

Liturgical Schedule Fourth Week of the Great Fast — March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Holy Cross

Saturday March 19, 2022

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

Sunday March 20, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 23

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Friday, March 25

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage **6:30 PM** Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 26 **Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel—Leave-taking of Annunciation.**

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Portage 3:00 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale 4:30 pm Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast—Saint John Climacus

Saturday March 26, 2022

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased
[+Margaret Prudhoe, by Donna Block]

Sunday March 27, 2022

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy

The Lenten Journey: We observe *Mid-Lent* on Wednesday this week. Today, *the Third Sunday of the Great Fast*, the Cross is placed before us and venerated, to encourage us as we continue our Lenten efforts at the mid-point of our journey to Holy Week. By looking upon the Cross we gain hope and renewal of purpose for the coming days and weeks of Lent.

Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. *The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* is on *Wednesday* at 7:00 pm. *Divine Liturgy and Panachida* at 9:00 am on *Saturday March 26*, which is the *Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel and the Leave-taking of Annunciation*.

The Feast of the Annunciation is *Friday, March 25*. We observe Annunciation with Vespers with the Divine Liturgy at **6:30 pm**. The announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary heralds the descent of the Son of God into the virgin womb of Mary. The Word was made flesh and assumed the humanity of Jesus forever. Mary is Mother of God, Theotokos, and thus is honored with great devotion and love. The *Leave-taking of Annunciation* is *Saturday March 26*, the *Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel*.

Adult Education sessions for the Great Fast *today--Sunday March 20*, 4:00-5:30 pm. Our Scripture study is on reading and praying with the Scripture and includes time for quiet prayer with a Scripture passage. *The survey questionnaire for the 2023 Synod of Bishops* will also be discussed.

Offering for Ukraine taken TODAY--Sunday March 20, for our Byzantine Catholic Church in Ukraine during this time of the war there, and will be forwarded to the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine. Envelopes are in the back of church; or use one of the *“Special Offering”* envelopes in your packet of envelopes. Please make out checks to the parish. The Archeparchy will forward the funds to the Eparchy of Mukachevo.

Prayers for this concern will be included in the services during Lent. Thank you for your generosity in this appeal and for your continued prayers.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings: For *Saint Mary, Beavertdale* and *Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo* is Monday March 21 at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, preceded by the Ninth Lenten Hour at 6:30 pm in church.

Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2020 are in today’s bulletin.

PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students: will be Saturday, April 2, 10:00 am. Our students learn about baking *Paska*—Easter bread—and help to prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. **Please sign-up on the list in the narthex**

Easter Bake Sale: *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber is baking *Nutroll* [\$12]; *Poppyseed Roll* [\$12]; *Apricot Roll* [\$12]; and *Pascha Bread* [\$10]. To order, call Theresa [814-266-3717] or Shirley [814-467-8816]. Order by March 31; pick up on Saturday, April 2 or April 9.

2023 Synod of Bishops: In preparation for the **2023 Synod of Bishops**, Pope Francis is asking Catholics to take part in a survey questionnaire asking how we can better live out the mission of Christ. Copies are in the narthex. The contributions of all of our faithful are appreciated. *Focus on the questions most pertinent to our community*. Please return the survey by Sunday April 24.

February Offerings	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27
Portage:	\$2,046	\$1,306.00	\$972.00	\$2,316.00
Beavertdale:	\$ 505.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 320.00	180.00
Dunlo:	\$ 130.00	276.00	\$ 325.00	\$36.00

Sanctuary Candle is offered for *the People of Ukraine* and *Ukraine* by Patty Haschak.

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday March 20: **Candle:** Lexie Slanoc **Bulletins:** Evan Lenz & Ryan Lenz
Sunday March 27: **Candle:** Abby Koban **Bulletins:** Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: The Health of Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound. The **2023 Synod of Bishops**, *“For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”*. **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Homewood**, Martinsburg: *Charles Plishka* [Beavertdale]; **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Autumn View:** June Neznieski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care**, Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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 to 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.