

Liturgical Schedule Holy Week April 10, 2022

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

Saturday April 9, 2022

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy, [+Elaine Kachmar, by Jim Afton]

Sunday April 10, 2022

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Great & Holy Monday April 11

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Great & Holy Tuesday, April 12

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Great & Holy Wednesday April 13-- *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Portage 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Great & Holy Thursday April 14-- *Simple abstinence and fasting recommended*

Institution of the Eucharist & Betrayal of Our Lord

Portage 1:00 PM & 5:30 PM Mystery of Repentance (Confessions)

Portage 6:30 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Great and Holy Friday--April 15 *Strict abstinence and fasting required*

Portage 10:00 AM Matins with Reading of Passion Gospels

Dunlo 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 16 *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 16

Portage 7:00 PM Resurrection Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food & Social

Sunday April 17

Dunlo 8:00 AM Procession & Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of Paschal Food—Blessing in the Church

Portage 10:30 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday April 10: Candle: Bella Koban Bulletins: Abby Koban & Bella Koban

Sunday April 17 Pascha: Candle: *Volunteers* Bulletins: *Volunteers*

Sunday April 24 Candle: Evan Lenz Bulletins: Lexie & Easton Slanoc

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.

Palm Sunday: A note of thanks to those who brought *pussy-willow branches*; and to *Jonathan* and *Irene Gindlesperger* of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo for the Palm-baskets the front of church.

Decorative candles for the Blessing of Paschal foods are available from the ushers at each church. An offering of \$10 is requested for these candles.

Pastoral Visits to the Homebound for the holy Mysteries of Confession and the Eucharist will be scheduled during Holy Week. Fr. Jim will call for an appointment.

Please notify the parish office of family not presently on the list of those visited.

Eastern Christian Formation:

- There are no **ECF Classes** on Sunday, April 17, Pascha—the Resurrection of our Lord.
- Our final day of **ECF Classes** is Sunday, April 24, Thomas Sunday
- A meeting for **Catechists** is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 following classes

Planning Meeting Annual Festival is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. Our **Annual Festival/Church Picnic**. Is on Sunday, July 10, 2022.

Community Good Friday Cross Walk on Friday, April 15, beginning at 12 Noon at **Portage Community**; 1PM at **Trinity UMC**; at 2PM at **1st Lutheran Portage**; and concludes with erecting the Cross at **Decort Funeral Home Lawn** on Main Street at 3:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this community expression of faith on Good Friday.

Sanctuary Candle: is offered this week in memory of **+Marge Fleck**, by her children.

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.

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; Ray Havrilak, brother of Catherine McGough; 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 Nezneski; **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.

Palm Sunday—Reflections for Today

“Carrying palms in spirit and with our souls purged, as the children of old, let us praise Christ in faith; and let us sing to Him with a full voice: Blessed are You, O Savior, who comes into this world to save Adam from the ancient curse, and who have willed to become the new spiritual Adam. O Word, You have fulfilled all things for our salvation, glory to You”

“O peoples and nations, sing with one voice: The King of the angels comes, seated upon the colt of a donkey, to conquer the Enemy by the power of the Cross. The children carry palms and cry out to Him: Glory, victory and welcome; glory to You, O Christ our Savior, glory and praise to our only God!”

Palm Sunday—Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem.

“During the fourth century, at the very place where the glorious entrance into Jerusalem had occurred, it was commemorated in the following fashion: first, a public reading of the Gospel in which Christ is hailed as the King of Israel taking possession of his capital city, Jerusalem, symbol of the Heavenly City; then a bishop, riding a donkey and surrounded by a multitude of people carrying palms and singing hymns, went up to the Church of the Resurrection. Every Eastern Church took up this celebration in the form of a procession. This also was adopted by the Church of Rome in the year 1039.” [Archbishop Joseph Raya, Byzantine Daily Worship, p.815]

Great and Holy Week

“During this Great and Holy Week, Christ is followed in every moment that witnessed his passion and death, and preceded his glorious resurrection. The last hours of Christ are re-lived and his teaching and anxious last will received: that we love one another and be united in Him, so that we may become his witnesses in the reality of the Spirit, as his disciples and followers had been.”

[Archbishop Joseph Raya, Byzantine Daily Worship, p.821]

Regulations for Great and Holy Week - 2022

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 15** 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.

Journey Through Holy Week...

- ***Fasting*** and ***Strict Abstinence*** from meat and dairy products is prescribed for Great & Holy Friday [April 15]. ***Fasting*** and ***Abstinence*** from meat is prescribed on Wednesday and Saturday of the Holy Week, and is recommended for Holy Thursday.
- For the ***processions*** on Good Friday and Paschal Matins [Saturday evening], ***battery operated LED*** candles will be distributed. A switch on the bottom turns the light on/off.
- ***Please note*** that ***two ushers*** will be near the grave to be available for those who may need assistance as they approach or leave the veneration of the grave.