

## Liturgical Schedule Fifth Week of the Great Fast — March 27, 2022

### 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

Wednesday, March 30

**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

Portage      6:30 PM      Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM      Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday April 1

**Simple abstinence and fasting required**

Portage      6:30 PM      Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM      Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 2

Portage      3:00 pm      Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo      4:30 pm      Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

### Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast—Saint Mary of Egypt

Saturday April 2, 2022

Dunlo      5:00 PM      Vigil Divine Liturgy,

Sunday April 3, 2022

Portage      9:00 AM      Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Vaughn George, by Michael & Hillary Walsh]

**The Lenten Journey:** On this *Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast* the Church are reminded of the power of prayer and fasting together [Mark 9:29]. There is an abundance of examples of this power in the lives of the holy men and women who have gone before us. One such example is our Holy Father St. John of the Ladder (St. John Climacus), commemorated on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast.

Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm.

**Pussy-Willow Branches:** If you have *pussy-willow branches* for Palm-Flowery Sunday [Sunday, April 10], please bring them to the church in the week prior to Palm Sunday. Thank you.

### **PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students:**

The *Paska Baking Activity* for ECF Students and Youth will be this **Saturday, April 2**, beginning at 10:00 am. Each year 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**

**Eternal Memory:** Kindly remember in your prayers *Father Ronald Borsuk*, a retired priest of the Archeparchy, who fell asleep in the Lord Thursday, March 24. Funeral Divine Liturgy is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2 at Holy Trinity Church, Conemaugh.

**+Father Ronald Borsuk** served Saints Peter and Paul in Portage from 1961-1963.

**Offering for Ukraine:** Thank you for responding so generously in support of our *Offering for Ukraine*, for our Byzantine Catholic Church in Ukraine during this time of great need.

We gratefully acknowledge these offerings from each parish, with the respective amounts:

**Saint Peter and Paul, Portage: \$4,596.00**

**Saint Mary, Beaverdale: \$475.00**

**Saint Peter and Paul, Dunlo: \$482.00**

A word of thanks for the generous donation from the *Yetsko Family Reunion*, in memory of **+Charles and Anna Yetsko**. Offerings will continue to be received and forwarded to the Archeparchy. 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.

**Adult Education:** *Today's session* for our Great Fast Adult Education *is cancelled*. We will resume next Sunday, April 3, 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 questions for the survey questionnaire for the 2023 Synod of Bishops* are included in our sessions.

### **Church Cleaning & Work Party for April**

- The **Work Party** for April will be on Saturday, April 2, beginning at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for April is scheduled for Monday, April 4, at 9:00 am. .

**15<sup>th</sup> Eggstravaganza** on Sunday, April 3, Noon-5 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 East Main, Street, Uniontown, PA. Egg artists demonstrations and sales; tables with supplies for decorating eggs; embroidered covers, lamb butter molds, decorated candles, egg wraps, cookbooks, etc. A Bake Sale; Lenten lunch menu. For information: 724-438-6027.

**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:** To prepare for the *Synod*, Pope Francis is asking Catholics to take part in a survey asking how we can better live out the mission of Christ. Copies are in the narthex.

### **Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:**

Sunday March 27:

Candle: Abby Koban

Bulletins:

Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Sunday April 3:

Candle: Bella Koban

Bulletins:

Abby Koban & Bella Koban

**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* [Beaverdale]; **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Autumn View:** June Nezeski; **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.