordinator
Julie Brenna	Grades Six, Seven, and Eight	Matt Kohan	High School

We also acknowledge **Bern** and **Jennifer Blazosky** who have assisted with the Grade Two curriculum and in preparation for their son Joseph's First Penance.

- Our Catechists will meeting today-- Sunday, April 25 at 11:15 am.
- **First Penance** for **Joseph Blazosky** will be celebrated at the Divine Liturgy, Sunday, May 16.

The Paschal Season

- We share the greeting "**Christ is risen!**", "**Indeed He is risen!**" from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for May

- The **Work Party** for May is scheduled for **Saturday, May 1**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for May is scheduled for **Monday, May 3**, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture: *Father Deacon Daniel Galadza* will present "*The Liturgy of Jerusalem: History, Theology, and Lessons for Today*"; Tuesday May 18 7:00 pm.
Live-Streamed [only]: www.youtube.com/c/ByzantineCatholicSeminary or www.bcs.edu.

Joyful Light: -Copies of *Joyful Light*, the newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary are included in today's bulletin.

The newsletter contains news about the seminary, seminarians and faculty. It may also be accessed at www.bcs.edu.

Cemetery Donation: -We gratefully acknowledge a donation to *Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo* from **Most Reverend John M. Kudrick**, retired Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma.

The Paschal Season—Gratitude for God's Gifts... *The Feast of Mid-Pentecost* is Wednesday, April 28, the mid-point between Pascha [Easter] and Pentecost. "*The giving of the Spirit unites the beginning and the end of the fifty day feast of our Lord. On Pascha, the Lord, the Giver of Life, breathed the Holy Spirit upon his apostles for the forgiveness of sin, and on Pentecost, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon his followers that the Gospel for the baptism of repentance might be preached to all nations.*" [Father David Petras, *Typicon*, page 39]

On this occasion we gratefully recognize our parishioners for their generosity in sharing your gifts during the Paschal season—volunteering as ushers, servers, cantors, those who care for the altar, and by your support of the parish in your offerings and in so many other ways.

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.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Alice Ference; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Mary Beth Blackman*, wife of Pastor Jeff Blackburn of the Hammer Street Church of God; and 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.

